

"I'M  
NOT MISSING A MINUTE OF  
THIS, IT'S THE REVOLUTION."

**SYLVIA RIVERA** (1951-2002) was a transgender rights activist since the late 60's. She was a founding member of both the Gay Liberation Front, which aligned itself with anti-capitalist and anti-racist struggles, and the Gay Activists Alliance. As a child, Rivera lived on the streets, inspiring her to later establish the Street Transvestite Action Revoutionaries, a group dedicated to helping homeless trans youth. Galvanized by the Stonewall Riots, she focused on advocacy for trans-folk and queens, as their needs and struggles were often omitted from the queer community's political agenda. Dubbed "the Rosa parks of the modern transgender movement," Rivera fought to preserve drag culture and transgender visibility within an assimilationist gay community. Her struggle for inclusion, resources, and basic acceptance of trans and drag identities within the queer community lives on today. When Sylvia died of liver cancer complications in 2002, attorney and transgender activist Dean Spade opened The Sylvia Rivera Law Project, a non-profit whose mission mirrors that of Sylvia's life's work: "to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination or violence."

**CHANCES DANCES** invites you to celebrate the magic of Silvia Rivera and all queer revolutionaries, deviants, and witches! These masks portray a selection of radical queers and allies, some from the past and some from the present, some recognized and others hidden. We hope their lives and work will inspire current and future generations to

**SUMMON A NEW QUEER REALITY!**

We offer this mask as a symbol of power through  
knowledge and community through history!

Please pass it on!

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Chances Dances is a LEZ BI GAY TRANS INTERSEX HETERO DANCE PARTY  
that functions to bring together the varied queer communities of Chicago.  
It happens on the third Monday of every month at Subterranean, 2011 North Avenue