

**"IF PEOPLE DON'T SAY
WHAT THEY BELIEVE, THOSE
IDEAS AND FEELINGS GET LOST. IF THEY
ARE LOST OFTEN ENOUGH, THOSE IDEAS AND
BELIEFS NEVER RETURN"**

DAVID WOJNAROWICZ (1954-1992), artist, writer, and AIDS and gay rights activist, rose to art stardom in the 1980's with his unique, unabashedly homoerotic, and often inflammatory paintings, collages, and photography. Always a fervent critic of American politics and society, his artwork confronted homophobia, conservatism, and the government's initial refusal to address the growing AIDS crisis in America's gay communities. Often incorporating symbols and idioms of American life, Wojnarowicz sought to confront society's obsession with materialism and conformity, while addressing its fear of individualism. Following his lover's death from AIDS (and his own diagnosis with the disease), Wojnarowicz devoted much of his artwork and writing to expressing his outrage of the government's apathy towards AIDS and gay prejudice. He used his art to indict those he held responsible for the AIDS epidemic and to document his own suffering. Always an enemy of the conservative Christian right, David Wojnarowicz successfully brought suits against the American Family Association for unauthorized use of his artwork in anti-gay pamphlets.

CHANCES DANCES invites you to celebrate the magic of David Wojnarowicz 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