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December LGBTQ History Programs Highlight Children’s History of Rainbow Flag, Films for Day With(out) Art

San Francisco — The program series for December 2019 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight a new children’s history of the rainbow flag and seven short films commissioned by the nonprofit Visual AIDS for the 30th anniversary of its Day With(out) Art event. All events take place at the GLBT Historical Society Museum at 4127 18th St. in the Castro District. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

Author Talk & Story Time
The Rainbow Flag: A Children’s History
Friday, December 6
7:00–9:00 p.m.
The GLBT Historical Society Museum
4127 18th St., San Francisco
Admission: $5 | Free for members

An evening of story time for children that will introduce them to the rainbow flag, the most celebrated symbol of the LGBTQ community. Author Michelle Millar Fisher and illustrator Kat Kuang will read from their new children’s book, The Rainbow Flag: Bright, Bold and Beautiful (Museum of Modern Art, 2019), a story about artist Gilbert Baker and a group of friends who in 1978 created the colorful flag that would come to be a worldwide emblem of love and an icon of modern design. Fisher is a former curator at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, where she helped acquire an example of the flag for MoMA’s permanent collection. Copies of The Rainbow Flag will be available for purchase and signing. This program is being held in conjunction with the exhibition “Performance, Protest and Politics: The Art of Gilbert Baker,” currently on display at the GLBT Historical Society Museum. Tickets are available online at https://bit.ly/2Jo3Pg9.

Film Screening
Still Beginning: Thirty Years of Day With(out) Art
Thursday, December 12
This December marks the 30th anniversary of Day With(out) Art, an annual event that encourages artists and filmmakers, as well as museums and other organizations to create programs, events and artwork that raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and commemorate those who have been lost to the disease. Day With(out) Art is a project of Visual AIDS, a New York–based nonprofit that uses art to fight AIDS by provoking dialog and supporting HIV-positive artists. To celebrate the occasion, the GLBT Historical Society is presenting “Still Beginning,” a program of seven new films commissioned by Visual AIDS that consider the continuing presence of HIV/AIDS in our community today while revisiting resonant cultural histories of AIDS-inspired art and activism from the past three decades. The short films range in subject from work against HIV stigma in New Orleans to public sex culture in Chicago, highlighting pioneering AIDS activism and staging intergenerational conversations. Tickets are available online at https://bit.ly/2WeEw55.

ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Open since January 2011, the GLBT Historical Society Museum is the first stand-alone museum of its kind in the United States. Its Main Gallery features a long-term exhibition on San Francisco LGBTQ history, “Queer Past Becomes Present.” Its Front Gallery and Community Gallery host changing exhibitions. The institution also sponsors forums, author talks and other programs.

The GLBT Historical Society Museum is a project of the GLBT Historical Society, a public history center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society maintains one of the world's largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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December 1: Author Talk/Story Time
The Rainbow Flag
Bright, Bold, and Beautiful

Michelle Millar Fisher
Illustrated by Kat Kuang

Cover of The Rainbow Flag: Bright, Bold and Beautiful, courtesy of the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

December 12: Film Screening