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November Is Transgender Awareness Month



From the Executive Director:

This month we celebrate Transgender Awareness Month in support of the Trans Community. We are pleased to welcome the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art to membership in the Alliance and look forward to collaborating with them on future projects in California and New York. Congratulations to Alliance co-founder and past Executive Director Greg Day on the inclusion of over 80 of his photographs and related ephemera in RUBBISH AND DREAMS: The Genderqueer Performance Art of Stephen Varble on view at the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art.

~ Dante Alencastre

Featured Alliance Member Organization



The Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art

Website: <http://www.leslielohman.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LeslieLohmanMuseum/>

The Leslie Lohman-Museum is the first accredited LGBTQ art museum in the world. We are a cultural hub for LGBTQ artists and work that explores the queer experience. Our mission is to exhibit and preserve art that speaks directly to the many aspects of the LGBTQ experience, and foster the artists who create it. We embrace the rich creative history of this community by educating, informing, inspiring, entertaining, and challenging all who enter our

doors.

Top Of The News

Today At The Leslie-Lohman Museum



photo: Donna Gottschalk, Self-Portrait, Maine

BRAVE, BEAUTIFUL OUTLAWS

The Photographs of Donna Gottschalk

August 29, 2018 – March 17, 2019

Curated by Deborah Bright

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photo: Greg Day, NYC, 1975

RUBBISH AND DREAMS: The Genderqueer Performance Art of Stephen Varble

September 29, 2018 – January 27, 2019

Curated by David Getsy.

Featuring Photographs by Greg Day, Peter Hujar, Jimmy DeSana and others.

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A 40 + Year Return to New York City: The Importance of Collecting and Sharing LGBTQ History

by: Greg Day



photo by Greg Day: the Rubbish and Dreams Exhibit

I met Stephen Varble at the Spike Bar in Chelsea in 1975. We became friends and I spent two years photographing his life, studio and public performances. I was captivated by Stephen's visual and performance art and he greatly inspired my photography. At that time I was a graduate student in cultural anthropology at Rutgers. Following field research protocols, I collected everything about him including personal letters, fliers, newsletters and costumes.

I left New York in 1976. Stephen died of AIDS in 1984. There was no mention of him until 2015 when I received an email from historian David Getsy. David was researching Stephen's life and had found very limited resources in public archives, a frequent problem in LGBT history. Fortunately, I had kept everything and was delighted to be included in his research process. I discovered that my personal collection was an essential resource for the project. I also learned that Stephen's pioneer work as a Genderqueer artist, critic of America culture and of the arts establishment, remains very relevant today.

Historian and curator David Getsy has done an amazing job of researching and reconstructing Stephen's life/art and his importance in the Avant Guard art scene of 70's New York. The Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art has produced a wonderful exhibit that may travel to other locations next year. Stephen Varble has

returned to our lives and our history thanks to Dr. Getsy and the personal collections that have made his research possible. Every person who collects our community's history creates a potential resource for research. Collect it, keep it and share it!

Seven Contemporary Photographers Represent Trans Communities on Their Own Terms

Article courtesy of [Hyperallergic](#)



photo: Jayy Dodd, 2018

As the US government tries to delimit trans livelihoods, these photographers are defining transgender and non-binary identities for themselves, assuring their bodies are never erased.

Photography offers a means of ensuring that, despite current attempts, these bodies and lives can never be fully erased from existence — these representations will be immortalized long after this horrifying campaign is extinguished.

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LA County Supervisors condemn Trump's Trans Hate

Article courtesy of [Los Angeles Blade](#)



LA County Trans Seal developed by Supervisor Kuehl's office.

In 1994, when now-Supervisor Sheila Kuehl made history becoming California's first openly LGBT person elected to the State Assembly, she and the late transgender activist and AIDS Diva Connie Norman were friends. Kuehl's stand with the trans community became deeper, more personal, stemming from a deep commitment to dignity and equality.

"The administration in Washington DC consistently ignores the fact that this country was founded on the principles of liberty and equality for all Americans. What they ignore, we underscore. LA County will not simply stand by and watch the White House erase more than one million trans Americans. We say no," Kuehl told the Los Angeles Blade.

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Artist Calls : Top Picks

Deadline ~ Title ~ Place

11-05-2018 thru 11-21-2018 ~ [2nd Annual NanoWrimo Live Writing I Book Soup](#) ~ Los Angeles

11-05-2018 ~ [Call for Scores](#) ~ Hillcrest Wind Ensemble, San Diego

11-12-2018 ~ [44th Western Federation of Watercolor Societies](#) ~ San Diego Watercolor Society, San Diego

11-15-2018 ~ [WeHo Pop-Up Gallery Submissions](#) ~ Los Angeles

11-16-2018 ~ [Historic Park - Public Art Project](#) ~ City of Milpitas - Arts Commission, Milpitas

11-16-2018 ~ [Outdoor public art display, Downtown Hayward](#) ~ DP Ventures, LLC., Hayward

11-19-2018 ~ [El Monte Memories Mural Program](#) ~ City of El Monte, El Monte

11-26-2018 ~ [Open Call to Visual Artists](#) ~ Ormond Memorial Art Museum, Ormond Beach

11-30-2018 ~ [Napa Art Walk](#) ~ City of Napa, Napa

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Grants : Top Picks

Deadline ~ Title ~ Grant Provider

11-16-2018 ~ [Dance/USA Fellowships](#) ~ Doris Duke Charitable Foundation



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The mission of The California LGBT Arts Alliance is to promote artistic and financial partnerships that strengthen and deepen the cooperative relationship among California's LGBT non-profit arts organizations and individual artists.

The California LGBT Arts Alliance is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

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