

International Transgender Day of Visibility

Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) is an annual event on March 31st dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

- ▶ Founded in 2009 by trans activist Rachel Crandall of Michigan as a reaction to the lack of LGBTQ+ recognition of transgender people. Crandall cited the frustration that the only well-known transgender-centered day was the Transgender Day of Remembrance, which mourned the murders of transgender people.
- ▶ The first International Transgender Day of Visibility was held on March 31, 2009.
- ▶ It has since been spearheaded by the U.S.-based youth advocacy organization Trans Student Educational Resources.



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SCHUYLER BAILAR

Swimmer, Activist
He/Him

- ▶ The first trans athlete to compete in any sport on an NCAA D1 men's team
- ▶ An internationally-celebrated inspirational speaker and a respected advocate for inclusion, body acceptance, and mental health awareness
- ▶ Graduated from Harvard College with a degree in Cognitive Neuroscience and Evolutionary Psychology



TIQ MILAN

Author, Activist
He/Him

- ▶ LGBT advocate for more than a decade
- ▶ Writer and consultant who carved a niche for himself as a media advocate and one of the leading voices for transgender equality



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ALOK MENON

Author, Artist
They/Them

- ▶ American writer, performance artist, and media personality who performs under the moniker ALOK
- ▶ Gender non-conforming and transfeminine
- ▶ The child of immigrant parents from Malaysia & India
- ▶ Has designed three gender-neutral fashion collections.



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AMY SCHNEIDER

**Engineering Manager,
Jeopardy Contestant
*She/Her***

- ▶ American engineering manager and game show contestant
- ▶ Had a 40-game winning streak on Jeopardy, the second-longest win streak in the show's history
- ▶ Completed gender transition in 2017

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RACHEL LEVINE

**Pediatrician, 4-star Admiral
*She/Her***

- ▶ United States Assistant Secretary of Health
- ▶ Attended Belmont Hill School, Harvard University, and Tulane University School of Medicine
- ▶ The highest ranking transgender official in our current administration



CHASTITY BOWICK

**Activist, Civil Rights Leader,
Transgender Health Advocate
*She/Her***

- ▶ Executive Director of Transgender Emergency Fund of Massachusetts, the leading crisis agency for the transgender communities in Massachusetts
- ▶ Led the award-winning transgender health programming at AIDS Project Worcester
- ▶ Public speaking and relationship building are her superpowers

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JAMIE RAINEY

(JAMMIDODGER)

**Psychologist, YouTuber,
Activist**
He/Him

- ▶ From Colchester, England, an English YouTuber and LGBTQ+ advocate
- ▶ Bisexual and engaged to fellow YouTuber ShaabaLotun
- ▶ Research psychologist
- ▶ Received his Gender Recognition Certificate late in 2019, which allows him to be recognized as a man in marriage

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LAITH ASHLEY

Model, Activist
He/Him

- Dominican American, from Harlem
- Has modeled for a variety of venues & campaigns including Barneys, Calvin Klein and Diesel, and appeared in *Strut* on TV
- Transgender activist, worked with FLUX, a division of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- In an interview, he said, “I am trans, but that’s not all I am”

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CHELLA MAN

Actor, Artist, Activist
He/Him

- ▶ American actor, model, artist, YouTuber, & LGBTQ+ activist
- ▶ Known for sharing his experiences as a transgender, deaf, genderqueer, & Jewish person of color
- ▶ Rose to wider prominence in 2019 for portraying mute superhero, Jericho, in the DC Universe series *Trans*
- ▶ Recently published book, *Continuum*

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LIA THOMAS

Swimmer
She/Her

- ▶ University of Pennsylvania student and swimmer
- ▶ Swam on the men's team in 2018–2019, then transitioned, and swam on the women's team in 2021
- ▶ Courageously described her transition in a SwimSwam video interview

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LUCIA LUCAS

Opera Singer *She/Her*

- ▶ American transgender baritone
- ▶ In 2018, it was announced that she would become the first female (transgender) baritone to perform a principal role on an American operatic stage. She played the starring role in Mozart's *Don Giovanni* with the Tulsa Opera. The performance is the subject of the 2020 feature documentary *The Sound of Identity*
- ▶ The first transgender baritone to appear with the English National Opera in London, playing Public Opinion in *Orpheus in the Underworld* at the London Coliseum



MARTHA P. JOHNSON

Activist, "Mayor of Christopher Street"
She/Her

- ▶ American gay liberation activist and self-identified drag queen
- ▶ Was one of the prominent figures in the Stonewall uprising of 1969
- ▶ Founding member of the Gay Liberation Front
- ▶ Co-founded the radical activist group Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R.), with friend Sylvia Rivera
- ▶ Popular figure in New York City's gay and art scene, modeling for Andy Warhol, and performing onstage with the drag performance troupe Hot Peaches



RENÉE RICHARDS

**Tennis Player, Activist,
Ophthalmologist
*She/Her***

- ▶ Transgender pioneer: widely known following male-to-female sex reassignment surgery, she fought and won a landmark case to compete as a woman in the 1976 US Open
- ▶ American ophthalmologist
- ▶ Spokesperson for trans people in sports
- ▶ Coached Martina Navratilova to two Wimbledon titles

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EVAN GREER

Singer, Writer, Activist
She/Her

- ▶ Trans/genderqueer activist, singer/songwriter, parent, writer, and organizer based in Boston
- ▶ Deputy director of the nonprofit advocacy group Fight for the Future
- ▶ Performed as part of the LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration at Cambridge's Starlight Square in June 2021

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SYLVIA RIVERA

Activist
She/Her

- ▶ American gay liberation and transgender rights activist (Died 2002)
- ▶ Latina veteran of the 1969 Stonewall uprising
- ▶ Noted community worker in New York
- ▶ A drag queen, she participated in demonstrations with the Gay Liberation
- ▶ Advocate for the homeless



INDYA MOORE

Actor, Model
They/Them

- ▶ Bronx native of Haitian, Puerto Rican, and Dominican ancestry
- ▶ At age 14, they left their parents' home due to their parents' transphobia and entered into foster care
- ▶ Walked in New York Fashion Week in 2017 and was cast in *Pose*
- ▶ Will appear in *Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom*



MASON J. DUNN

Attorney, Professor, Activist

He/They

- Deputy Director of Education and Training Programs at the Fenway Institute
- Served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition
- Helped build the coalition which passed Massachusetts-wide non-discrimination protections in public accommodations for transg and nonbinary people.



MAL MALME

***Artist, Activist, Writer, Clown
They/Them***

- Boston-based theater artist, activist, writer, and professional healthcare clown
- Co-wrote and performs in *The Pineapple Project*, a theater piece for kids ages 3-8, that celebrates gender creativity
- Serves on the board of StageSource (New England's theater resource and advocacy organization)



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MICHAELA ANTONIA JAE RODRIGUEZ

Actor, Singer
She/Her

- American actor and singer
- Won the 2011 Clive Barnes Award for her performance as Angel Dumott Schunard in *Rent*
- Has played roles on stage and TV in *Nurse Jackie*, *The Carrie Diaries*, and *Luke Cage*



Elliot Page

***Actor, Producer
He/They***

- Canadian actor and producer
- Received an Oscar nomination and two BAFTA and Emmy nominations
- Starred in *Juno*, *Whip It*, many other films, and the Netflix series *The Umbrella Academy*

Bill's Additional Suggestion

Nicole Maines – A trans actor who plays trans superhero Nia Nal on *Supergirl*, and she was the subject of the book *Becoming Nicole*.

Debra Zucker's Suggestions

[Kai Shappley](#)- the 11 year old trans girl leading the fight against anti-trans laws in TX. She won an Emmy for the documentary film *Trans in America: Texas Strong*. Kai is an incredibly strong and brave advocate who's been testifying and standing up to hateful adults since she was 8. Highlighting her puts a face to these ugly anti-trans sentiments.

[Chris Mosier](#) - Massachusetts resident, 1st out trans athlete to represent the US in international competition. Chris is the go-to source for policy and information on trans people in sports through his organization, transathlete.com

[Gender Cool](#) Kids - several of whom are from MA, including Nicole Talbot, a very talented singer currently attending Boston Conservatory / Berklee School of Music who was a vocal and visible advocate for the YesOn3 campaign. Love these kids and that that Gender Cool is all about highlighting their amazing skills and achievements, not the fact that they're transgender.

Mason Dunn is a local hero. In addition, [Kasey Suffredini](#), now CEO & National Campaign Director for Freedom for All Americans, and [Vivian Topping](#), now Director of Advocacy and Civic Engagement at the Equality Federation. Both played key leadership roles in the YesOn3 campaign right here in MA who have moved on to leadership roles in national advocacy organizations.

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