



March 31: Celebrating Transgender & Non-Binary People

Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) is an annual event dedicated to:

- celebrating transgender and non-binary people and their achievements
- raising awareness of discrimination faced by these individuals worldwide.

Display is Presented by



Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance
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International Transgender Day of Visibility

► Founded in 2009 by trans activist Rachel Crandall of Michigan as a reaction to the lack of LGBTQ+ recognition of transgender and non-binary 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

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NIKKIE DE JAGER-DROSSAERS

(aka Nikkie Tutorials)

**Makeup Artist, Beauty Vlogger
*She/Her***

- ▶ Her You Tube channel has 14 million subscribers
- ▶ Named one of top ten beauty influencers by Forbes Magazine 2017
- ▶ Global Beauty Adviser for Marc Jacobs Beauty
- ▶ LGBT advocate for more than a decade

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SAM SMITH

Singer, Songwriter

They/Them

- ▶ Won 2023 Grammy with Kim Petras for “Unholy”
- ▶ Academy Award for Best Song for James Bond movie “Spectra”
- ▶ 35th in list of top digital singles in 2023
- ▶ English, identifies as non-binary and genderqueer

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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

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LENA RAINE

Composer, producer and
video game developer
She/Her

- ▶ Worked as designer and composer on video game “Minecraft”
- ▶ Composed music for video games including “Guild Wars 2”, “Deltarune” and “Chicory: A Colorful Tale”
- ▶ American-Canadian

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LIA THOMAS

Swimmer

She/Her

- ▶ University of Pennsylvania student and swimmer; NCAA champion
- ▶ 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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LAVERNE COX

Actress, LGBT advocate
She/Her

- ▶ Famous for role as Sophia Burset in Netflix series “Orange is the New Black”
- ▶ Appeared on the cover of Time Magazine
- ▶ First transgender person to be nominated for a Primetime Emmy
- ▶ Has an identical twin brother

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LASAIA WADE

**Speaker, Writer, Organizer,
Educator, Trans Liberator**
She/Her They/Them



- ▶ LaSaia is an Afro-Puerto Rican indigenous Trans Woman
- ▶ She founded the Tennessee Trans Journey Project (TNTJ), an organization that provides services and support to trans-identified individuals in Tennessee
- ▶ She also founded the Brave Space Alliance, which is the first Black-led, trans-led LGBTQ center located on the South Side of Chicago

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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 *Titans*
- ▶ Published book, *Continuum*

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DYLAN MULVANEY

**Actress, Comic, Content
Creator, Influencer**
She/Her They/Them

- ▶ Dylan was recently awarded the TikTok Trailblazer award for her viral series “Days of Girlhood,” which documents her transition journey
- ▶ In 2022, Dylan was invited to the White House to speak with President Joe Biden regarding recent attacks on transgender rights

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MEG EMIKO

Artist, Activist
They/Them



- ▶ Meg is an Asian American non-binary, transgender artist and activist who creates art and apparel that represents and advocates for QTBIPOC* and LGBTQIA+ communities
- ▶ Meg also has a TikTok account, where they focus on topics related to their art, identity and their gender affirmation journey with the aim of helping QTBIPOC* individuals feel seen, heard, and represented

* Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous People of Color

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EVAN GREER

Singer, Writer, Activist
She/Her They/Them



- ▶ 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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FALLON FOX

**MMA marital arts fighter,
Navy veteran, activist**
She/Her



- ▶ Retired featherweight mixed martial arts fighter (MMA)
- ▶ Served on USS Enterprise as operations specialist
- ▶ Uses Social Media to advocate for trans rights
- ▶ 2014 Inducted into National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame

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AKWAEKE EMEZI

Multidisciplinary artist & writer
They/Them



- ▶ Nigerian, Identifies as nonbinary and as ogbanje (literally “children who come and go,” described as an “evil spirit”), and they experience multiplicity.
- ▶ Writes young adult fiction, poetry, nonfiction, short stories
- ▶ Works in visual arts, television, film
- ▶ Novels include *Freshwater*, *PET*, *The Death of Vivek Ojiwon*
- ▶ 2022 Stonewall Book Award for Nonfiction

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CHASE STRANGIO

**Lawyer, Expert on Trans Rights
*He/They***

- Deputy Director for Transgender Justice with the ACLU's LGBT & HIV Project
- Cofounder of Lorena Borjas Community Fund*
- Worked on ACLU's challenge to North Carolina bathroom bill
- Assisted on Supreme Court case (Aimee Stephens), which protected employees from being fired based on LGBTQ identity

*Lorena Borjas Community Fund provides direct bail/bond for LGBTQ immigrants

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MICHAELA 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*

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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*

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JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

Author, College Professor
She/Her

- Author of 18 books, including, “She’s Not There”
- In 2000 named Professor of the Year at Colby College
- Writer in Residence Barnard College 2022-2023
- Transgender Activist

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TIMOTHY LeDUC

Senior Pairs Figure Skater

They/Them

- Senior Pairs Figure Skater with Ashley Cain
- 1st openly non-binary athlete to compete in Olympics (Winter 2000)
- Serves on Athlete Advisory Committee for U.S. Figure Skating

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IMARA JONES

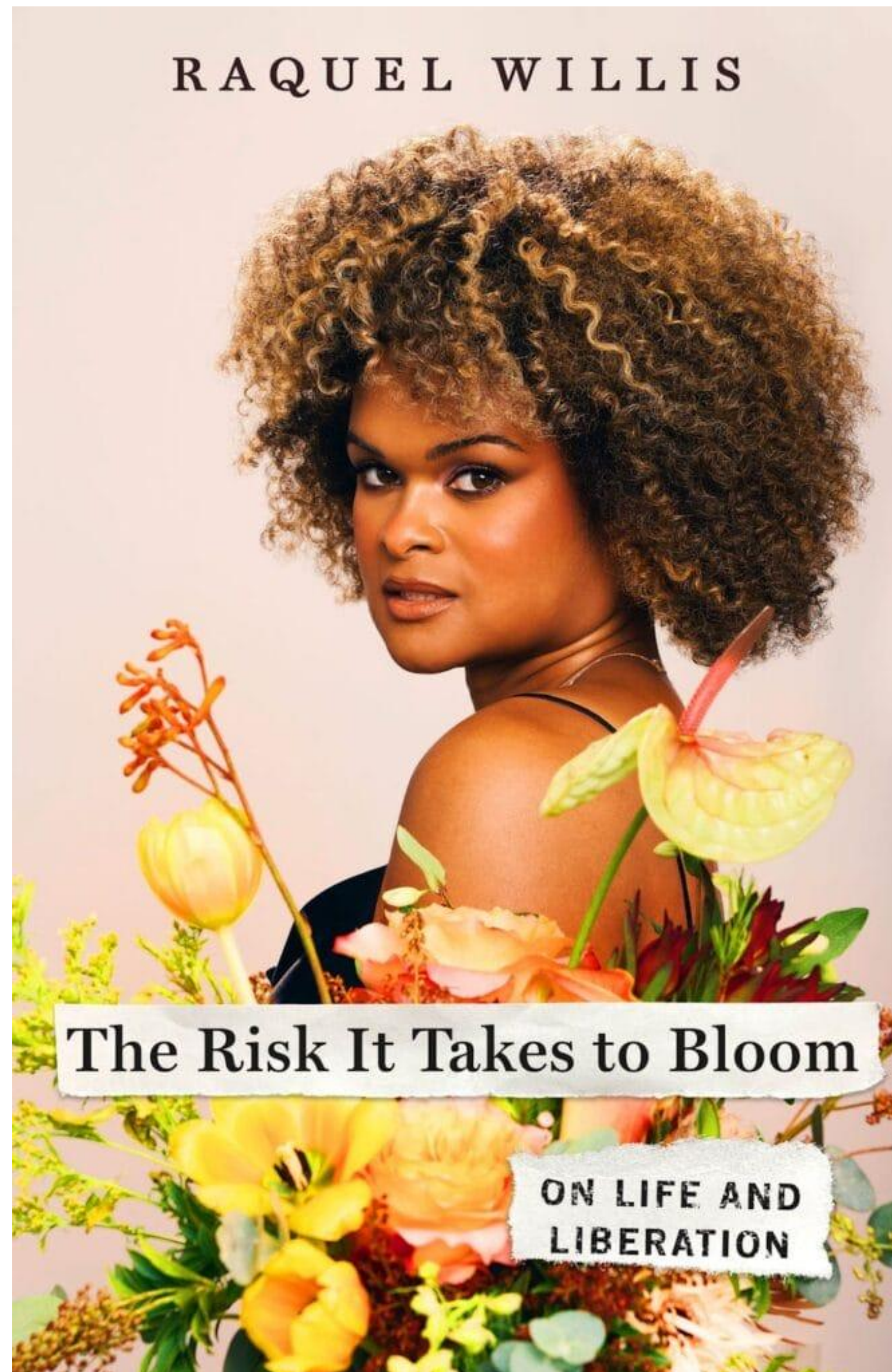
Political Journalist, Podcaster
She/Her

- Creator of TransLash Media, a cross-platform journalism project
- Winner of Numerous awards: Emmy, Peabody, Black Journalist Association
- Chaired UN High Level Meeting on Gender Diversity (600 participants)
- Serves on NYC Commmission on Gender Equality
- Serves on Numerous Boards: Transgender Law Center, GLSEN

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RAQUEL WILLIS

Writer, Editor,
Transgender Activist
She/Her



- One of the Founders of Trans Day of Visibility
- National Organizer for Transgender Law Center
- Executive Editor “Out” Magazine
- Speaker at 2017 Women’s March in Washington, D.C.
- Wrote her memoir, “The Risk It Takes To Bloom”

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ANDY MARRA

**Korean American
Politician, Human Rights Activist**
She/Her

- Executive Director of Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund
- Worked at both GLSEN and GLAAD
- Honored by White House for her contributions to the LGBTQ community
- Advocate for Korean Unification

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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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LUCIA LUCAS

Opera Singer

She/Her



- 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 first transgender baritone to appear with the English National Opera in London, playing Public Opinion in *Orpheus in the Underworld* at the London Coliseum

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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.