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ALP AT LAST YEAR'S BROOKLYN & MANHATTAN PRIDE MARCHES!

LEFT: Joo-Hyun Kang (E.D.), Yvette Burton (BOD Emeritus) & Javid Syed (BOD)—Prospect Park South.

BOTTOM: L to r: David Maurasse (vol.), Dierdra Colzie (vol.), Joo-Hyun Kang (E.D.), 3 unknown community members, Nguru Karugu (staff)—West Village, NYC.

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ABOUT! THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT

HISTORY

The Audre Lorde Project (ALP) is a recently-created Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender (LGBTST) People of Color Communities. Initiated as an organizing effort by a coalition of LGBTST People of Color, The Audre Lorde Project was first brought together by Advocates for Gay Men of Color (a multi-racial network of gay men of color HIV policy advocates) in 1994. The vision for ALP grew out of the expressed need for innovative and unified community strategies to address the multiple issues impacting LGBTST People of Color communities. ALP secured and moved into its Fort Greene home, in the parish house of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, during the summer of 1996.

MISSION

ALP seeks to promote and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, and political health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit and Transgender People of Color in the New York City area.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The principles guiding the work and development of the Audre Lorde Project as a progressive organization seeking social justice are as follows: Recognizing the full diversity of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender People of Color, and our collective histories of struggle against discrimination and other forms of oppression, The Audre Lorde Project has been established to serve as a home base that LGBTST peoples of African/Black/Caribbean, Arab, Asian &

Pacific Islander, Latina/o, and Native/Indigenous descent can use to organize, support, and advocate for our diverse communities.

As such, ALP seeks to work with LGBTST People of Color organizations and communities across differences of race/ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, and life experiences (e.g. class, immigration status, HIV serostatus, health status, etc.) in order to develop and implement culturally specific and effective programs and services reflecting the needs of our communities.

Understanding that services and organizing efforts are most successful when they involve the communities served, ALP is committed to creating and supporting decisionmaking/organizational structures that are representative of our communities.

Believing that competent skills and expertise in LGBTST People of Color communities exist and are often underutilized, ALP seeks to support and promote the work of existing and emerging LGBTST People of Color organizations, as well as the efforts of LGBTST People of Color cultural workers and activists.

Finally, as an organization seeking social and economic justice for all peoples, ALP is committed to promoting multi-racial coalition-building, advocacy and community organizing activities among LGBTST People of Color, and with allies in struggles for equality and liberation.

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AUDRE LORDE

The Black, feminist, lesbian, poet, mother, warrior Audre Lorde (1934-1992) was a native of New York, daughter of immigrants, and author of numerous volumes of poetry and works of prose. An internationally recognized activist and artist, Lorde was the recipient of many honors and awards. Both her activism and her published work speak to the importance of struggle for liberation among oppressed peoples and of organizing in coalition across differences of race, gender, sexual orientation, class, age and ability.

GRANTS ROUND-UP

The Audre Lorde Project is supported by various funding sources, including state government, foundations and individuals. The following are recent grants we have received: **Chase Manhattan Foundation:** \$1,000 for general support. Many thanks to LGNY for soliciting this support for ALP. **Paul Rapoport Foundation:** \$20,000 for general support. Special thanks to the Paul Rapoport Foundation for supporting ALP for two years in a row, and for being one of our first institutional funders.

The Sister Fund: \$12,500 to support the development of ALP's Lesbian, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender Women of Color Organizing Initiative.

Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation: \$4000 to support the development of ALP's Lesbian, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender Women of Color Organizing Initiative.

Adodi/New York—Black gay men's spiritual, emotional and social support group. 543 W 43rd St., Ste. 8045, NYC 10036, 212.927.7136.

African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change (AALUSC)—Committed to the spiritual, educational, cultural, economic and social empowerment of African Ancestral Lesbians and all Wimmmin of Color. Meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.620.7310; fax: 212.924.2657.

Alianza Latina—Lesbian and gay collective with chapters in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan. 718.993.0254.

Asian Lesbians of the East Coast (ALOEC)—Safe space to develop our Asian lesbian identity and define our needs as a group. P.O. Box 850, NY, NY 10002.

Asian Women Healing Ourselves (AWHO)—Coalition of API women dedicated to addressing the health concerns of API lesbians and bisexual women in the NYC area. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, x22; fax: 718.596.1328.

Audre Lorde Project. Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender People of Color Communities—85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342; fax: 718.596.1328; Info. line: 718.596.0016; email: <alpinfo@alp.org>

Aya Institute—Group of multispirted peoples of African descent dedicated to the education and spiritual mental health of our community. Meets Saturdays, 8-11pm at The Audre Lorde Project. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, x23; fax: 718.596.1328.

Black Leather in Color Magazine—Quarterly magazine for the leather, S.M., radical sex and fetish People of Color and friends community. \$20 yearly subscription. B.L.I.C., 874 Broadway, Ste. 808, NY, NY 10003. Tel: 212.222.9794;

more information, call (203) 854-7726 and leave a message for Nasheed Abdul-Wakil, G Mosaic Coordinator.

Gay African Americans of Westchester (GAAW)—Dedicated to developing and nurturing positive self image and providing support and referral services. 914.376.0727.

Gay Asian and Pacific Islander Men of New York (GAPIMNY)—Supportive social, political and educational space for API gay and bisexual men. Meets every 3rd Friday at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. P.O. Box 1608, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113; tel: 212.802.RICE; fax: 212.663.3609; email: <gapimny@leftnet.net>; website: <<http://www.leftnet.net/~gapimny>>.

Gay Asian Men's Coming Out Group (GAMCOG)—Meets twice monthly at APICHA, 275 Seventh Avenue, 12th fl, Manhattan. Dinner is provided at the meetings. Call for times 212.932.8184; fax: 212.620.7323. Wheelchair accessible.

Gay and Lesbian Arab Society (GLAS)—Support group and networking for gay men and lesbians of Arab descent. Meets 2nd Thursdays (Arabs only) & 4th Thursdays (Party for Arabs & friends) 8:15 pm at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. c/o Columbia University Station, PO Box 250787, NYC 10025; tel: 718.596.9302; email: <glasusa@aol.com>; website: <<http://www.leb.net/glas>>.

Gay and Lesbian Association of Cuban Exiles (GLACE)—Established to network and impact on issues concerning the Cuban lesbian and gay community in both the US and Cuba. PO Box 232, NYC 10108. 718.507.4138, or 718.267.0702.

Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD)—African, African American and Caribbean gay men dedicated to addressing the needs of their community. Meets Fridays, 8pm, at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. Yo!GMAD

Kilawin Kolektibo—Support group for Filipina lesbians. c/o A. Ubaldo, 43-07 39th Pl., 5A, Sunnyside, NY 11104; tel: 718.706.7220.

Las Buenas Amigas/Lesbianas Latinas En Nueva York—Group of US-born Latinas, immigrants from Latin America, working women, mothers, students, professionals, artists, and activists. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NYC 10011. Contact: Elga Aleman 212.928.8373, or Vivian Diaz 212.942.8364

Latino Gay Men of New York/Hombres Latinos Gay de Nueva York—All-Latino, all-gay-male support group. 853 Broadway, 5th fl.; NY, NY 10003; tel: 212.614.2941; fax: 212.529.8917.

Latinos and Latinas de Ambiente/New York (LLANY)—Latino/a co-gender organization. They publish a quarterly newsletter: Arco Iris. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th St., NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.614.2945; fax: 212.529.8917; website: <<http://www.arcoirisny@aol.com>>.

Lavender Light: The Black and People of All Colors Lesbian and Gay Gospel Choir—70-A Greenwich Street, Ste 315, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.714.7072.

Lesbian and Gay People of Color Steering Committee (LGPOCSC)—New York City-based coalition of over 30 lesbian and gay People of Color and anti-racist, progressive organizations. c/o 210 Riverside Drive, Suite 11-H, NYC 10025; tel: 212.222.9794.

Mano a Mano—Network of Latina/o Lesbian and Gay activists and organizations. c/o A. Duque at Latino Commission on AIDS, 80 Fifth Ave., Ste. 1501, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.675.3288; fax: 212.675.3466.

Other Countries: Black Gay Expression—Committed to providing continuous opportunities for our precious culture to develop and be shared. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 25; fax: 718.596.1328.

Wazobia Watu—Educational, advocacy and social membership organization for women who love women and men who love men from continental Africa. POB 255, NYC 10116.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE
LESBIAN & GAY PEOPLE OF COLOR
STEERING COMMITTEE

American Indian Community House—HIV/AIDS Project. 404 Lafayette St., 2nd fl, NY, NY 10003; tel: 212.598.0100; fax: 212.598.4909.

Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA)—275 Seventh Ave., 12th fl., NY, NY 10001; tel: 212.620.7287; fax: 212.620.7323. (Office is accessible).

Bronx Lesbians United in Sisterhood (BLUeS)—Multicultural, multiracial organization serving the needs of the Bronx lesbian community. P.O. Box 1738; Bronx, New York 10451; 212.330.9196.

Gay Men of the Bronx (GMOB)—Safe space for gay men who live in the Bronx, sponsors monthly rap sessions. P.O. Box 511, Bronx, NY 10451; English/Spanish hotline: 718.378.3497.

Men of All Colors Together/New York (MACT/NY)—Multiracial group of gay men committed to addressing and combating racism and discrimination in the lesbian and gay community, and providing supportive environment for less oppressive multiracial relating among gay men. P.O. Box 907, Ansonia Station, NY, NY 10023; for info call 212.330.7678.

Men of Color AIDS Prevention Unit—Program of advocacy and education addressing HIV/AIDS concerns of gay and bisexual men of color, operating under the aegis of the NYC Dept. Of Health. 253 Broadway, Rm. 407, NY, NY 10007; tel: 212.788.4403; fax: 788.9661.

fax: 212.777.5349; email: <nysm-grrl@hotmail.com>.

Brothers in Leather—Support group formed to reach African American, Asian American, Caribbean, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander and South Asian gay men into leather. Currently in process of reorganizing. If interested, call 212.726.3955.

Colombian Lesbian & Gay Association (COLEGA)—Support group created for the well-being of Colombian lesbians and gays in the New York area. c/o Andres Duque, LCOA, 80 Fifth Ave., #1501, NYC 10011, tel: (212) 675-3288x212; Fax: (212) 675-3466

COLORWATCH—Community and media project of the Lesbian & Gay People of Color Steering Committee monitoring people of color representation in the media and within Gay, Lesbian and AIDS organizations. c/o ALP 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.596.0342, x27.

Colours Magazine—Informational resource for lesbians of color providing a strong network that is geared for "her" by "her". 96 Lefferts Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11238; tel/fax: 718.783.6642 (local); tel/fax: 800.792.0193 (long.distance).

The Dandy Black Brigade—"A Modern Minstrel Troupe," is an organization of Black Gay and Lesbian musicians - amateur and professional - in the New York City area. If you would like to reach The Dandy Black Brigade, write: P.O. Box 422, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023.

FANMI, for people of Haitian descent—c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, x26; fax: 718.596.1328.

Fuerza Latina—Support group for gay men and lesbians of Dominican descent. c/o Richard Cammerera, 26 East 109th Street, Suite 4A, NYC; tel: 718.940.0640; 212.517.8329; or 212.410.6199.

G Mosaic—Social/support group for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People of Color, meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Triangle Community Center, 25 Van Zant Street, first floor, Norwalk, Connecticut. For

(young men's group) meets Saturday afternoons, 4:30pm, at GMAD office. 248 W. 14th St., 2nd fl., NYC 10011; Tel: 212.414.9344; fax: 212.414.9351; Email: <gmad@aol.com>; website: <http://www.gmad.org>.

GRIOT Circle (Gay Reunion in Our Time)—Gathering of Elders, an intergenerational and culturally diverse community-based social service organization responsive to the realities and lives of older Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men, Two-spirit and Transgender Persons of Color. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.596.0342, xt 20; fax: 718.596.1328.

Homovisiones—First TV program in history about Latino gay men, created to present different aspects of Latino gay life through television. Aired 10:30 p.m. Thursdays on Manhattan cable channel 17. Producciones Homovision, 24 W. 25th Street, 12th floor, NYC 10010; tel: 212.741.2464; fax: 212.807.1044.

Iban/Queer Koreans of New York (QKNY)—A friendly social/discussion/support group and political advocacy organization for LGBT Koreans, Korean Americans and Korean adoptees. For more info call Pauline Park @ 718-424-4003 or Hyun Jung Lee @ 212-473-6485, xt. 100. Email: <mudang@ix.netcom.com>; Website: <http://www.homepage.interaccess.com/~jasini.frame.html>. (English speakers can call either; Korean speakers should call Hyun Jung.)

Immigrants Fighting AIDS/Immigrants with HIV Project (IFA)—Program of advocacy and education for gay and lesbian immigrants with HIV/AIDS. 275 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY 10011; tel: 212.741.8181.

International Lesbian and Gay People of Color Human Rights Task Force—International network of lesbian and gay activists of color to exchange info and support each others' work. 212.254.5506.

Jacks of Color—Founded in 1990 as a safe sex club for Men of Color. Sponsors monthly parties for men of color and occasionally "their friends". JOC, c/o 210 Riverside Drive, Suite 11-H, NY, NY 10025; tel: 212.714.7674.

People of Color in Crisis (POCC)—Brooklyn-based HIV/AIDS organization serving African American and Caribbean Gay and Bisexual men. 462 Bergen St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.230.0770; fax: 718.230.7582.

People of Color Queers of Multi-Racial and Ethnic Descent (POCQMRED)—P.O. Box 7045, NYC 10116; tel: 212-969.8724 or 718.857.4723.

The Puerto Rican Initiative to Develop Empowerment (PRIDE)—Dedicated to educational, health, cultural and political empowerment of LGBT people of Puerto Rican descent. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NYC 10011; tel: 212.337.0743, 877.3811; fax: 212.529.8917.

Queer Raza—Support group for gay men and lesbians of Mexican descent. c/o Pablo Martinez, 41-16 47th Ave., Sunnyside, NY 11104-3039; tel: 718.472.2602.

Sistahs in Search of Truth, Alliance, Harmony (SISTAH — formerly known as Bisexual Womyn of Colour)—Supportive organization dedicated to addressing needs of bisexual and lesbian of colour community. POB 020136, Brooklyn, NY 11202; tel: 212.479.7886, pager: 917.925.6713; email: <biwoc@aol.com>.

South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA)—Meeting ground for gays and lesbians of South Asian descent, including peoples with ancestry from the Indian subcontinent — India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Burma. PO Box 50, Cooper Station, NY, NY 10276-0050; tel: 212.358.5132.

Unity Fellowship Church of Christ/NY—Multiracial, all-ecumenical lesbian and gay church meets every Sunday at 230 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205; tel: 718.636.5645.

Venus Magazine—a NY-based publication targeting the Black Lesbian, Gay and Transgender communities. Write to: Charlene Cothran, President, P.O. Box 150, Hastings, New York 10706. Tel: (914) 376-6161, fax: (914) 376-1666.

The Minority Task Force on AIDS (MTFA)—Provides organized, community-based response to the impact of HIV/AIDS epidemic on communities of color. 475 Riverside Drive, Ste. 1374, NYC 10115; tel: 212.870.2691; fax: 870.2607.

Out FM Radio—Multiracial lesbian and gay news and features radio program appearing on WBAI 99.5 FM every Sunday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. c/o WBAI-FM, 505 Eighth Avenue, 19th fl, NY, NY 10018; tel: 212.279.0707; email: <outfmradio@aol.com>; website: <http://members.aol.com/outfmradio>.

Queers For Racial & Economic Justice (QFREJ)—is a multiracial member organization. It's ten key values are: ecology, social justice, grassroots democracy, nonviolence, local area-based economics, decentralization, respect for diversity, feminism/post-patriarchy, personal & global responsibility, sustainability/future focus. QFREJ c/o Boxholder, GPO Box 7045, NY NY 10116-; vm 212.969.8724; email: <hapanes@juno.com>.

Women of Color Group of Brooklyn Women's Martial Arts, The Center for Anti-violence Education—Women of color support group. 421 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215; tel: 718.788.1775.

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

June 12-14—“Sistah Summerfest,” the premiere mid-Atlantic Womyn of Color and many cultures music-spirit festival! Pre-registration is \$150, which includes all meals, lodging, workshops & concerts. Tickets at the door are \$200. Relax on a 100-acre resort of natural woodlands with great food, workshops, music, spirit, and celebration. Childcare provided, wheelchair accessible, Spanish & ASL interpretation available. For more information, call Amethyst & Indigo: (202) 546-5909.

June 19-21—Chicago, Illinois. Black Radical Congress: Setting a Black Liberation Agenda for the 21st Century. This is a national call-out/ event. For info or to get involved, write to: BRC, POB 5766, Chicago, IL 60680-5766.

June 28 - July 3—The 12th Annual World AIDS Conference will be held in Geneva, Switzerland. For more information, contact Ken Aldrich of the National AIDS Fund at 202-408-4848.

July 3-5—University of California, Los Angeles, CA. Asian Pacific Islander Lesbian & Bisexual Network (APLBN) National Retreat & Conference. This 3-day conference will include workshops on a variety of topics; cultural performance on Friday night; a dance on Saturday; and many women to meet. There will be registration fee (approx. \$150) for the conference, and there is currently a registration deposit of \$50.00 payable to “LAAPIS” (please include memo “1998 APLBN Conference”). Checks can be sent to: LAAPIS, POB 86484, Los Angeles, CA 90086-0484. For info or to get involved in the planning, call: Stephanie at (718) 596-0342 xt. 30 or email: <laapis@aol.com>.

July 17 - 19—Camp Renora - Watervliet, Michigan. ADODI ‘98 National Summer Retreat: Unchained Fire-Gifting the Universe With You. Adodi is a self supporting organization dedicated to the power and beauty of Same Gender Loving Men (GBT) of African Descent. Adodi national retreats are opportunities for spiritual exploration and brotherhood building among Black Gay Men from across the US to form a village of black gay/same gender loving men dedicated to physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness. Registration is \$200.00 (\$175.00 if paid in full by 6/12/98!), and includes all meals, accommodations, workshops, social events, recreational facilities, and round-trip ground transportation between Chicago and

campsite. Out of town guests will be offered home-stays 7/16 & 7/19. Contacts: ADODI/Chicago, 7600 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL 60619; ADODI/New York, 543 West 43rd. St., Suite 8045, New York, NY 10036; ADODI/Philadelphia, P.O.Box 7872, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

July 25—Washington, D.C. ALL OUT TO WASHINGTON to denounce the Centennial of US invasion & colonization of Puerto Rico and to affirm Puerto Rico’s right as a nation of self-determination. The Comité Nacional Puertorriqueño ‘98 is sponsoring local events in Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, and Philadelphia before Jornada Nacional ‘98 in D. C. For more info, email <Jornada98@aol.com>.

August 4-9—US Student Association’s 51st Annual National Student Congress. Call (202) 347-USSA for details.

September 27-30—“Sharing the Vision II: Dancing in the Spirit of Nations”, the Second Indigenous Nations HIV/AIDS Conference. Sponsored by the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). It will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Mystic Lake Hotel & Casino.

October 8-12—Chicago, Illinois. National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization’s El 6 to. Encuentro: Acción, Orgullo y Poder. Scholarships are available. For information, contact LLEGO: tel: 202-466-8240, ext. 234, email: <AquiLGBT@LLEGO.org>, or visit the LLEGO website: <<http://www.LLEGO.org>>.

October 9-11—Back to Basics: A Conference on the Future of the American Left, sponsored by progressive publication In These Times. For more information, write to In These Times, 2040 No. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60647, or call (773) 772-0164. Information on the conference will be posted on the website: <inthesetimes.com>.

October 24—Brooklyn, NY “The Fourth Annual NYC Transworld Conference” for the empowerment and health of Transgender/Transsexual/Two-Spirit People of Color. Hosted by ALP (xt. 11) and Gender Identity Project (212) 620-7310. Co-sponsors include: Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Queens Pride House, APICHA, and Iban/Queer Koreans of NY.

October 31-November 2—Oakland, California. Second Annual Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) National Conference. For info: GLSEN, 121 W. 27th St., Ste. 804, New York, NY 10001; tel: 212-727-0135; fax: 212-727-0254; email: <glsen@glsen.org>.

November 11-15—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 11th Annual Creating Change Conference, organized by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. For information, contact NGLTF: tel: 202-332-6483, TTY: 202-332-6219, email: <cc98@ngltf.org>, website: <<http://www.ngltf.org/cc98>>.

June 6, 1999 (tentative): Fairness For All —Demonstrations in Chicago, Los Angeles, & New York City to protest giant corporations. Contact the Alliance for Democracy (617)-259-9395 (<http://www.igc.org/alliance>) write to the June 6th Coalition, P.O.B. 81, Placerville, CA 95667.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

(See insert for June/July listings.)

TRAININGS

Trainings in Community Organizing at the Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO), 1218 East 21 st St., Oakland, CA 94606, phone: (510) 533-7583, email: <ctwo@igc.org>. The Community Action Training (CAT) is a week-long intensive introduction to community organizing. Fall session deadline: August 15th. Registration is \$150, financial aid available. Contact Dana Ginn Paredes at CTWO for more information.

DEADLINES

July 1 and November 1—Deadline to apply for the Do Something Grant. This is a grant to transform your community building idea into action. For more information, contact Anna Nieves-Bryant at (212) 281-3434 or send email <newyork@dosomething.org>.

Open Call for Submissions: “off our backs,” a feminist newsjournal, is considering news articles, commentary, reviews, interviews, conference reports, and graphics relevant to feminism and the experience of women all over the world. For specific guidelines and deadlines, see off our backs’ website: <<http://www.igc.apc.org/oob/>>.

OTHER COUNTRIES: BLACK GAY EXPRESSION

BY ANTHONY R. BROWN

There are writers' workshops and then there are cultural institutions. The two are often mutually exclusive. In June 1986, Other Countries: Black Gay Expression began offering a writers workshop, which over the years has become just such an institution.

A young writer, Daniel Garrett, organized the group that year with the hope of providing a space for Gay Black men to hone their skills as writers, while building a community in which he and others like himself could bond, build and heal one another in the midst of the growing AIDS crisis. The organization adopted its name from James Baldwin's novel Another Country.

The Other Countries (OC) workshop meets every Saturday from 5-8 pm at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center in Manhattan. The group reviews all genres of writing by its members as well as other interested artists of color. "Anyone who offers work should be prepared to have it thoroughly and constructively critiqued," says G. Winston James, Executive Director of OC and a long-standing member of the workshop. "The group is very supportive and community-oriented," he continues "but understanding and improving each other's work is our most important objective."

Perhaps because of its beginnings as an outlet for the political, emotional and spiritual, as well as artistic expression of artists suffering from the effects of racism, homophobia and AIDS, over the past twelve years, Other Countries has grown into an institution that is far more than the sum of its programs. Within two years of its founding, OC produced its first journal, entitled, Other Countries: Black Gay Voices in the Age of AIDS.

The journal featured poetry, prose, plays and visual art by thirty-two Gay Black men, and included one of the last interviews given by Bayard Rustin, the late Gay civil rights leader who organized the 1963 March On Washington.

By the time the second journal was published in the Fall of 1993, the organization had established a performance group and an education/outreach effort. The second anthology, Sojourner: Black Gay Voices stood as a landmark in Gay literature, as it was the first anthology dedicated to the largely undocumented realities of Gay Black men in the midst of the AIDS crisis.

Other Countries is currently editing a third anthology. Voices Rising, which is expected this summer, will include prose, poetry and visual art by Gay men as well as women of African descent who are "in the life." "We are ecstatic to include work by women in this issue," says G. Winston. "Voices Rising is in many ways representative of where we're going as an organization. And, hopefully, as a people."

To get in touch with OC, call ALP at xt. 25 or email to: <other-countries@queernet.org>, web site: <www.artswire-org/ocountry/index.html>.

As a Center for LGBTST People of Color communities, The Audre Lorde Project values the unique and important contributions made by the over 30 (mostly volunteer-run) LGBTST People of Color Organizations throughout the NYC area. ALP's Facilities Program is an effort to build capacity and support organizational development of LGBTST People of Color non-profit community organizations through provision of affordable meeting space, access to office infrastructure, training, and other forms of technical assistance. **Other Countries** is a member of the Facilities Program incubator projects.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

NEW TO THE BOARD

After serving as an ALP volunteer for almost a year as an active member of ALP's HIV Working Group and the Working Group on Immigrant Rights & Education, **J. HERRERA** joined the board in March.

STAFF

JOO-HYUN KANG, ALP's Executive Director, was one of the honorees of NYC Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi's March Women's History Month celebration.

ALP SPEAKING OUT

The following are highlights of some of the national and local presentations that staff, board and volunteers from The Audre Lorde Project have made during the early part of 1998:

"Strategies of Resistance: Reclaiming the Past, Challenging the Future": 10th Biennial Asian Pacific American Student Conference, held at Oberlin College, Ohio, in February. Chandan Reddy, ALP Board co-chair, was part of a panel presentation on "Organizing Sexuality in Asian & Asian American Communities".

"Intersections Conference": Northeast regional queer youth of color conference organized by PRISM at Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut. Cathy Cohen, ALP Board co-chair, was the keynote speaker.

"Second Tuesdays": A monthly speakers series sponsored by and held at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center, in Manhattan, last March. Joo-Hyun Kang spoke about

LGBTST movements and links to broader social and economic justice struggles.

"NYU on Trial": A March 26 community speak out against economic racism, organized by the NYC Campaign for Economic Justice, New York, NY. Chandan Reddy was one of the many speakers at this speakout who called on all those concerned with economic justice to speak out against the ongoing exclusion of Chinese workers from construction jobs at NYU.

"Out Across Borders: Confronting the Challenges of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Immigration Experience": This event was organized by the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center in Manhattan, on March 28. Members of ALP's Working Group on Immigrant Rights & Education participated in the planning process for this one-day conference and also worked on various workshops. Joo-Hyun Kang, ALP's Executive Director, and Javid Syed, ALP Board member, facilitated a workshop on "Strategy and Planning: Organizing in Immigrant Communities". Chandan Reddy was part of a panel on "Political Asylum Based on Sexual Orientation and HIV Status," which focused on integrating asylum projects into community based organizations. Natalie Bennett, ALP volunteer, helped to plan and moderate a discussion on "Family Immigration Issues."

VOLUNTEER HERE!

THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT SEEKS INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO ASSIST IN A NUMBER OF AREAS. THE FOLLOWING ARE ONLY A FEW WAYS YOU CAN BECOME AN ACTIVE BUILDER OF THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT. TO GET INVOLVED, OR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE FULL RANGE OF VOLUNTEER/INTERN OPPORTUNITIES, CALL (718) 596-0342, XT. 12.

Countering Homophobia, Heterosexism, and Transphobia Speakers Bureau

ALP will have a **summer training session** for community members interested in representing ALP in our community education efforts. Interested volunteers will exercise their public speaking skills and work with the Director of Community Education &

Organizing (xt. 14) to develop and conduct trainings/workshops in various community settings.

"THE MISSIVE"

Individuals with writing, editing, photography and layout skills needed for production of ALP's quarterly newsletter -- The Missive. Call xt. 14 for more information.

Outreach Volunteers Spread the Good Word

Volunteers help to get the word out about ALP's programs and services by dropping off materials at locations throughout NYC, speaking at events, and staffing information tables at health fairs, conferences and other community

events. Outreach volunteers interested in HIV/AIDS issues work with the Program Coordinator for HIV-Related Services to educate, serve and reach out to our communities by distributing safer sex materials/packets, demonstrating safer sex techniques, and providing referrals. Call xt. 12 for more information.

June 6: HIV/STD Outreach Training

Are you ready to reach out and show off to the LGBTST People of Color community during PRIDE? If so, we have the training for you. This training will develop your HIV/STD outreach skills while you learn how to spread the word about ALP's other programs and services at different events. We will prepare you to do effective outreach while having "BIG FUN" meeting community members. For more information and to register, call xt. 12.

Show Me the Money

Development intern needed. If you're detail-oriented, have good writing/communication skills, have 10-16 hours a week (for a minimum of four months), and want to learn more about the world of fundraising, this is the volunteer opportunity for you! You'll work closely with ALP's Fundraising Committee and Executive Director to implement creative strategies for sustainable fundraising. Call xt. 12 to apply.

Archives/Library Committee

The ALP archives are being created to help preserve the histories of LGBTST People of Color communities. We need volunteers to assist in soliciting and processing our growing collection of materials. There is also a growing community collection of LGBTST People of Color books, periodicals and

magazines in our library. Spend an afternoon helping to catalogue our materials to make it more accessible to our communities. For more information about our Archives/Library Committee, call xt. 12.

Cultural Programming Committee

This committee is working hard to present a Multi-Media Arts Festival on Saturday, June 20. We are especially looking for folk to help set up and clean up the day of the event. It will feature LGBTST People of Color artists from multiple disciplines. If you're interested in helping plan this and other special events, join us! To learn more, call xt. 12.

Office Support

If you're interested in volunteering but have limited time, this may be the answer for you. Hang out for a few hours helping staff, working groups or community projects with data entry, typing, mailings, filing or other general office work. Once a month or once a week, it is a great way to meet the staff and other volunteers while helping to move projects forward. For more information, call xt. 12.

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\$78 (one subway token each week) \$520 (\$10 each week)
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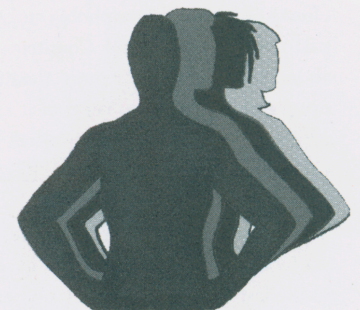
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