

ARTISTS



Braden Summers // Portraits, Culture // slrlounge.com/love-equal-braden-summers
Braden Summers is a photographer who aims to capture dignified representations of LGBT people all over the world. Citing media misrepresentation of the LGBT community as a catalyst for his recent work, Summers' "All Love is Equal" showcases love instead of stereotype.



Cassils // Self-Portraits, Performance // cassils.net/about-2/
Cassils is an American artist who draws on "conceptualism, feminism, body art, and gay male aesthetics", in order to "construct a visual critique around ideologies and histories." Cassils uses live performance, film, sound, sculpture, and photography as a way to use the human body as a vehicle for social sculpture.



Catherine Opie // Portraits, Self-Portraits, Landscape // art21.org/artist/catherine-opie/
Opie is an American photographer who uses portraiture and landscape as a way to investigate "the ways in which photographs both document and give voice to social phenomena in America today."



Chad States // Portraits, Multimedia // chadstates.com/
Chad States is an American photographer that explores masculinity by working with subjects he contacts through online platforms such as Craigslist. State's interdisciplinary work examines the complex systems that produce myriad complex answers to the question, "Are you masculine?"



Chloe Meynier // Portraits // chloemeynier.com/
After completing a PhD in Cognitive Psychology, Chloe Meynier began their photography practice as their "way to actively contribute to society." In their work they use self-portraiture as a methodology to "explore different societal issues like violence against women, women's roles, and gender identity issues."



Claude Cahun // Self-Portraits // moma.org/learn/moma_learning/claude-cahun
Born on the Isle of Jersey, artist and writer Claude Cahun created provocative self-portraits that explore the complex relationship between photography, identity, and representation. A member of the avant-garde, Cahun's work destabilizes assumptions about identity while also underscoring its fluidity. In the artist's own words: "Under this mask, another mask; I will never finish removing all these faces."



David Armstrong // Portraits // davidarmstrongphotographs.com/
David Armstrong was a New York-based photographer who captured intimate portraits of friends and lovers. Rendering his subjects in sharp focus, Armstrong's works depict figures that are at once vulnerable and confrontational.



David Hilliard // Portraits, Self-Portraits, Landscape // davidhilliard.com/
David Hilliard is an American artist that uses the triptych format to explore his personal experience through multi-image narrative photography. In the artist's own words: "For years I have been actively documenting my life and the lives of those around me, recording events and attempting to create order in a sometimes chaotic world."



Del LaGrace Volcano // Self-Portraits, Performance, Political // dellagracevolcano.com/
Del LaGrace Volcano is an international photographer whose main subjects are gender variance, sexual connectedness, and body mutations. Self-named as a 'part-time gender terrorist,' and intentional mutation, Volcano's 30 years of photographic work staged the constructedness of gender and the rich diversity of body morphologies that have often preceded, influenced and crucially brought together emerging lesbian, queer, trans and intersex theories.



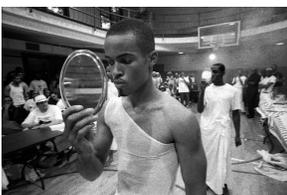
Eva Mueller // Portraits, Nudes // evamueller-art.com/#/projects/
Eva Mueller is a contemporary fashion, beauty, and music photographer working in NYC. Her background in graphic design and art direction influence the minimalistic and formal approach to imagemaking. The core of our human existence and the naked body are the focus of Mueller's recent work and her latest projects take a deeper look into gender identity and race.



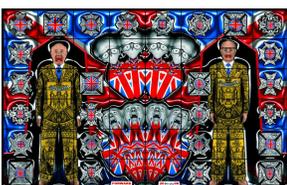
Felix Gonzalez-Torres // Multimedia, Political // andrearosengallery.com/artists/felix-gonzalez-torres
Felix Gonzalez-Torres's involvement in social and political causes fueled his interest in the overlap of private and public life. Employing simple, everyday materials and a reduced aesthetic vocabulary reminiscent of both Minimalism and Conceptual art, his work addresses themes such as love and loss, sickness and rejuvenation, gender and sexuality, Gonzalez-Torres asked viewers to participate in establishing meaning in his works.



Gabriel Garcia Roman // Portraits, Multimedia // gabrielgarciaroman.com/queer-icons-home
Gabriel Garcia Roman is a Mexican-born artist whose family migrated to Chicago when he was two. He seeks "to counteract the flatness that's inherent to the medium of photography: weaving, folding, cutting, interlacing prints or collaging..." New York-based Garcia Roman's *Queer Icon* series draws inspiration from Renaissance, Flemish and Christian Orthodox paintings, aiming to elevate the powerful and proud contemporary figures pictured.



Gerard Gaskin // Portraits // gerardhgaskin.com/
Gerard H. Gaskin's color and black-and-white photographs showcase the culture of house balls, which were popularized by the 1990 film *Paris Is Burning*. In this exuberant world, people often marginalized for being who they are can flaunt and celebrate their most vibrant, spectacular selves. Gaskin says members of the "houses" at balls "perform what they wish these cities could be," competing based on costume, attitude, dance moves, and "realness."



Gilbert & George // Self-Portraits, Multimedia // theguardian.com/artanddesign/gilbert-george
'Art for All' is the theme that informs Gilbert Prousch and George Passmore's distinctive and highly formal performance art and their brightly coloured graphic-style photo-based artworks. The couple began creating together in 1967.



Gillian Wearing // Portraits, Self-Portraits // tate.org.uk/art/artists/gillian-wearing-obe-2648

Contemporary British artist Gillian Wearing's conceptually driven work focuses on power dynamics and voyeurism in everyday life. Wearing seeks to capture the self-awareness of her subjects through various alterations to reality including masks, voice dubbing in her videos, signs, and altered photographs.



Jess T. Dugan // Portraits, Self-Portraits // jessdugan.com/

Jess T. Dugan is a contemporary photographer whose work explores issues of gender, sexuality, identity, and community through portraits and self-portraits. Jess has published two books, most recently *To Survive on This Shore: Photographs and Interviews with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Older Adults* in collaboration with Vanessa Fabbre.



Jill Peters // Portraits, Documentary // jillpetersphotography.com

In 2013, Jill Peters' work grabbed international attention receiving accolades from Photolucida Critical Mass Top 50 and New York Photo Festival. Peter's portraits explore identity, sexuality and culture, past and present. "Third Gender" and "Sworn Virgin" tackle the complicated history of individuals living outside of the binary, India and the Balkan's respectively.



Kelli Connell // Portraits, Collaboration // kelliconnell.com/

Kelli Connell's work represents an autobiographical questioning of sexuality and gender roles that shape the identity of the self in intimate relationships. Polarities of identity such as the masculine and feminine psyche, the irrational and rational self, the exterior and interior self, the motivated and resigned self are portrayed.



Mariette Pathy Allen // Portraits, Documentary // mariettepathyallen.com

Mariette Pathy Allen has been photographing the transgender community for over 30 years. Through her artistic practice, she has been a pioneering force in gender consciousness, contributing to numerous cultural and academic publications about gender variance and lecturing throughout the globe.



Meg Allen // Portraits // megallenstudio.com/butch/

Meg Allen's work explores queer identity and focuses specifically on individual who identify as butch. In 2017, Meg self-published the butch series into a 198-page monograph.



Mickalene Thomas // Portraits, Performance // mickalenethomas.com/

Mickalene Thomas' interdisciplinary work claims the gaze by placing black feminine identity and sexuality prominently in front of the viewer. Thomas finds inspiration in historical depictions and contemporary theory.



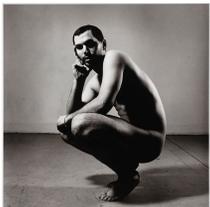
Nayland Blake // Self-Portraits, Portraits, Culture // naylandblake.net/

Nayland Blake is an interdisciplinary artist living in New York. Interracial desire, same-sex love, and racial and sexual bigotry are recurrent themes in Blake's sculptures, drawings, performances, and videos, which reflect his preoccupation with his own racial and sexual identities.



Paul Mpagi-Sepuya // Self-Portraits, Performance, Multimedia // paulsepuya.com/

Paul Mpagi Sepuya's work uses his friends, partners, and lovers as his subjects. By inserting mirrors and collage-like photographs and staging, Sepuya investigates the role of the studio as a social environment and a site of queer space and desire.



Peter Hujar // Portraits, Landscape, Urban, Nudes // peterhujararchive.com/

Peter Hujar photographed people, animals, and landscapes, with exquisite black-and-white tonalities. Highly emotional yet stripped of excess, Hujar's photographs are beautiful in an unconventional way.



Rafael Soldi // Portraits, Conceptual, Architecture, Curatorial // rafaelsoldi.com/

Rafael Soldi is a Peruvian-born visual artist exploring themes of immigration, memory, grief, and identity.



Ren Hang // Portraits, Culture, Erotica // artnet.com/artists/ren-hang/

Ren Hang was a Chinese photographer and poet. During Ren's short life and career, he was known for nude portraits of his friends. His work is significant for its representation of Chinese sexuality within a heavily censored society.



Richard Renaldi // Portraits // renaldi.com/

Richard Renaldi makes formal portraits of people in public and landscapes with an 8x10 large format view camera. In *Touching Strangers*, Renaldi found subjects in the street, whom he posed together, physically touching in some way.



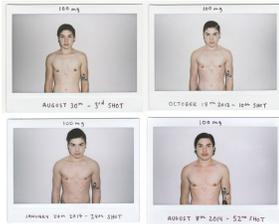
Robert Mapplethorpe // Portraits, Self-Portraits // mapplethorpe.org/

Robert Mapplethorpe's work features celebrity portraits, male and female nudes, self-portraits and still-life images of flowers. His most controversial work is that of the BDSM subculture in the late 1960s and early 1970s of New York City. The homoeroticism of this work fuelled a national debate over the public funding of controversial artwork.



Sophia Wallace // Portraits // sophiawallace.com/

Sophia Wallace is an American conceptual artist and photographer. She is best known for her project "CLITERACY," which addresses citizenship and body sovereignty through the medium of text-based objects, unauthorized street installation, performance and sculptural forms.



Wynne Neilly // Self-Portraits, Documentary // wynneneilly.com/femaletomale

Wynne Neilly is a Canadian, queer identified, visual artist and award winning photographer. Wynne focuses on portraiture and editorial work, using its personal nature to reflect the development of identity and the complexities of human gender expression. His work seeks to normalize the queer and trans body.



Zackary Drucker & Rhys Ernst // Portraits, Self-Portraits, Documentary // dazeddigital.com/photography/article/31329/1/

Relationship, created by Zackary Drucker and Rhys Ernst, debuted at the 2014 Whitney Biennial. The exhibition chronicles Drucker and Ernst's private moments, from 2008 to 2013, as an opposite-oriented transgender couple, during which time Ernst transitioned from female to male and Drucker transitioned from male to female.



Zanele Muholi // Portraits // yanceyrichardson.com/artists/zanele-muholi

Zanele Muholi is a South African artist and visual activist working in photography, video and installation. Muholi's work focuses on race, gender and sexuality with a body of work looking at black lesbian, gay, transgender, and intersex individuals

BOOKS & ARTICLES

The ABC's of LGBTQ+ by Ash Mardell // Queer Intro

"The ABCs of L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+" by Michael Gold // Article

Against Equality: Queer Revolution, Not Mere Inclusion by Ryan Conrad (editor) // Queer Politics

A collection of essays that argue against the LGBT mainstream working towards assimilation in areas such as marriage, the military, and prisons.

"Appropriated Sexuality" by Mira Schor // Article

The Argonauts by Maggie Nelson // Memoir

In this genre-defying theoretical-text-cum-memoir, Maggie Nelson contemplates the fluidity of identity, body, and personal relationships through her experience of building queer family.

Art and Queer Culture by Catherine Lord and Richard Meyer // Survey, Anthology, History

"A comprehensive survey covering 125 years of art that has constructed, contested or otherwise responded to alternative forms of sexuality."

Baroness Elsa: Gender, Dada, and Everyday Modernity, A Cultural Biography by Irene Gammel // Biography
This biography of Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven's life looks at her work in the context of female dada and the historical battles fought by women in the early twentieth century. The "Baroness" was known for erasing the boundaries between life and art, between the everyday and the outrageous, between the creative and the dangerous.

Bauhaus Bodies: Gender, Sexuality, and Body Culture in Modernism's Legendary Art School edited by Elizabeth Otto and Patrick Rossler // Anthology, History
100 years after Bauhaus' founding, this anthology "reassesses the work of both well-known Bauhaus members and those who have unjustifiably escaped scholarly scrutiny, its women in particular."

"Collected Writings on Art" by Scott Burton // Article

Create Dangerously: The Immigrant Artist at Work by Edwidge Danticat // Essays
"Celebrated Haitian-American writer Edwidge Danticat reflects on art and exile."

Cruising Utopia: the Then and There of Queer Futurity by José Esteban Muñoz // Theory
Muñoz's text critically and playfully mines a variety of sources, from fine art to popular music, in order to find an aesthetics of queer Utopianism - here, there, or elsewhere.

"Deviations" by Carlos Motta // Article

Epistemology of the Closet by Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick // Queer Theory
In this classic text, Sedgwick articulates important works of fiction through the lens of same sex desire, yet ends up producing as a series of essential axioms that frame contemporary queer discourse.

"Future Gender" by Aperture 229 // Anthology, Magazine

Gender Trouble (1999 Preface) by Judith Butler // Queer Theory
In this revolutionary text, Butler draws discursive lines between feminist theory with contemporary drag, arguing that gender is a cultural performance distinctive from biological sex.

Hidden Histories: 20th Century Male Same Sex Lovers in the Visual Arts by Michael Petry // Anthology
Hidden Histories was the first international historical survey of its kind to examine the lives and work of male artists in the 20th century who were same sex lovers. It comprised a curatorial project within The University of Wolverhampton, an exhibition at The New Art Gallery Walsall and a publication by Artmedia Press.

Hide/Seek by Jonathon Katz // History, Exhibition Catalog
This catalog details the first exhibition to honor the work of LGBTQ artists at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C.

Living a Feminist Life by Sarah Ahmed // Memoir
Ahmed offers practical-yet-critical advice on being a Feminist Killjoy in the twenty-first century. Citing personal experience and the author's own intimate ties to gender, queer, and phenomenological theory, the text concludes with a step-by-step action plan useful to anyone seeking a feminist life.

"Making Faces" by William J O'Brien // Article

No Future: Queer Theory and the Death Drive by Lee Edelman // Queer Theory
Edelman contemplates queerness's cultural relationship to the death drive, as well as its relation to heterosexual futurity, in this confrontational critical text.

Pictures, Perverts and Politics, Of Mother Nature and Marlboro Men, Horse Crazy, Currencies of the Body by Deborah Bright // Essays

QUEER, Documents of Contemporary Art by David Getsy (editor) // Anthology
Art Historian David Getsy compiles a wide range of writings by queer artists, writers, and thinkers in this required-reading anthology.

Queer Migration Politics: Activist Rhetoric and Coalitional Possibilities by Karma R Chavez // Politics + Theory
“Delineating an alternative approach to activism at the intersection of queer rights, immigration rights, and social justice, *Queer Migration Politics* examines a series of ‘coalitional moments’ in which contemporary activists discover and respond to the predominant rhetoric, imagery, and ideologies that signal a sense of national identity.”

Queer on a Bench by Mark William Lindberg // Novella

A stream of consciousness novella that examines the way we think about the world, questions about privilege, gender, and religion, and how we view the people around us and ourselves.

Queer Phenomenology by Sarah Ahmed // Phenomenology, Philosophy, Queer Theory

In this theoretical text, Ahmed uses phenomenology - the study of the structures of consciousness and experience - in order to provide a new articulation of queer theory that attempts to extend outwards beyond itself.

Rethinking Sexism, Gender, and Sexuality // K-12 Curriculum from Rethinking Schools

“A collection of inspiring stories about how to integrate feminist and LGBTQ content into curriculum, make it part of a vision for social justice, and create classrooms and schools that nurture all children and their families.”

“Task Force Tackles Dearth of Resources for Transgender Museum Professionals” by Anna Woten and Alison Kennedy for the American Alliance of Museums // Article

HIGHER ED RESOURCES

Campus Pride Index (National)

Ranking and evaluation tool for assisting campuses in learning ways to improve their LGBTQ campus life based on inclusivity and access

<https://www.campusprideindex.org/>

Consurtium of Higher Education, LGBT Resource Professionals (National and Local)

Member-based organization working towards the liberation of LGBTQ people in higher education. This site post job listings and so many resources on their website, available for free

<http://www.lgbtcampus.org/>

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education (web-based)

Collection of news and article on issues around diversity on campus.

<http://diverseeducation.com/article/category/lgbt/>

MBLGTACC (Midwest)

LGBTQ college centered conference

Mblgtacc.org

Midwest Institute for Sexuality and Gender Diversity

Empower students of diverse sexualities and genders to inspire sustainable change; lead higher education colleagues in relevant and inclusive practices; and advance knowledge of sexuality and gender through advocacy and expansive programming. (MBLGTACC is one of this centers outreach programs.)

<https://sgdinstitute.org/>

Sarah Isom Center (Mississippi)

Ole Miss's center for gender studies has been an advocate for LGBTQ folks in Mississippi

<https://sarahisomcenter.org/>