



New NYCDOE “Hidden Voices” Project Introduces NYC Students to New Perspectives from LGBTQ+ History

Museum of the City of New York’s Frederick A.O. Schwarz Education Center and partners authored stories from notable LGBTQ+ New Yorkers



New York, NY (March 12, 2021)– **Museum of the City of New York** proudly announces that the ***Hidden Voices: LGBTQ+ Stories in United States History*** project is now available for New York City teachers. This curriculum supplement, the second volume in the *Hidden Voices* series, is the Museum’s latest collaboration with the **NYC Department of Education**, and features stories of individuals who are often “hidden” from the traditional historical record.

Hidden Voices: LGBTQ+ Stories in United States History examines individuals who questioned and broke the normed expectations of gender and/or sexuality. The project helps students to find their own voice as they become analysts of the past and make connections between the past and the present. In development for two years, the LGBTQ+ curriculum represents a collaborative effort between the NYCDOE, multiple institutions, and scholars. Museum of the City of New York’s Frederick A.O. Schwarz Education Center contributed profiles from five New Yorkers, building on the Museum’s recent LGBTQ+focused exhibitions, including *Activist New York*, *PRIDE*, and *Gay Gotham*.

“New York’s students are the city’s future, and that’s why we are thrilled to launch this engaging curriculum supplement which shines a light on groundbreaking figures who have too often been left out of the narrative,” said **Whitney Donhauser**, *Ronay Menschel Director and President* of the Museum of the City of New York. “Our educators have uncovered the stories of LGBTQ Americans who have impacted New York City, and the world at large. We are glad these contributions will be recognized and celebrated.”

The *Hidden Voices* project began as a collaboration between NYCDOE and Museum of the City of New York, following the opening of the Museum’s groundbreaking exhibition ***New York At Its Core***. For Volume 2, other cultural organizations joined the effort, including New York Public Library, New-York Historical Society, and National Archives. The 20 individual profiles and five portraits of an era essays

featured in this instructional resource are just some examples of the range of LGBTQ+ figures and events that can be integrated within the broader historical narrative and social studies curriculum.

Museum of the City of New York's Frederick A.O. Schwarz Education Center has ongoing LGBTQ+ educational resources for students and educators, including virtual field trips of **Activist New York** and resources and lesson plans on the *Activist New York* [online exhibition](#). On March 16, educators can join a free virtual workshop [When Existence Is Resistance: The History of Trans Activism in NYC](#). The workshop will explore the history and legacy of trans activism and feature a panel discussion with **Dylan Kapit**, trans special education teacher, and **Armani Iacolucci**, Program Director for Trans Student Educational Resources, who will speak to their work to create supportive and safe learning environments for trans and non-binary students.

More information on the *Hidden Voices* project can be found at:
<https://www.weteachnyc.org/resources/resource/hidden-voices-lgbtq/>.

More information on resources for educators and students can be found at: www.mcny.org/DigitalEd

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The Museum of the City of New York's award-winning Frederick A.O. Schwarz Education Center serves students, teachers, families, and community members from across the five boroughs and around the world. The Education Center's digital hub features resources including lesson plans, virtual field trips, and more. Learn more about our education programming at www.mcny.org/DigitalEd

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