

# PRIDE MONTH

## SPOTLIGHT

"Equality means more than passing laws. The struggle is really won in the hearts and minds of the community, where it really counts."

– Barbara Gittings

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## JAMES BALDWIN (1924 - 1987)

was an **author and activist** from New York City.

He began using LGBTQ characters in his work, long before any Pride movement took form. His protagonists are often gay or bisexual black men, who face internal and external struggle in their search for social- and self-acceptance. These themes are apparent in his groundbreaking novel, "Giovanni's Room". The message he wished to convey was to choose love, no matter the recipient, and he resisted gender-related labels.

As an activist for Civil Rights, Baldwin also gave lectures around the country on racial inequality. He interviewed people in the American South and wrote essays on domestic racism that would appear in magazines like The New York Times. Through his writings and plays, he pushed for political movements toward social change in mid-twentieth-century America.

## EVENTS

01

### The Power of Love: Three Trans Stories

June 9, 12:00 ET

Parental love and the inherent right of the entertainer to define their own identity are the common themes that connect these three trans stories.

This National Gallery of Art weeklong Film Program will be available for [online streaming](#) starting June 9 through June 15.

02

### Commerce Pride Event

June 14, 2:00 – 3:30 ET

To celebrate Pride Month, Colorado governor Jared Polis will give remarks on the current state of the diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the public sector.

This event is a collaborative effort hosted by Boulder Labs Diversity Council, Commerce Pride, NOAA Pride, and NIST Pride. To register, follow this [link](#).

03

### NOAA Pride Program

June 15, 1:30 - 2:30 ET

OICR, NOAA Pride, and the LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group will be hosting this year's pride event with the theme, "You are Included."

The speaker will be Dr. Lauren Esposito, founder of 500 Queer Scientists, and co-founder/director of the non-profit, Islands & Seas.

To participate, register [here](#).