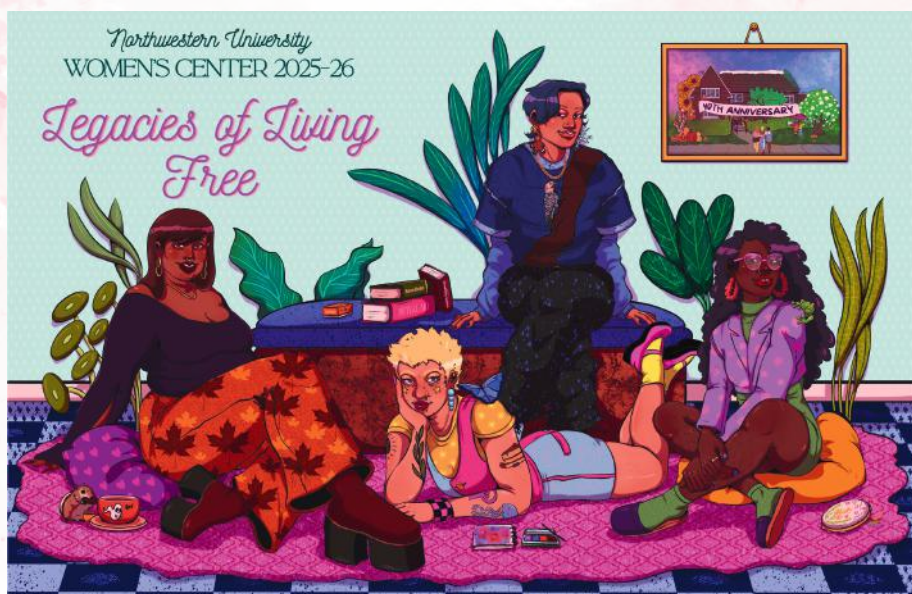


Legacies of Living

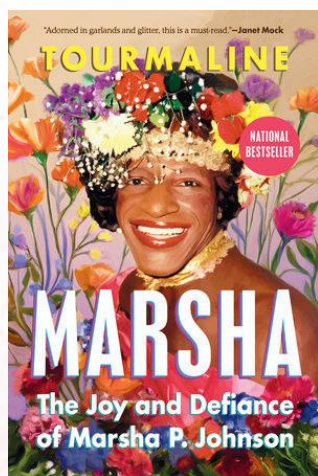
FREE

the zine
2026





This special edition of our annual zine is a collection of reflections and meditations on our the theme "Legacies of Living Free," in celebration of the Northwestern University Women's Center's 40th Anniversary.



The Women's Center staff chose Tourmaline's new book *Marsha: The Joy and Defiance of Marsha P. Johnson* over the summer of 2025 as our inspiration for this year because we believe that by taking the time and space to mark one single life as sacred, we practice a vital skill of honoring one another in the full breadth of our existence.

PLANT EVEN THE IDEA OF A WAVE & LET THE OCEAN FLOOD YOU BY MORNING

-adrienne maree brown
"waning"

we explore to learn

not to exploit

we find our way with

our earth in mind

the beautiful places
belong to us all.

we remember the dreamers
who brought us here

allowed her to

see beyond the

immediate material world.

that

Marsha made a leap of faith

She chose to see a world of unending possibility instead.

Marsha
p. 249
Tourmaline



My body is mine and I will make it my home.

TV

20.15 SING

A child's drawing of a musical staff with five lines. The staff is decorated with various musical notes, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and letters such as E, C, G, A, and F. The background is a mix of purple and blue, with a yellow and blue patterned area at the bottom left.

Supermann

Sonder-

hey little
apple
blossom

**shhh*

Her History

Breakthrough

K

It's the little things that count.

Captain

Beauty

2015 IRON MAN

Aaaaahhhh

Strength in Solidarity

#PositiveImpact

ALL

SOS

HERITAGE

Harmony

I HEARTRADIO

Cruelty Free
INTERNATIONAL

CAN YOU
find the pleasure



- Miss Major, to Tourmaline

A flower that lives...
Expanding Forms

...Forever and ever...

I'm going to **LIVE FREE**,
I told myself,
like the lilies of the field.

...that lives in me.

...is a flower...
Marsha's
prayer

FASHION
is
no
passing
thing!

STEP

into
the
shade

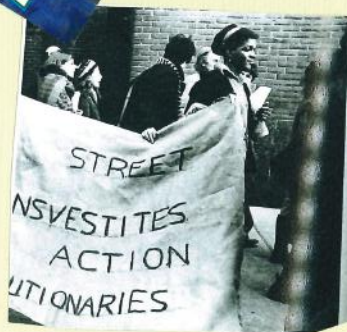
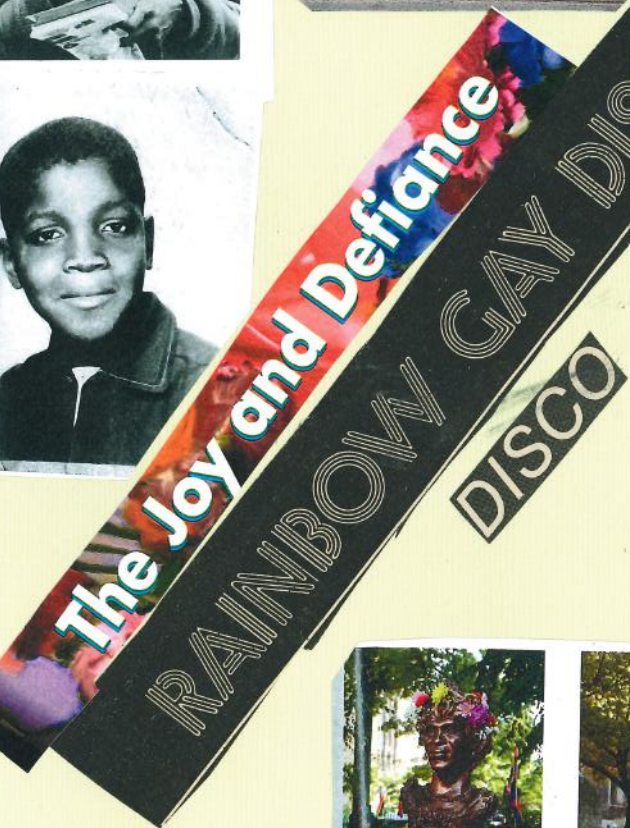


Destroy

Feminists

'Suspicious'

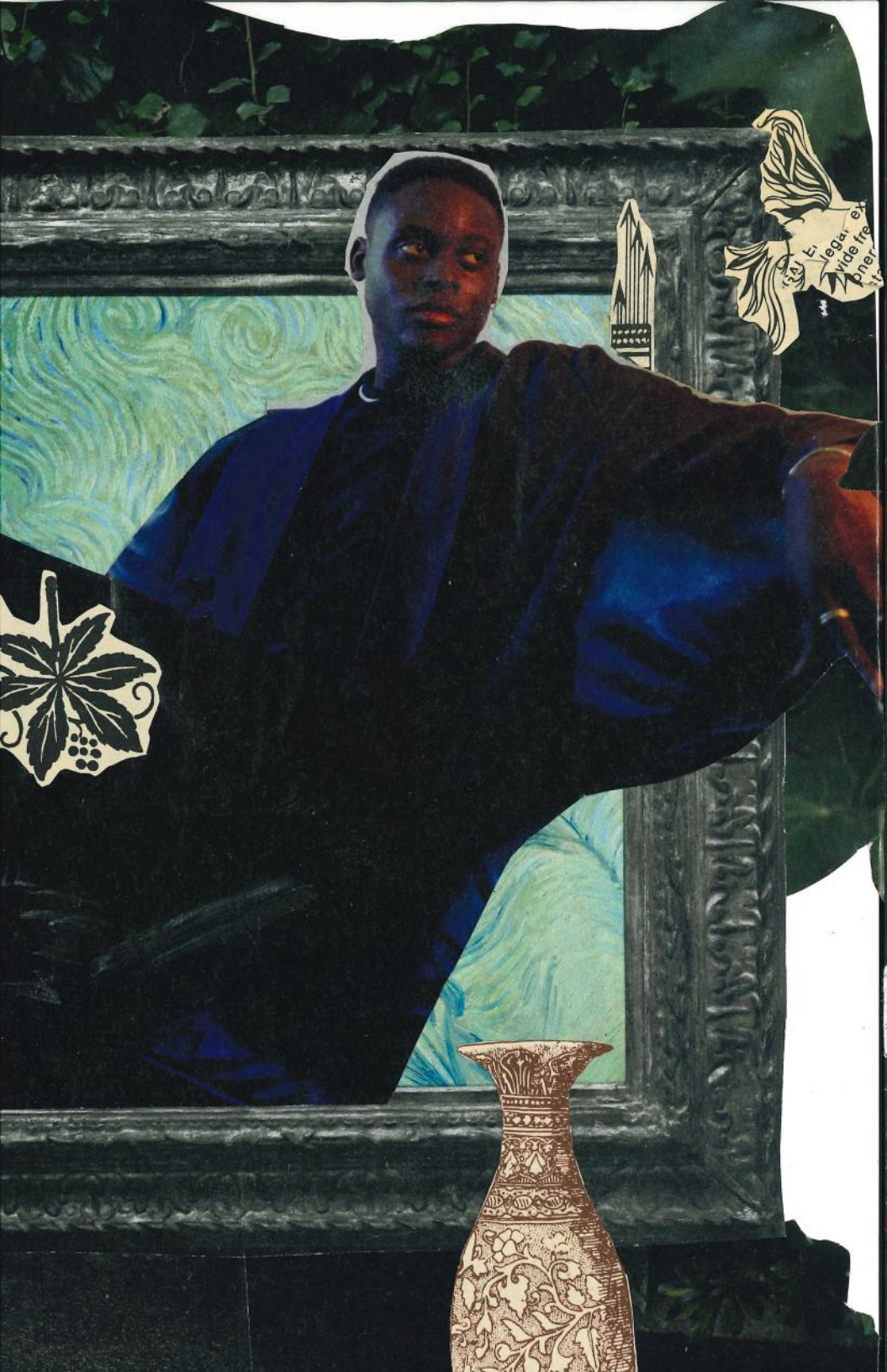




Marsha P. Johnson statue
by Jesse Pallotta in
Sheridan Square Park.



Marsha P. Johnson's family: her cousin James Carey, sister Jeannie Michaels, nephew Al Michaels, and great-niece Anika Dorsey in Elizabeth, New Jersey, at the site of the forthcoming monument to be built in Marsha's honor.



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NATIONAL
BESTSELLER

MARSHA

TAUGHT
ME...

to step
SH

Mar.
to be

That no one can fake
joy from me.

Marsha taught me~
That I am my own
Dream!

into the
ADE

Marsha taught me
to believe in myself

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO PUSH A
FRIDGE OUT A WINDOW ONTO A COP
CAR WITH YOUR BESTIE.

fashion!
is no passing thing!

to pay it no mind



*We will dream up a
future beautiful and
liberatory for everyone.*

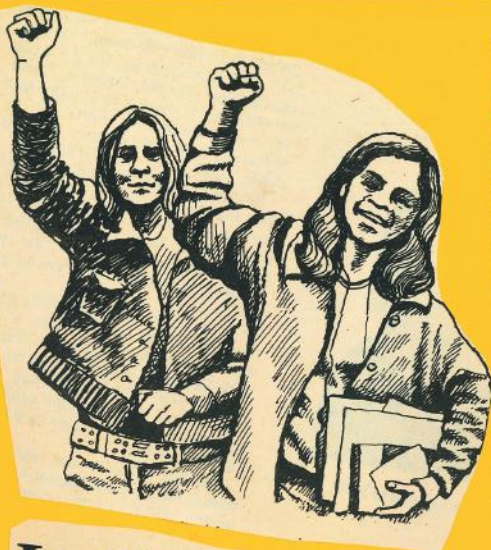
*We are going to love
one another, seek to
understand one another,
and be present for one
another's struggles.*

*We are going to grow
our collective courage
and speak our
individual truths.*



US Prison Chief Issues Immediate Order

Gay Press Barred From All Federal Prisons

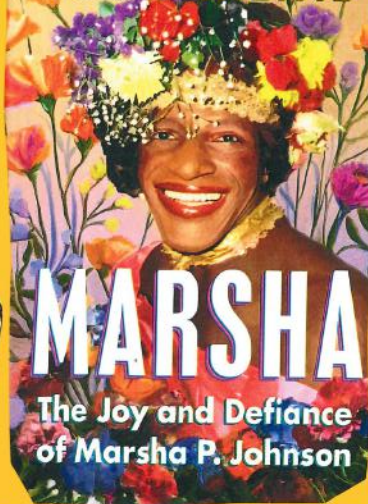


Lesbians Rising



"Adorned in garlands and glitter, this is a must-read." -Janet Mock

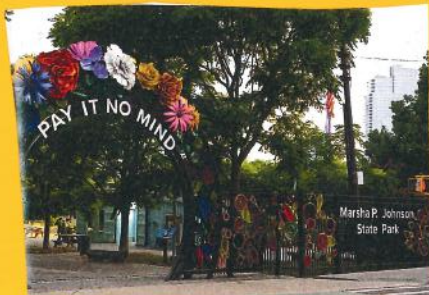
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MARSHA

The Joy and Defiance
of Marsha P. Johnson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARSHA!





FLOWERS

GLITTER

BRAVERY

+ GRACE

Come on Baby

hell no - we won't go

COME TO MY PARTY!



New York Gays Fight Violence with Violence



drag queen drag
SH are
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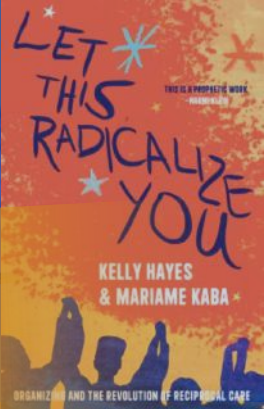
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ART FOOD TALKS
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with love



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Dreams for the



next 40 years...



thank
you



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