

# CHITRA GANESH

## QUEER POWER! A TIME TRAVELING COLORING BOOK

These illustrations document, archive, uplift, and honor the LGBTQIA+ history of downtown Manhattan and the neighborhoods adjacent to the Whitney. Included are portraits of activists, icons, and heroes of the queer art and activist scenes; landmarks important to queer, racial, and activist histories; Indigenous Lenape settlements; and Indigenous flora and fauna.

**Whitney Museum of American Art**



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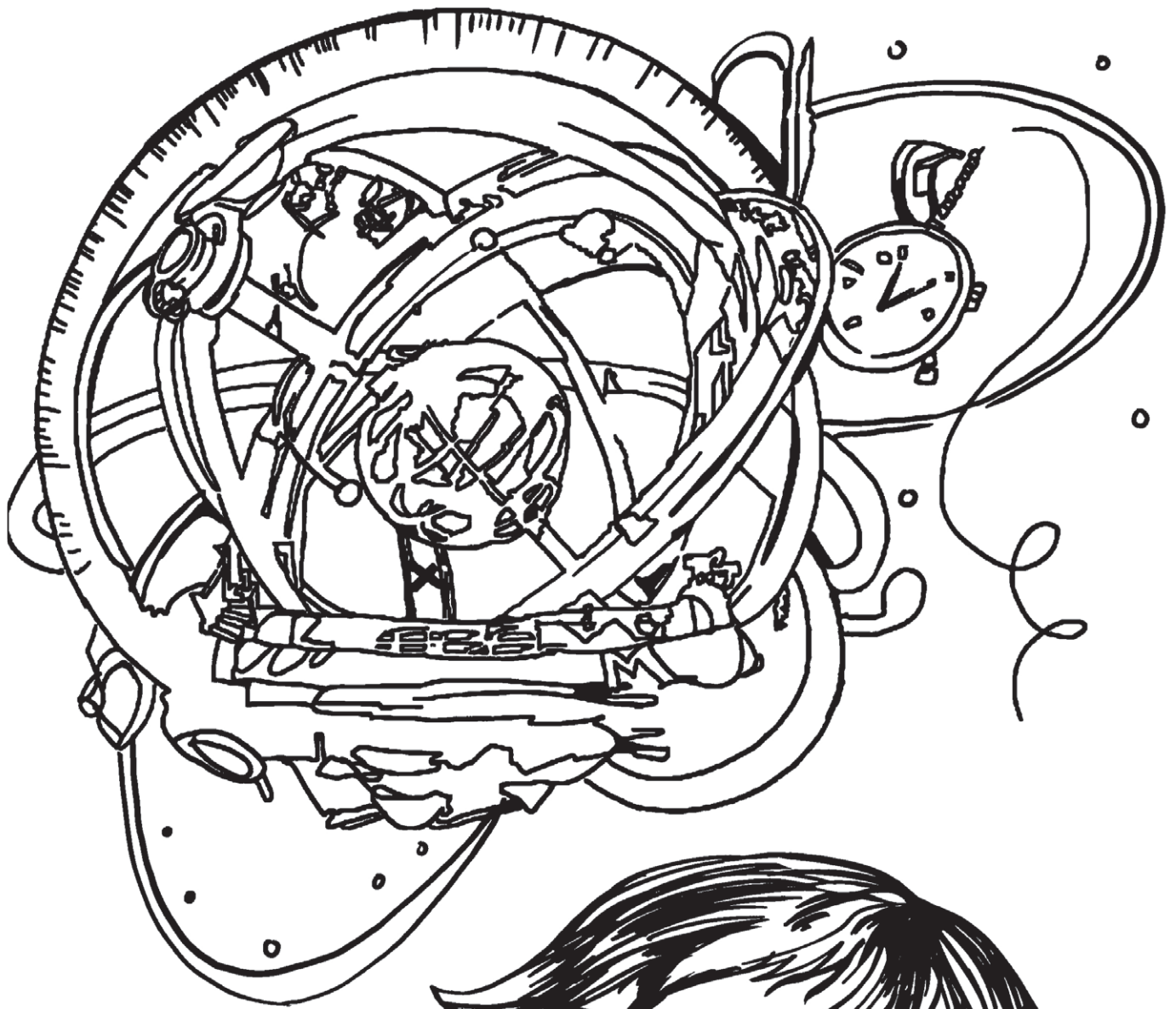




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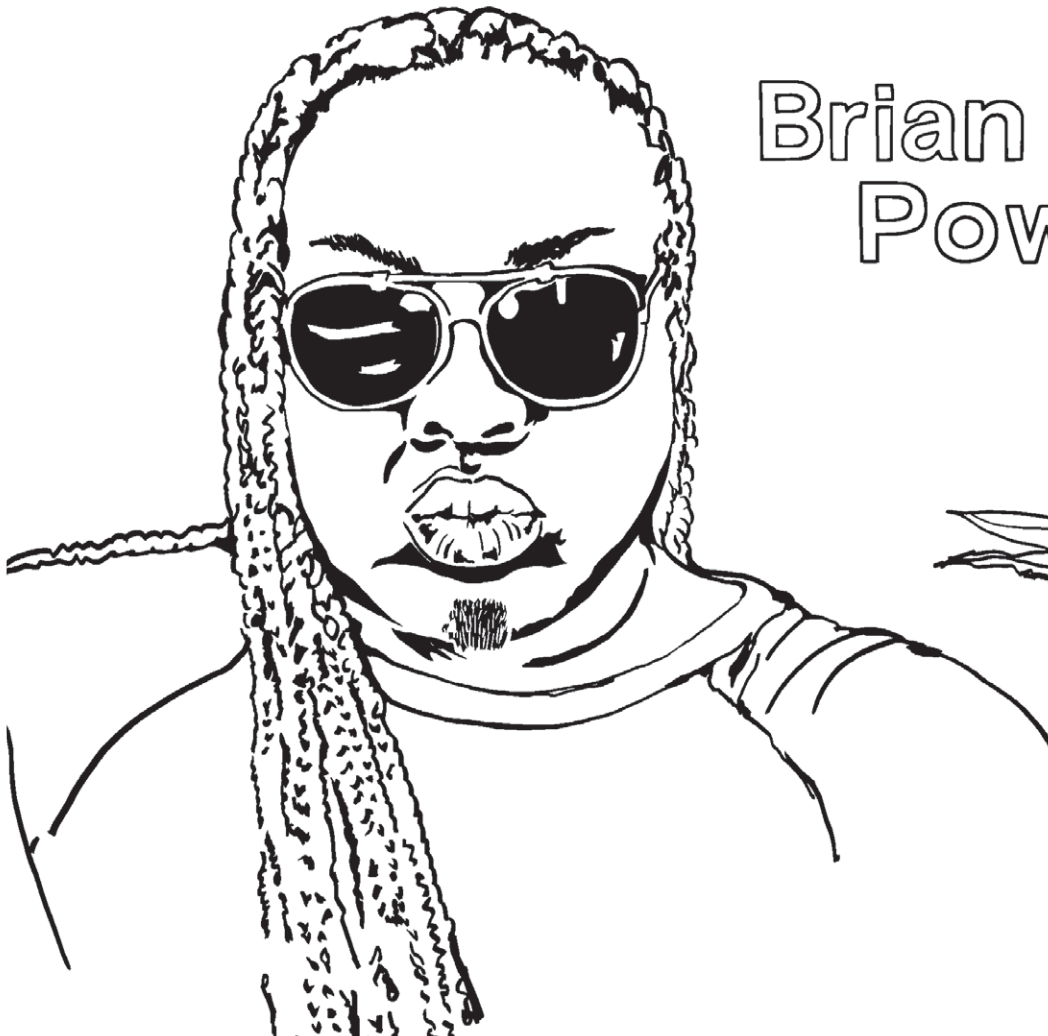
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**Dominique Rem'mie Fells (1992–2020)**

Black transgender woman killed on June 9, 2020 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dominique was the eldest of three children and was a fashion show organizer and model. She is remembered by her family, friends, and community as a social butterfly who lived her truth.

**Oluwarotimi (Rotimi) Adebisi Wahab Fani-Kayode (1955–1989)**

Illustration by Chitra Ganesh inspired by this artist's piece Every Mother's Son: Children of Suffering (1989). Fani-Kayode was a seminal figure in 1980s Black British and African contemporary art. Fani-Kayode's photographs explored desire, diaspora, and spirituality. He was one of the first Africans to portray his gay identity through photography.

**William Dorsey Swann (1858–1954)**

American gay liberation activist, formally enslaved person, and one of the first known self-identifying drag queens. Swann established a culture of drag balls in Washington, DC, yet was wrongly arrested multiple times for running a brothel. He was the first American on record to legally defend the LGBTQIA+ community's right to gather by requesting a pardon from President Grover Cleveland for his wrongful arrests.

**Carmen Vásquez (1949–2021)**

LGBTQIA+ civil rights and social justice activist, writer, and founding Director of the Women's Building in San Francisco, California.

**Judy Yu (b. 1972)**

Queer activist, writer, and self-identified femme. Judy works in social justice philanthropy to support queer & trans BIPOC leaders and groups working to end state and interpersonal violence, and for the creation of lasting alternatives to punishment, policing, and imprisonment that support collective thriving, care and safety. She marched in the first NYC Dyke March in 1993.

**Joselin Mendez**

Nicaraguan transgender woman sent to solitary confinement twice by ICE in 2019 for minor disciplinary infractions. She is an asylum seeker after fleeing threats and violence in Nicaragua because of her gender identity.

**Brian Egypt Powers (1977–2020)**

Black transgender person killed in Akron, Ohio, on June 13, 2020. Brian used he/him pronouns and went by both his birth name and Egypt. He worked at a local catering company and, among other things, is remembered for wearing long, colorful braids he called "unicorn braids."

**Miss Major Griffin-Gracy (b. 1940)**

transgender woman, activist, and community leader for transgender rights. She is a veteran of the Stonewall Rebellion, a survivor of Attica State Prison, a former sex worker, an elder, a community leader, and a human rights activist. She was the original Executive Director for the Transgender Gender-Variant and Intersex Justice Project.



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