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February LGBTQ History Programs Highlight Queer Aerospace Pioneers, Performance Artist Dazié Grego-Sykes, Historic Preservation

San Francisco — The program series for February 2021 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight LGBTQ aerospace pioneers, the work of performance artist and activist Dazié Grego-Sykes, and the preservation of LGBTQ historic sites. All events take place online; registration is required for access to the streaming link. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

Illustrated Talk

Rainbow High: LGBTQ Stories in Aerospace History

Friday, February 5

6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

Throughout the history of aviation, from Leonardo Da Vinci to Major Margaret Witt, LGBTQ people have designed and flown aircraft, pursued the dream of space flight and risked their lives for their country. In this exciting talk, Sean Mobley, the volunteer coordinator at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, will share the histories of some key LGBTQ pioneers in aerospace history. He'll also discuss figures in the aerospace industry who have worked to advance the cause of LGBTQ equality. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/395CZFv>. Registration is available at <http://bit.ly/382FrNQ>.

Queer Culture Club

Catching Up With Dazié Grego-Sykes

Thursday, February 11

7:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

GLBT Historical Society Executive Director Terry Beswick will be interviewing Oakland-based performance artist, educator, author and activist Dazié Grego-Sykes, the associate artistic director for the Tenderloin-based performance ensemble "Skywatchers." Mr. Grego-Sykes is well known for his two solo plays

Am I a Man and *Nigga-Roo*, as well as his 2017 poetry collection *Black Faggotry*. This is the February installment of "Queer Culture Club," our monthly series on the second Thursday of each month that focuses on LGBTQ people who are defining the queer culture of yesterday, today and tomorrow. These programs feature GLBT Historical Society executive director Terry Beswick as he interviews queer culture-makers, including authors, playwrights, historians, activists, artists and archivists, to learn about their work, process, inspirations, hopes and dreams. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/35gELSV>. Registration is available at <http://bit.ly/2L58l6X>.

Panel Discussion

Preserving LGBTQ Historic Places

Friday, February 19

6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

Preserving and landmarking historic sites associated with significant events and people is critically important to promoting an understanding of our shared history. This is especially so for the LGBTQ community, much of whose history has been occluded or deliberately erased. Architectural and preservation experts Jeffrey “Free” Harris and Shayne Watson will discuss how historians identify and prioritize LGBTQ sites worthy of preservation, and consider the steps involved in preservation and landmarking efforts. Among the topics to be highlighted will be sites of significant Black queer history and ongoing efforts to preserve the Lyon-Martin House in San Francisco. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/35h80Fv>. Registration is available at <http://bit.ly/398SPyZ>.

ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The GLBT Historical Society is a public history center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society maintains one of the world’s largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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February 5: Illustrated Talk — LGBTQ Aerospace History



The Boeing 707, Boeing's pathbreaking 1958 jet; public domain.

February 11: Queer Culture Club — Dazié Grego-Sykes

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Culture Club



Thursday, February 11

7:00 p.m. PST

FEATURING:

DAZIÉ

GREGO-SYKES



Portrait of Dazié Grego-Sykes courtesy of same.

February 19: Panel Discussion — Historic Preservation

PRESERVING LGBTQ HISTORIC PLACES



**Jeffrey (Free)
Harris**

Shayne Watson

**Friday, February 19
6:00 PM Pacific**



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