MAY THE POWER OF

BLACK QUEERNESS

BE WITH YOU
Brother outsider

Every indifference to prejudice is suicide, because if I don’t fight all the bigotry, bigotry itself will be strengthened, and, sooner or later, it will return on me. -Bayard Rustin
ONE OF THE FIRST "FREEDOM RIDERS," AN ADVISER TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, ORGANIZER OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON, INTELLIGENT, GREGARIOUS AND CHARISMATIC, BAYARD RUSTIN WAS DENIED HIS PLACE IN THE LIMELIGHT FOR ONE REASON - HE WAS GAY.

HE WAS CHARISMATIC AND WASN'T AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT HIS MIND. ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE COULDN'T PUBLICLY COME OUT AS AN OPEN GAY MAN, PERSONALLY HE WANTED TO. HE WAS ARRESTED FOR HAVING "PUBLIC SEX WITH ANOTHER MAN," IN WHICH HE WAS PARDON FOR. LATER, HE WOULD SEE THE STRUGGLES OF BEING A GAY MAN LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
JAMES BALDWIN: THE PRICE OF THE TICKET

Love takes off the masks we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within. -James Baldwin
James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket uses striking archival footage to evoke the atmosphere of Baldwin's formative years - the Harlem of the 30's, his father's fundamentalist church and the emigre demimonde of postwar Paris. Newsreel clips from the '60's record Baldwin's running commentary on the drama of the Civil Rights movement. The film also explores his quiet retreats in Paris, the South of France, Istanbul and Switzerland - places where Baldwin was able to write away from the racial tensions of America.

A very talented writer, he challenges everyone to think outside of the box. He knew that he was homosexual when he was in his teenage years. However, he didn't publicly announce it and was very cautious about revealing his sexual relationship.
CALL ME KUCHU
In Uganda, a new bill threatens to make homosexuality punishable by death. David Kato, Uganda’s first openly gay man, and retired Anglican Bishop Christopher Senyonjo work against the clock to defeat state-sanctioned homophobia while combatting vicious persecution in their daily lives. But no one is prepared for the brutal murder that shakes their movement to its core and sends shock waves around the world.

A gay man from another century, he was determined to help erase homophobic in his country. He was an icon, a beacon of hope for the LGBTQI community. It’s unfortunate that he was killed, but his legacy will continue.
NOT EVERYTHING THAT IS FACED CAN BE CHANGED,
BUT NOTHING CAN BE CHANGED UNTIL IT IS FACED.

-JAMES BALDWIN

WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS PROTESTING SOCIETY’S
REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS DIGNITY AS A HUMAN
BEING, HIS VERY ACT OF PROTEST CONFFERS DIGNITY
ON HIM.

-BAYNARD RUSTIN
PEOPLE WHO TREAT OTHER PEOPLE AS LESS THAN HUMAN MUST NOT BE SURPRISED WHEN THE BREAD THEY HAVE CAST ON THE WATERS COMES FLOATING BACK TO THEM, POISONED

- JAMES BALDWIN

IF I DO NOT FIGHT BIGOTRY WHEREVER IT IS, BIGOTRY IS THEREBY STRENGTHENED, AND TO THE DEGREE THAT IT IS STRENGTHENED, IT WILL THEREBY HAVE THE POWER TO TURN ON ME.

-BAYNARD RUSTIN