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Mixed-media portraits by Riya Lerner and Gwen Shockey featuring influential individuals.



Image: Riya Lerna 'Sharee Nash, Adresses Project, 2019'. Courtesy of the artist.

New York City's LGBT Community Center has just launched its new virtual art exhibition dubbed the Queer Womxn's Series. In celebration of Pride Month, the first installment features mixed-media portraits by Riya Lerner and Gwen Shockey that showcases lesbian and queer women who have dedicated their lives to creating a safe holding space for women in NYC since the '50s.

Key pieces in the virtual exhibit include a vintage poster from the Identity House's 16th annual women's conference in 1999 and the 1983 book *Lady Unique Inclination of the Night, Cycle 6*. According to a press release, additional installments in the Queer Womxn's Series will debut over the next few months. This includes a five-film series in collaboration with Women Make Movies featuring films like *The Rest I Make Up* and *All We've Got*, as well as conversations with artists Leilah Babirye and LJ Roberts who will touch upon the topic of lesbian and dyke visibility.

Take a look at some of the pieces from Taking Space in the gallery above. You can now view the entire virtual exhibition via LGBT Community Center's website.