Everyday — April/May 2019

Here are some important dates in AIDS history.

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AIDS is an everyday experience. These dates represent milestones in the AIDS epidemic. Some dates are known globally; others commemorate individual experiences. AIDS Is Everyday is an ongoing art project produced in conjunction with Visual AIDS to help break down the silence, shame and stigma surrounding HIV.

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APRIL

2 – ACT UP member Bob Rafsky confronts presidential candidate Bill Clinton at a New York City fund-raiser to demand executive action on AIDS. (1992)

8 – Ryan White dies of an AIDS-related illness at age 18. (1990)

10 – National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

13 – U.S. Representative Henry Waxman convenes the first congressional hearings on AIDS at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center in Hollywood, California. (1982)

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15 – The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence make their first appearance in San Francisco on Easter Sunday. The queer nuns of this international order devote themselves to promoting human rights and raising money for AIDS-related causes. (1979)

18 – National Transgender HIV Testing Day

19 – Princess Diana makes international headlines when she is photographed at a London hospital shaking the hand of a patient living with HIV. (1987)

22 – Larry Kramer’s play The Normal Heart premieres at The Public Theater in New York City. (1985)

24 – The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issues the first national treatment guidelines for the use of antiretroviral therapy in adults and adolescents living with HIV. (1998)

MAY

7 – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves the first female condom. (1993)

10 – Susanne Bartsch hosts the Love Ball and raises more than $300,000 for Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS. (1989)

11 – One of the first feature films about AIDS, Longtime Companion is released in theaters. (1990)

15 – The U.S. Public Health Service adds HIV as a “dangerous contagious disease” to its immigration exclusion list. The HIV travel ban is not lifted until 2010. (1987)

18 – HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

19 – National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

31 – The Los Angeles Times is the first mainstream paper to print a front-page story on AIDS. (1982)

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