Everyday — December 2018

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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DECEMBER

1 – The first World AIDS Day is observed. It marks the first-ever global health day. (1988)

Visual AIDS launches Day With(out) Art. The annual event was established to make the public aware that AIDS affects everyone. (1989)

4 – ACT UP/Los Angeles meets for the first time in West Hollywood. (1987)

7 – Angels in America premieres on HBO. Directed by Mike Nichols, the miniseries is based on the Pulitzer Prize–winning play by Tony Kushner. (2003)

10 – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports the first case of AIDS involving an infant who received blood transfusions. (1982)

12 – Grethe Rask, a Danish physician and surgeon, dies of AIDS-related causes. (1977)

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13 – The first national Conference on Women and HIV Infection is held in Washington, DC. (1990)

16 – Singer Sylvester dies of AIDS-related complications. (1988)

17 – Ryan White is diagnosed with AIDS. (1984)

18 – The CDC expands the definition of AIDS to include those living with HIV with a CD4 count below 200. (1992)

22 – Philadelphia opens in limited release in the United States. Tom Hanks goes on to win the Academy Award for best actor. (1993)

23 – The Food and Drug Administration approves an oral HIV test, the first non–blood-based antibody test for HIV. (1994)

30 – Time magazine names HIV/AIDS researcher David Ho, MD, its “Man of the Year” for his work on highly active antiretroviral therapy. (1996)

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