Nominations for LGBT History Month 2015 Icons

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LGBT History Month, an annual project of the Equality Forum, honors an LGBT person, living or dead, each day of October. In 2014, there were five HIV-positive honorees. Nominations for 2015 are being accepted. The deadline is Friday, December 12.

The 27 HIV-positive honorees to date are certainly impressive: Zackie Achmat, Alvin Ailey Jr., Reinaldo Arenas, John Boswell, Glenn Burke, Michael Callen, Tseng Kwong Chi, Michel Foucault, Rudy Galindo, Keith Haring, Bill T. Jones, Cleve Jones, Kiyoshi Kuromiya, Greg Louganis, Robert Mapplethorpe, Leonard Matlovich, Freddie Mercury, Paul Monette, Simon Nkoli, Marlon Riggs, Vito Russo, Randy Shilts, Lou Sullivan, Sylvester, Tom Waddell, Phill Wilson, and Pedro Zamora.

Sean Strub

Peter Staley

However, there do seem to be two names conspicuously absent: Peter Staley and Sean Strub. I admit to being totally biased about this, but I also think it happens to be true. Both of them should be on the list.

I submitted their nominations, but I encourage everyone to do the same. And, of course, there are countless more deserving HIV-positive LGBT folks to be nominated, so please submit those as well. Click here to submit.

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