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ONE ARCHIVES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES HAND IN HAND AN EVENING OF POETRY AND CONVERSATION Wednesday, August 17, 5:00 pm PT

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Los Angeles, CA — (August 2, 2022) – ONE Archives Foundation announced today Hand in Hand, an online event featuring traci kato-kiriyama and Imani Tolliver, copresented with Queer Biennial.

Hand in Hand will feature readings from new works by traci kato-kiriyama and Imani Tolliver, followed by an exchange between the two authors exploring themes such as intimacy, solidarity, and resonance over their creative practices. Together, traci and Imani will read from their most recent published works, Navigating With(out) Instruments and Runaway: A Memoir in Verse. This event brings together two, award-winning, Los Angeles-based artists, poets, and friends.

"We are excited to bring back two artists featured in *Pride Publics*, our 2021 public art exhibit curated by Rubén Esparza, who is the mastermind behind the Queer Biennial," said Umi Hsu, Director of Content Strategy at ONE Archives Foundation. "traci and Imani have each shared insights into healing and community in their published works. Their congenial spirit at the reading will offer a sense of comfort and belonging, much needed for the LGBTQ+ community in our time."

traci kato-kiriyama (they/she) is an award-winning transdisciplinary artist, recognized for their work as a writer/performer, theatre deviser, cultural producer, and community organizer, and the author of Navigating With(out) Instruments. Learn more at http://www.traciakemi.com/

Imani Tolliver (she/her) is an award-winning poet, artist, educator, and producer, and the author of Runaway: A Memoir in Verse. Learn more at https://imanitolliver.com

This event is a public program associated with the <u>2022 Queer Biennial</u>, dedicated to the memory of bell hooks. <u>Queer Biennial</u> is a Los Angeles-based, international survey focusing on the current moments in LGBTQ art and culture that showcases emerging, mid-career, and established artists.

This event is free with a suggested donation of \$10. Donations support programming organized by ONE Archives Foundation such as this event.

Registration information can be found at https://onearchives.org/handinhand

About ONE Archives Foundation

Founded in 1952, ONE Archives Foundation is the oldest active LGBTQ organization in the United States and is dedicated to telling the accurate stories and history of all LGBTQ people and their culture. As an independent nonprofit, ONE Archives Foundation promotes ONE Archives at the USC Libraries — the largest repository of LGBTQ materials in the world — and provides innovative educational initiatives, public exhibitions, and community programs.

The curatorial and educational choices made by ONE Archives Foundation are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional and authentic narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gendernonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes.

Learn more, donate and become a member at <u>onearchives.org</u>, and connect with ONE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @onearchives.

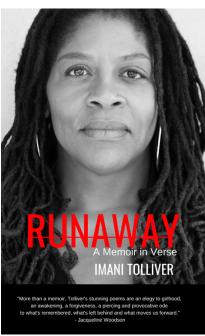
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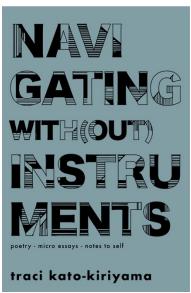
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Book Cover of Runaway by Imani Tolliver



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Book Cover of Navigating With(out) Instruments by traci kato-kiriyama



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