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Audre Lorde: Black,Feminist, Lesbian, Poet, Mother,Essayist, Activist.....

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I went to watch Audre Lorde : The Berlin years at the fringe festival 14/04/12.

My initial emotions about watching this documentary was excitement about meeting the lady whose words had been shaping me for the past two years.

I had read some texts of Lorde and truly felt amorous about her use of language to convey important messages of self love, courage, action, sisterhood, collectivism and identity politics. The film was introduced by Sara Ahmed professor in Race and cultural studies at goldsmiths university London, who certainly captured the moment of her and the audiences introduction to Audre Lorde....

The screen lit up with a smiling figure of woman confident cheeky and sassy. Audre felt familiar, like your neighbour full of extraordinary pearls of wisdom that your mum or aunt didn't give you, she was challenging and warm all at once , all the time pointing the finger back at those who asked questions of her.Lorde was so deeply connected to the need for us to live a self determined life, i love this, it was so inspiring watching her weaving safe spaces of expression and questioning for many who never thought about questioning before.

Throughout the documentary you saw the innate power of sisterhood and mentorship, passing on knowledge, embracing new. The coming together in this way forged new possibilities for those who felt insignificant, or a by product of circumstance. Audre was persistent in the need to document stories pushing the women to think about the women somewhere out there who needed to hear their versions to validate precarious "identities".

Audre Lorde's persistence inspired me to ask myself what i am doing to live a self determined life? It was a wonderful documentary, illuminating Lorde living her words. Magnificent!

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