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# 'Audre Lorde – The Berlin Years 1984 to 1992'

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This spring, <u>Third World Newsreel</u> will release *Audre Lorde-The Berlin Years* 1984 to 1992. The video examines Lorde's little known activist work in Berlin.

The press material for the DVD states:

2012 marks the 20th anniversary of Audre Lorde's passing, the acclaimed Black feminist lesbian poet and activist. Throughout the 70s and 80s, Lorde's incisive writings and speeches defined and inspired the women of color, feminist and LGBT social justice movements in the United States.

AUDRE LORDE – THE BERLIN YEARS 1984 TO 1992 explores a little-known chapter of the writer's prolific life, a period in which she helped ignite the Afro-German Movement and made lasting contributions to the German political and cultural scene before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the German reunification.

Lorde mentored and encouraged Black German women to write and publish as a way of asserting their identities, rights and culture in a society that isolated and silenced them, while challenging white German women to acknowledge their white

privilege. As Lorde wrote in her book Our Dead Behind Us: Poems, "It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."

AUDRE LORDE – THE BERLIN YEARS 1984 TO 1992 contains previously unreleased audiovisual material from director Dagmar Schultz's personal archive, showing Lorde on and off stage. With testimony from Lorde's colleagues, students and friends, this film documents Lorde's lasting legacy in Germany.

To learn more about the DVD click <u>here</u>.

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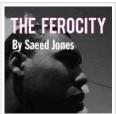
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