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Love Your B&P Families



*Pictured from left: Marsha P. Johnson, Monica Roberts, Dominique Morgan*

Ang R. Bennett

## About the Artist:

Ang is an Omaha-based mixed media artist, curator, and advocate. They are a 2020 Young, Black, and Influential award recipient for Creativity. Ang represented the state of Nebraska in the Mana Urban Arts Get out the Vote poster campaign. Their art practice focuses on past and present themes of racial inequity, class privilege, and LGBTQIA2S+ identities.

"I wanted to showcase women throughout history on the frontlines of equity and justice by any means necessary; women who were and are full of light and love, while also being a strong force. I also wanted to honor the memory of our most recently departed, Monica Roberts. Thank you to Black & Pink for entrusting me with this project." -Ang Bennett

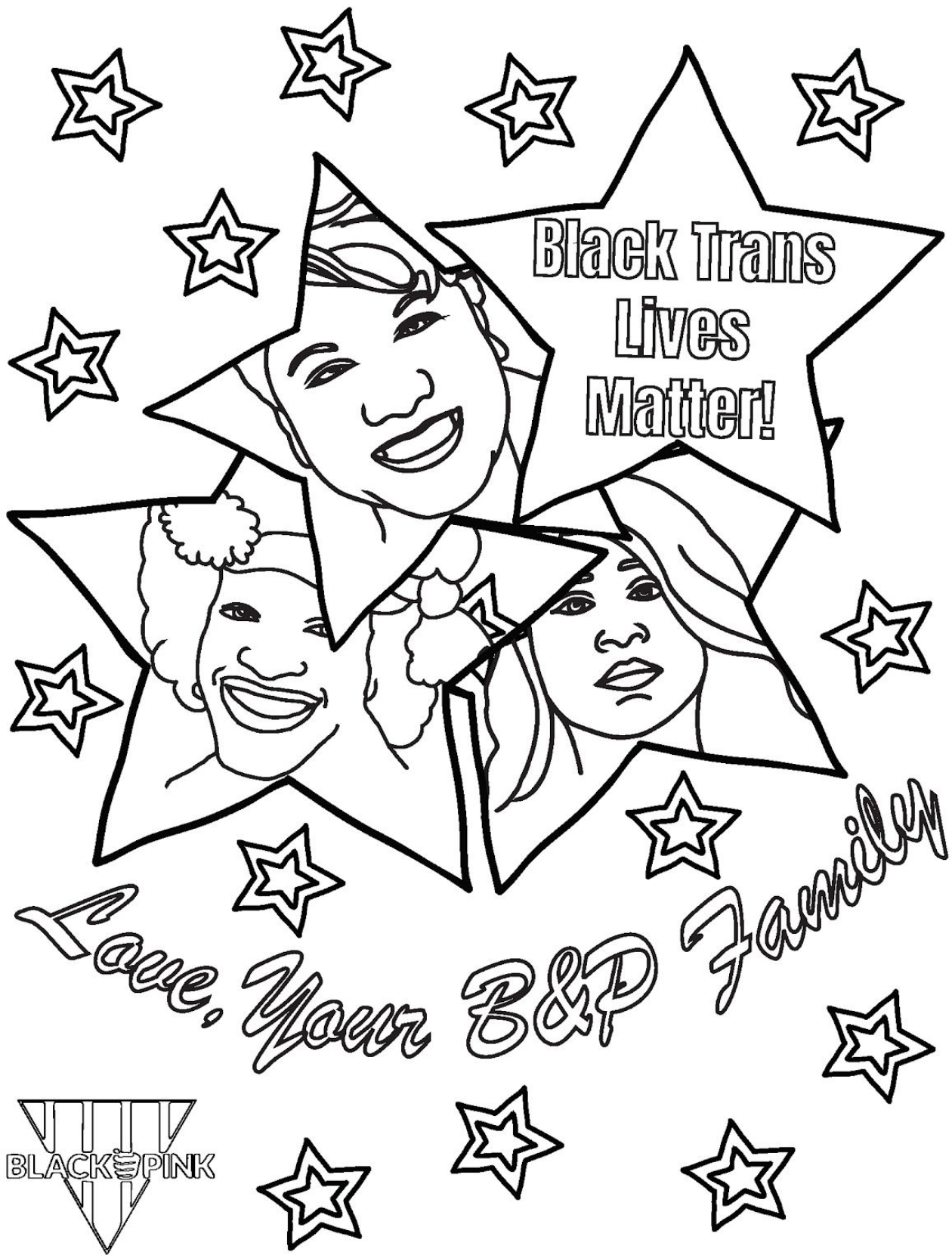
## Pictured:

**Marsha P. "Pay It No Mind" Johnson** was a Black transgender woman who was an LGBTQ rights activist and an outspoken advocate for trans people of color- she was an LGBTQ and Civil Rights Icon. She led the Stonewall Uprising in 1969 and along with Sylvia Rivera, she later established the Street Transvestite (now Transgender) Action Revolutionaries (STAR), a group committed to helping homeless transgender youth in New York City.

**Monica Roberts** was a Black transgender blogger, writer, and transgender rights advocate. She was the founding editor of TransGriot, a blog focusing on issues pertaining to trans women, particularly Black women and other women of color. Monica was one of the first journalists to report the murders of trans women of color, and provided a blueprint for the national media on how to report about trans people with sensitivity and empathy.

**Dominique Morgan** (She/Her) is an award-winning artist, activist, and TEDx speaker. As the Executive Director of Black & Pink, the largest prison abolitionist organization in the United States, she works daily to dismantle the systems that perpetuate violence on LGBTQ/GNC people and individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Partnering her lived experience of being impacted by mass incarceration (including 18 months in solitary confinement), with a decade of change-making artistry, advocacy, and background in public health, she continues to work in spaces of sex education, radical self-care, and transformative youth development with intentions of dismantling the prison industrial complex and its impact on our communities.

## Some Holiday Love from the Outside:



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Family,

Happy Holidays to you all. I know this time of year can feel sad and difficult inside. I remember sweating off holidays (except my Birthday and Howard's Day) because, what was the point?

I can tell you that hindsight is a gift and I realize that part of my thought process was flawed.

The power of celebration, the magic of joy and the light of hope are available everywhere. Now, there are places that we must curate these things more than others for them to come to fruition, but the possibility is there.

These systems seek to separate us from that which fuels our spirit - family (biological or found), hopes, and dreams.

We at Black & Pink National want to send a bit of light to you no matter where you are.

You are loved. You are thought about. Your needs are being considered daily by people you may never meet. Your life is important and many people are better because you exist.

I personally am thankful for you.

11 years ago, in the middle of November, I had no idea that after being home for less than 12 months, my mother would pass away in a few weeks. That I'd become the guardian of my youngest sister and be pushed to figure out what my purpose on this Earth was.

Through Black & Pink and the incredible souls I've encountered over the last 3 years, I've changed for the better. I have a reason to get up in the morning. I understand my purpose and the reason for my lived experience. I walked into my full body and ownership of my womanhood.

Y'all are the biggest gift ever.

I pray that we are doing the work to show up for you all while you're inside and when you return to us in community.

**This art was specifically created for you** by an incredible Black Queer artist named Ang Bennett (They/Them) from Omaha, NE.

May you hold on to the joy you deserve. May your birthright of hope stay prevalent. May you know you're loved truly.

Until next time.

With love and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DM", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dominique Morgan  
Executive Director, Black & Pink National  
Omaha, Nebraska