

LGBTQ+ RIGHTS in Poland

THE SO-CALLED



ARE ESTABLISHED ALL AROUND POLAND

A QUEER ACTIVIST AND FILMMAKER, **Bart Staszewski**, BEGINS A PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT, WHERE HE PORTRAYS LGBTQ+ POLISH PEOPLE ALONGSIDE "LGBT-free Zone" SIGNS

QUEER TOUR

AN INFORMAL *activist collective* ORGANIZES EDUCATIONAL STREET EVENTS IN "LGBT-FREE" DECLARED TOWNS



25 PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR ATTACKING PARTICIPANTS OF EQUALITY MARCH IN **Lublin**, SOME OF THEM CAUGHT WITH HOME-MADE EXPLOSIVES



VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE Equality March IN **BIALYSTOK**



NATION- AND WORLDWIDE COMMUNITIES SHOW *solidarity* WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY OF BIALYSTOK

IN 2019-2020 DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER **Jarostaw Kaczyński** SAYS LGBTQ+ PEOPLE ARE "A THREAT TO POLAND"

PRESIDENT **Andrzej Duda** SAYS,

"LGBT IS NOT people, IT'S AN ideology"

ARCHBISHOP **Jędraszewski** CALLS EFFORTS FOR THE EQUALITY OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE A "RAINBOW PLAGUE"

AUGUST 7

Margot,

A MEMBER OF STOP NONSENSE COLLECTIVE, IS PLACED IN PRE-TRIAL DETENTION FOR TWO MONTHS ON CHARGES OF ASSAULTING A DRIVER OF A HOMOPHOBIC VAN

2019

IN 2019, **24** EQUALITY MARCHES WERE HELD ACROSS POLAND



THE "Stop Pedophilia" CAMPAIGN SEEKS TO LABEL SEX EDUCATORS AND LGBTQ PEOPLE AS PEDOPHILES

SECRET POLICE CONDUCT **MASS ARRESTS** OF LGBTQ+ POLES

1985-1987 *operation Hyacinth*



IT'S UNKNOWN HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE APPREHENDED BY THE POLICE THROUGH OPERATION HYACINTH BUT THERE ARE **11,000** SURVIVING FILES DOCUMENTING ARRESTS

2001

POLAND'S FIRST Equality Parade GATHERS CA. 300 ATTENDANTS IN WARSAW

World War II

LGBTQ+ PRISONERS OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS ARE FORCED TO WEAR **PINK TRIANGLE BADGES** FOR IDENTIFICATION

sketchnote: *Magda Rysnijska*

NATHALIE KORNET, JOHN LYONS, SABRINA SLIPCHENKO, IGA SZLENDAK

2020 HUMANITY IN ACTION WARSAW FELLOWSHIP

HUMANITY IN ACTION POLAND

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2020

"Polish Stonewall"

THE AFTERMATH OF MARGOT'S ARREST:

"THE POLICE WERE AGGRESSIVELY PUSHING THE PROTESTERS OUT OF THE WAY, KNOCKING PEOPLE TO THE GROUND AND HOLDING THEM DOWN WITH THEIR BOOTS"

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA 2020

1/3 OF Poland

SOME 100 municipalities DECLARE THEMSELVES "FREE FROM THE LGBT IDEOLOGY"

in 2021...

STILL NO MARRIAGE EQUALITY

NO CIVIC PARTNERSHIPS

NO RIGHTS TO ADOPT CHILDREN FOR LGBTQ+ PERSONS

NO LAWS PROTECTING THEM FROM DISCRIMINATION

NO CONVERSION THERAPY BAN

THE GENDER AFFIRMATION PROCESS REMAINS * LONG * HUMILIATING * EXPENSIVE

66%

OF POLES OPPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH CENTER 2019

67%

OPPOSE SAME-SEX COUPLES' PUBLICLY SHOWING THEIR WAY OF LIVING