

## **Famous Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People** **LGBT**

**1. James Baldwin: 1924 – 1987**

African-American novelist, playwright and civil rights activist. Baldwin's work deals with issues related to being black and gay. He is best known for his novel Go Tell It on the Mountain.

**2. Elton John: 1947 – present**

An English pop/rock singer, composer and pianist. Elton John, who is openly gay, wrote the music for "The Lion King" and is one of the most successful musical artists of all time.

**3. Ellen DeGeneres: 1958 – present**

An openly American lesbian actress, stand-up comedian, and currently the Emmy Award-winning host of the syndicated talk show "The Ellen DeGeneres Show".

**4. Chistiana Aguilera: 1980 – present**

An openly bisexual American pop singer and songwriter. She came to prominence following her debut album Christina Aguilera, which was a critical and commercial success.

**5. Tammy Baldwin: 1962 – present**

First American woman elected to Congress from the state of Wisconsin. She was also the first ever openly gay politician to be elected to the House of Representatives.

**6. Walt Whitman: 1819 – 1892**

A gay American poet, essayist, journalist and humanist. He was proclaimed the "greatest of all American poets" by many foreign observers a mere four years after his death.

**7. Lance Bass: 1979 – present**

An American singer best known from the former pop group N\*Sync. He came out in 2006 on the front page cover article of People magazine.

**8. Rudy Galindo: 1969 – present**

**An openly gay male Mexican American figure skater who won the 1988 World Junior championship and the U.S. senior championships in 1989 and 1990.**

**9. Harvey Milk: 1930 – 1978**

**The first openly gay politician elected to office in the city of San Francisco as a Supervisor. He championed the rights of gay people throughout the City, State and Nation. He was killed, along with Mayor Moscone by a disgruntled colleague.**

**10. Jose Zuniga: 1970 – present**

**American Army veteran named the 1992 Soldier of the Year. Six weeks later he came out as a gay man. As a result of this he was no longer allowed to remain in the Army.**

**11. Sheryl Swoopes: 1971 – present**

**An African-American lesbian professional basketball player in the Women's Nations Basketball Association (WBNA). As a three time Olympic Gold Medalist and WBNA MVP, Swoopes is the most recognizable athlete to come out in a team sport.**