

# 48 HOURS OF SONG ATLANTA CREATING CHANGE 2013

## FRIDAY

9 AM: **The South: God, Sex, and Politics**

<http://goqnotes.com/20637/back-in-dixie-creating-change-attracts-southerners/>

7:30 PM: **20th Anniversary Kickoff** honoring the Founders + reflecting on why SONG is so needed in this moment—200 people gather to celebrate the inter-generational dream and reality of SONG

"What does SONG mean to me as we celebrate 20 years? SONG saves lives. We love our people in a way that is rare and precious - because we are our people. And SONG makes real on the whispers + dreams and reimagining what is possible in the midst of sorrow, violence. SONG is a balm for southern souls."

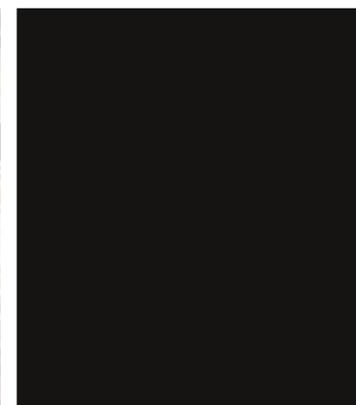


SONG Founders at 20th Anniversary Reception

"SONG is a political and social and spiritual home—not like Robert Frost described—the place where when you have to go there, they have to take you in' - --but the place and the people who really want you right here, right now, because there's a world for us to change together"

—Suzanne Pharr

10:30 PM – 1:30 AM: **Queer Liberation One Night at a Time** with Shirlette Ammons + DJ Lynnee Denise who brought the house down @ Pal's Lounge – with a night full of sweaty beautiful LGBTQ people bringing sexy back in a safe, inter-generational, multi-racial, loving way



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## SATURDAY

**7AM: SONG staff learn** that SONG and Co-Director, Paulina Helm-Hernandez is quoted in the New York Times. The love and hate mail begins to roll in.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/26/us/politics/at-gay-conference-applause-for-obama-is-spirited-but-wary.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/26/us/politics/at-gay-conference-applause-for-obama-is-spirited-but-wary.html?_r=0)



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**10 AM: The full SONG staff meet our newest SONG member!** The lovely baby Porter Lee. Porter's mama is SONG staff Mary Hooks – who will be returning to SONG fulltime this February!

**12:30PM: Paulina Helm-Hernandez** speaks truth to power in Immigration Plenary moderated by Jose Antonio Vargas.

**CLICK TO WATCH:**

[http://www.livestream.com/thetaskforce/video?clipId=pla\\_bb27c61e-6315-4ff5-be4c-625a66819f4c&utm\\_source=library&utm\\_medium=ui-thumb](http://www.livestream.com/thetaskforce/video?clipId=pla_bb27c61e-6315-4ff5-be4c-625a66819f4c&utm_source=library&utm_medium=ui-thumb)

**4PM: Queering Small Spaces**--Over 60 people from around the country attended SONG's workshop facilitated by SONG members, board members and staff - kicking off SONG's Rural Organizing Program

"When I think about the redemption and reconciliation that it takes to build BeLoved Community (in rural places) I have to remember that this place that I love may not love me back in the same way. I have to reconcile that every day especially if I'm not going to have a community of queer folks on the regular, but I also remember that this place is where we can count on each other."

-Shorlette Ammons

## SUNDAY

Queer crowds disperse and SONG teams go to all our different homes to rest, wake, and continue the work anew.....