Fresh Meat Festival

It's that time again when Sean Dorsey brings tranny and queer performers for a love feast of dance, humor, music theater, and just about any other form of performance you could want. Most remarkable perhaps is how the Fresh Meat Festival — a tiny, local event only a few years ago — has grown into a national forum for often very polished performers who stick their necks out in every direction. Part of the festival's fun is people-watching; some audience members' get-ups nearly rival what's seen on stage. Highlights from the lineup include world premieres of Dorsey's take on Craigslist's Missed Connections, Annie Danger's media-style life coaching session, and SoliRose's music-theater reflections about life in the Middle East. (Rita Falciano)

Thurs/17-Sat/19, 8 p.m.; Sun/20, 7 p.m., $17–$20

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