



When Queers Had to Stay in the Closet, They Still Made It Work: *The Secret History of Love*

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Despite all the video games, baked potato bars, and racquetball leagues in our great country, it seems people still care about love. We salute your lizard brain pursuits! You know who hasn't always had easy access to love? Queer people. Homophobia written into law and people's minds has meant a threatened existence for queers in our past, and sadly, in our present. Despite the terrible threat and violence a prejudiced society presented,

plenty of folks found creative ways to live out their nontraditional gender expressions, drag personas, and same-sex love.

Choreographer Sean Dorsey -- after two years of intensive interviews with LGBT elders -- collects these inspiring tales in *The Secret History of Love*, which starts a four-day run tonight at [Dance Mission Theater](#).

As new generations of queers rise and older generations pass on, it's important to document these courageous and powerful stories of love, family, and the strength of spirit a person can summon under duress. The performance celebrates and mourns what has transpired before us, and it gives you new fodder for the pursuit of joy.

The Secret History of Love runs March 29-April 1 at Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24th St. (at Mission), S.F. Admission is \$15-\$25.