

EXPERIENCE

THE SECRET HISTORY OF LOVE

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LGBT history has long remained an untold story in the American landscape. The plights and desires of the community's members, forced into the underground by a myriad of inane laws, endures as a fascinating—but almost invisible—tale.

The Secret History of Love, presented by San Francisco-based [Sean Dorsey Dance](#) and commissioned by [The Theater Offensive](#), aims to enlighten audiences on the queer and transgender community's past via dance theater and recollections from those who have personally lived it.

"[Sean Dorsey Dance] looked at the thematic trends of the different pieces and what touched them from the different stories, how they fit together," says Executive Artistic Director Abe Rybeck. "There was so much in each individual story that seemed to relate [to] somebody else's ... and they found a narrative."

The various stories exhibited in *Secret History* are in actuality personal anecdotes from queer and transgender seniors, including, but not limited to, those in the Jamaica Plain and South End neighborhoods.

Secret History doesn't set out to exhibit black and white historical events, but rather living, breathing experiences.



"It's focusing on people who were figuring out how to find each other and find love when it was literally criminal," says Rybeck.

"And I think in some surprising ways you realize just what our community has gone through to get where we are ... but also how much we've lost in all that. There's some mourning to do, but there's also celebrating to do."

Opening night will also see recognized transgender activist/community organizer Gunner Scott receive the Theater Offensive's "Out on the Edge Award" for his recent efforts for the passage of the Massachusetts Transgender Equal Rights Bill this past November.

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