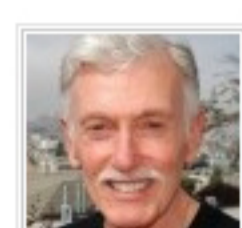


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Vogue Evolution and Emily Vasquez to headline Fresh Meat Festival, June 15-17


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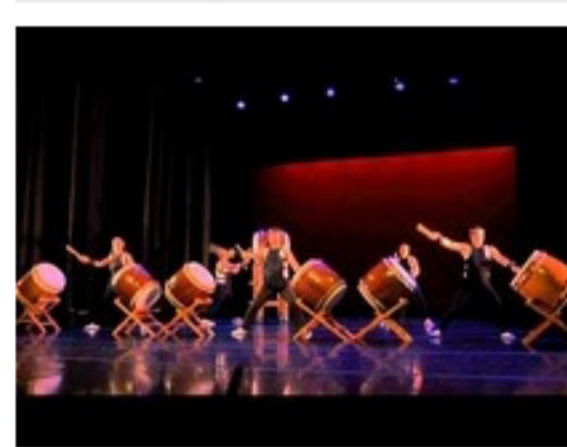
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Video: 2012 Fresh Meat Festival Trailer

The **2012 Fresh Meat Festival**, the nation's premiere transgender and queer performance festival, celebrates its 10th Anniversary with a move to the gorgeous art-deco Brava Theater. The event is featuring a world-premiere collaboration between America's Best Dance Crew superstars [Vogue Evolution](#) and [Emily Vasquez](#) of *The Glee Project* and *American Idol* fame. And the hot cherry on top of this star-studded lineup? International drag superstar Miss Barbie Q! The star-studded lineup of international LGBT artists includes US-European trapeze star Cohdi Harrell (New Mexico/Europe), US Same-Sex Ballroom champions Willem DeVries and Kumu Keali'i (LA), and the very popular company [Sean Dorsey Dance](#).

Death-defying-trapeze, fierce all-female taiko, world-class voguing, international drag superstars, queer pas de deux, and the best in transsexual humor are just a few of the highlights of the 2012 Fresh Meat Festival. This year, the outrageously popular transgender and queer performance festival is bursting at the seams with world-class acts and award-winners. The Guest Artists also include Michael Walker (Los Angeles), Taiko Ren, Shawna Virago, Natasha Muse and Storm Miguel Florez.

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Fresh Meat Festival Artistic Director Sean Dorsey says, "We are bringing our audiences the very best of the best – from the East Coast, the West Coast and the high desert. This lineup is absolutely stunning and will literally take our audiences' breath away! The Fresh Meat Festival is going to be the place to be this June. A huge move to an historic theater, a star-studded lineup of world-class artists, DJs, parties. We are celebrating First Class all the way! The performances range from hot to heartwarming, from hilarious to deeply moving. And we are ecstatic to have superstars like Dashaun and Jor-el from Vogue Evolution, Emily Vasquez and Miss Barbie-Q! Where else can you get these internationally-acclaimed, incredible artists all on ONE bill? There is truly something for everyone in this Festival. Young or old, LGBT or straight, hip or traditional, there's something for you at Fresh Meat. Everyone is welcome! Our audiences are the most amazing mix of people from every community and every walk of life."

The 2012 Fresh Meat Festival commissioned a history-making world-premiere: a collaboration between members of Vogue Evolution and Emily Vasquez. Vogue Evolution is New York City's premier vogue dance company and is comprised of some of the most respected and creative leaders in the House/Ballroom scene. Their mission is to both entertain and educate world audiences about House/Ballroom culture, which emerged during the Harlem Renaissance and for decades has influenced pop culture and media. The House-Ballroom Scene is a culture of celebration, competition and unity, where house members from all over the country gather and compete at events called "Balls" in different categories such as: Face, Runway, and the ever-popular Vogue.

The 2012 Fresh Meat Festival will feature **Prince Jor-el Rios**, a professionally trained Latin Ballroom Dancer who has been performing around world since the age of 8. Prince began Vogue competitively at the age of 15 and quickly became one of the supreme competitors of his generation. Also, **Dashaun Williams**, a model, actor, dancer and writer, whose It was vogue competition footage started the "5,000" phenomena. Along with appearances in commercials for Coca-Cola and print ad for various clothing designers, Dashaun's experience has played an essential role in Vogue Evolution's development.

Emily Vasquez is making her San Francisco debut at the 2012 Fresh Meat Festival. She has gained international acclaim on *The Glee Project* and *American Idol*. Vasquez began her career officially at the age of 12, performing as Ti Moune in the Off Broadway production of *Once on This Island*. She has won and competed in several *Amateur Nights at the Apollo*. Then at 18, she got her big break being cast in the ensemble of the Las Vegas production of *Mama Mia*.

Performances take place at the Brava Theater (2781 24th Street @ York, San Francisco). Performance times are: Friday, June 15th at 8:00 pm; Saturday, June 16th at 8:00 pm; and Sunday, June 17th at 7:00 pm which also includes ASL interpretation. Post-show receptions every night with DJ Miz Rowdy, photo booth, refreshments and more!

Advance tickets are recommended for this highly-anticipated 3-night-only event.

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