



*The Secret History of Love*

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## UNEASY SPEAK

Sean Dorsey, openly transgender choreographer, winner of two Isadora Duncan awards, and one of Dance Magazine's "Top 25 to Watch" in 2010, continues his project of making modern dance narratives about queer experience. Dorsey conducted two years of archival and oral history research to produce *The Secret History of Love*, which chronicles covert love in the LGBT community, from outlawed affairs in 1920s speakeasies to wartime flings, from first love to hate violence to long-lasting relationships. Dorsey's four dancers cross the stage to a score that

features recorded voices of LGBT elders, as well as the live music of Dorsey's transgender partner, Shawna Virago. The free, organic physicality of the human body in motion and the multitude of expressions delimited in the human touch present a poignant contrast to the spoken narratives of repression and secrecy. After a sold-out premiere in San Francisco in 2012 and a 20-city national tour, Sean Dorsey Dance returns to San Francisco at Dance Mission Theater for one weekend only.

Sean Dorsey Dance presents *The Secret History of Love* at 8 p.m. March 28-29 and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 30-31 at Dance Mission Theater, 3313 24th St., S.F. Tickets are \$15-\$25; visit [seandors-eydance.com](http://seandors-eydance.com). IRENE HSIAO