

## Fresh Meat Festival celebrates 15 years

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Jahaira Fajardo and Angelica Medina in the Fresh Meat Festival.

It would be enough to say that the Fresh Meat Festival, which kicks off at Z Space this weekend, is celebrating 15 years of powerful, funny and dazzling transgender and queer performances, but that wouldn't quite capture the variety of artists participating in the three-day event.

Spearheaded by **Sean Dorsey**, whose company has brought stories from the queer community to vibrant life, the Fresh Meat lineup includes the dance troupe **Axis Dance Company** as well as trans singer-songwriters like Shawna Virago, Star Amerasu and StormMiguel Florez. Dancers **Jahaira Fajardo** and Angelica Medina will offer queer bachata dance, transgender singer **Breanna Sinclairé** performs opera and North American same-sex ballroom champions Robbie Tristan and **Ernesto Palmer** will heat up the dance floor. There will also be a post-show reception each night.

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**15th Annual Fresh Meat Festival:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 16-18. \$15 sliding scale. Z Space, 450 Florida St., S.F. [www.freshmeatproductions.org](http://www.freshmeatproductions.org)

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