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Fresh Meat Festival Brings Top-Notch LGBTQ+ Performers to Z Space

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The Singing Bois perform at the 2019 Fresh Meat Festival June 20-22 at Z Space. *(Courtesy of the Singing Bois)*

Acclaimed choreographer and trans activist Sean Dorsey's [Fresh Meat Festival](#) is an opportunity to experience the cutting edge of Bay Area dance, music, comedy, theater and more, featuring a slate of diverse artists from the LGBTQ+ community.

This year's edition takes place June 20–22 at [Z Space](#) in San Francisco, and stars vogue ensemble [kNOwShade](#); [Axis Dance](#), which spotlights dancers with disabilities;

bachata champions (and life partners) [Jahaira Fajardo and Angelica Medina](#); deaf dance trailblazer [Antoine Hunter](#); and, of course, [Sean Dorsey Dance](#). On the musical front, electro-pop singer-songwriter [Ah Mer Ah Su](#) performs her spellbinding, synth-driven tracks. Audiences will also hear from retro quartet [the Singing Bois](#), folk-punk artist [Shawna Virago](#), R&B singer [Tajah J](#), [Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus](#) and [New Voices Bay Area TIGQ Chorus](#).

[J Mase III](#) and [Randy Ford](#) take on topics like colonial and domestic violence through poetry and dance; [Javier Stell-Fresquez](#) and [Ivy Monteiro](#) team up for a gender-bending performance art piece; and Lottie Riot takes the mic for a stand-up comedy set.

All three evenings are hosted by filmmaker Annalise Ophelian, director of [Major!](#), a documentary about the legendary trans activist Miss Major Griffin-Gracy. [DJ Frida Ibarra](#) spins house, cumbia, techno, pop and more for the after party.



The performances feature ASL interpretation and are wheelchair accessible, and there is a scent-reduced seating area. More details about Fresh Meat Festival can be found at www.freshmeatproductions.org.