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Fresh Meat Festival 2020 showcases transgender & queer music, dance, performance

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In previous years, the annual Fresh Meat Festival's been sold out, so this year the 19th annual diverse shows of transgender and queer performance, music and dance offers a bonus; everyone gets a front row seat! Online, that is.

Streaming June 18-27, the 19th annual multi-disciplinary arts festival of transgender and queer performance offers five programs of dance, theater and live music. All programs will be viewable on Vimeo, and will be Closed Captioned for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing audiences.

Five different #reFRESH programs feature performance highlights from our previous festivals, and bring a feast of gorgeous, groundbreaking, bold, beautiful artistry.

From vogue dancers to gender-bending boy bands, transgender opera, sizzling hip-hop, gay ballroom stars, queer bomba dance & music, wordsmith poets, disabled dance pioneers, to gravity-defying trapeze, more than 30 artists and ensembles are among the 2020 acts.

Artistic Director Sean Dorsey, the festival curator, and Artistic Director/Choreographer of Sean Dorsey Dance, said, "We're incredibly excited: audiences have never before had access to our exquisite archive of past festival performances. This is an extraordinary opportunity to experience and re-experience these artists — a total of 31 artists and ensembles."

Program 1 - June 18

kNOWSHADE Vogue Ensemble (with Dena Stanley, Mother of the House of Mizrahi)

Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu

Amir Rabiya

Robbie Tristan & Ernesto Palma

StormMiguel Florez

Sean Dorsey Dance

Star Amerasu

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Toby MacNutt

House of Energi

Program #2 — Fri June 19

(featuring past festival performances)

Maikaze Daiko (with guest artists RayRay Ebor and Kristy Oshiro)

Jahaira & Angelica

AXIS Dance Company

Elena Rose

Embodiment Project

Shawna Virago

Toby MacNutt

Tajah J

Cohdi Harrell

Mind Over Matter

reFRESH Program #3 — Sat June 20

(featuring past festival performances)

Jahaira & Angelica

Devi Peacock

Breanna Sinclair

Robbie Tristan & Ernesto Palma
Shawna Virago
Sean Dorsey Dance
The Singing Bois
The Barbary Coast Cloggers
Tajah J
AXIS Dance Company
Elena Rose
Taller Bombalele

reFRESH Program #4 and #5
available for viewing June 18-27
(featuring 2019 festival performances)

Program #4
Jahaira & Angelica
J Mase III & Randy Ford
Star Amerasu
The Singing Bois
Sean Dorsey Dance
Javier Stell-Fresquez & Ivy Monteiro
New Voices Bay Area TIGQ Chorus

Program #5
Gay Asian and Pacific Islander Men's Chorus
Lottie Riot
AXIS Dance Company
Shawna Virago
Antoine Hunter
Tajah J
kNOwSHADE Vogue Ensemble (with Dena Stanley, Mother of the House of Mizrahi)

All programs this year are free, but donations will be accepted.

Find out more at <http://freshmeatproductions.org>.

Watch trailers and more on the [Fresh Meat YouTube Channel](#).