

FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL of Transgender & Queer Performance Goes Online!

Thursday, June 18, 2020



Fans of transgender and queer live performance rejoice: the wildly-popular annual FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL is moving online this year—and all tickets are completely FREE!

“This year’s Festival is an act of love *and* resistance,” explains Fresh Meat Artistic Director Sean Dorsey. “Our communities are enduring a pandemic crisis; are rising up in solidarity, rebellion, and resistance against police violence and white supremacy; and many are experiencing isolation and financial devastation ... all while we have fewer opportunities for us to connect and nourish each other.”

This is why festival organizers expanded the festival, and why all tickets are completely free this year.

June 18–27, the 19th annual festival of transgender and queer performance comes into your home—offering five programs of dance, theater, and live music. All programs will be viewable on Vimeo, and all programs will be Closed Captioned for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing audiences.

The 2020 FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL offers five different “reFRESH” Programs that feature performance highlights from previous festivals—offering online audiences a feast of gorgeous,

groundbreaking, bold, beautiful artistry.

What can audiences expect? Jaw-dropping vogue, gender-bending boy bands, transgender opera, sizzling hip-hop, gay ballroom stars, queer bomba dance & music, wordsmith poets, disabled dance pioneers, gravity-defying trapeze and more will take center stage at the 2020 FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL.

Dorsey curated these special #reFRESH programs—and says, “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!”



The festival’s Production Coordinator Eric Garcia adds, “We know our communities have more time at home and less access to transgender, gender-nonconforming and queer performance right now, so we’ve expanded the festival to offer five programs featuring glorious highlights from past festivals.”

These reFRESH programs will also offer a taste of the in-person FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL experience: audiences will still be able to enter their name in to win a door prize (a Fresh Meat tradition), and listen to FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL House DJ Frida Ibarra spin custom tunes.

Dorsey explains, “People must register in advance for a free ticket to any program. Then, the day of that program, we’ll email them a private Vimeo link. We’ll also email them a link to an exclusive Fresh Meat SoundCloud mix by the amazing DJ La Frida! People can get into the mood with Frida’s music mix beforehand, or celebrate afterwards with it!”

The 2020 FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL features some of the Bay Area and the nation’s most innovative transgender, gender-nonconforming and queer artists, featuring performances by: Amir Rabiya, Antoine Hunter, AXIS Dance Company, Blackberri, Breanna Sinclair, Cohdi Harrell, Devi Peacock, Elena Rose, Embodiment Project, Gay Asian and Pacific Islander Men’s Chorus, House of Energi, J Mase III & Randy Ford, Jahaira Fajardo & Angelica Medina, Javier Stell-Fresquez & Ivy Monteiro, kNowSHADE Vogue Ensemble (with Dena Stanley, Mother of the House of Mizrahi), Lottie Riot, Maikaze Daiko (with guest artists Ray Ray Ebor and Kristy Oshiro), Mind Over Matter, Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu, New Voices Bay Area TIGQ Chorus, Robbie Tristan & Ernesto Palma, Sean Dorsey Dance, Shawna Virago, Star Amerasu, StormMiguel Florez, Tajah J, Taller Bombalele, The Barbary Coast Cloggers, The Singing Bois, Toby MacNutt, and House DJ—DJ La Frida!

The FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL is the only event of its kind in North America—and is celebrated for its world-class artistry and sold-out crowds.

Now in its 19th season, Fresh Meat Productions is a San Francisco-based nonprofit that invests in the creative expression and cultural leadership of transgender and gender-nonconforming communities through year-round programs.

Fresh Meat Productions' programs include the annual FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL, resident dance company Sean Dorsey Dance's home season and national touring, FRESH WORKS! artist commissions, a national education program TRANSform Dance, and national LGBTQI+ community residencies.

During COVID-19 and shelter-in-place, Fresh Meat is converting all of its programs to be online—watch for the upcoming #stayFRESHatHOME video series!

Remember: You must register for your free tickets in advance! Visit the Fresh Meat Productions website (<http://freshmeatproductions.org/>) to see the artist lineup, to register for tickets, get access information, and more.

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June 18–27, 2020

Program #1 (featuring past festival artists): available for viewing **Thursday, June 18, only**

Program #2 (featuring past festival artists): available for viewing **Friday, June 19, only**

Program #3 (featuring past festival artists): available for viewing **Saturday, June 20, only**

Program #4 and #5 (featuring 2019 festival artists): available for viewing **June 18–27!**

Tickets: FREE

Tickets/Info/Artist Lineup: <http://freshmeatproductions.org/fresh-meat-festival-2020/>

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