

FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL Returns With World-Class Trans and Queer Performance

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Iman Fresh Meat Festival Courtesy Photo

The wildly popular FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL of Trans & Queer Performance will be back this June 21–23 with world-class dance, theater, and live music. The 23rd annual festival will return to the Mission District’s gorgeous Z Space theater—and all performances are ASL interpreted.



Ishami Dance Company Fresh Meat Festival Courtesy Photo

What can the audience expect this year? “Voguing superstars, Deaf theater visionaries, queer Salsa champions, Trans-Americana music, taiko, hip-hop, comedy, South Asian contemporary dance, Bomba music and dance, and more!” says Artistic Director Sean Dorsey.

Dorsey adds, “We are also thrilled to present the world premiere of all-new works commissioned especially for the festival by our 2024 FRESH WORKS! Commissioned artists: LBXX, Christopher Smith, Lady Dane Figueroa Edidi and Mark Travis Rivera.”



Lottie Riot Fresh Meat Festival Courtesy Photo

Fresh Meat Productions' Managing Director Eric Garcia says, "This year's festival is incredibly exciting because it's not just about showcasing outstanding trans and queer artists; it's about queering art forms, queering narratives, and queering community."

Dorsey shares, "Each act is a testament to our community's creativity and resilience, providing gorgeous possibility models, and celebrating our community in all its forms. Not only is it a celebration of our collective journey and the power of art to inspire change, but it's also a really good show!"



Lak'ech Dance Monarchs Fresh Meat Festival Courtesy Photo

At a time of brutal attacks on trans and queer communities, the 2024 FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL is just the medicine our communities need.

Garcia agrees, "The FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL has always been and continues to be about liberation. Through our art, we reclaim our voices, our bodies, and our dreams. We resist erasure and celebrate our existence unapologetically."

Dorsey says, "These performances are acts of defiance and beauty, and declarations of our right to joy and freedom."



Sean Dorsey Dance Fresh Meat Festival Courtesy Photo

The full festival lineup is: Batey Tambó, Christopher Smith, Ka'Lonji Moschino Escada, Iman, Ishami Dance Company, Lady Dane Figueroa Edidi LBXX, Lottie Riot, In Lak'ech Dance Monarchs, Mark Travis Rivera Queer Taiko, Sean Dorsey Dance, Shawna Virago, and all hosted by femmee Churro Nomi.

Audiences will also be treated to music sets by DJ Dreams, and there will also be the popular FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL photo booth. The festival is produced by Fresh Meat Productions, which is co-led by Dorsey and Garcia.



Shawna Virago Fresh Meat Festival Courtesy Photo

The FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL is the only event of its kind in the country, and is celebrated for its world-class artistry and sold-out crowds. The FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL’s celebration of trans and gender-nonconforming and queer artistry is especially powerful in the face of more than 550 anti-transgender bills in 42 states this year.

KN95 masks will be provided and required. ASL Interpretation will be provided at all performances. The Z Space theater is wheelchair accessible and has all-gender bathrooms.

“Lots of people consider our festival to be their Pride weekend,” Dorsey enthuses. “It’s like a huge family reunion—there is so much joy and celebration in the air at the festival. People look forward to it all year long.”

Check out this preview at YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3Vygpie>



Ka'Lonji Moschino Escada Fresh Meat Festival Courtesy Photo

2024 FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL

June 21–23, 2024

Program A: Friday, June 21 @ 8 pm + Saturday, June 22 @ 2 pm

Program B: Saturday, June 22 @ 8 pm + Sunday, June 23 @ 2 pm

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