

'Fresh Meat' performance fest debuts Tues.

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It hasn't yet opened, but already the new tranny and queer performance festival, "Fresh Meat," is being talked about as history in the making.

On Tuesday, June 25, and Wednesday, June 26, Fresh Meat debuts at the ODC Theater at 17th and Shotwell at 8 p.m. as part of the National Queer Arts Festival and is co-sponsored by Trannyfest and Trans-Art.

"It's a fresh, fierce, and tasty queer and trans cabaret," said Sean Dorsey, the event's producer. More than 15 artists will be featured, in-

cluding Tina D'Elia, Deep Dickollective, Shawna Virago and the Deadly Nightshade Family, Gigi Otálvaro-Hormillosa, the guys from Luna Sea's "Trans Men Tell Their Tales," dancer/choreographer Dorsey, and House of Vogue.

"We're the all-you-can eat smorgasbord of the National Queer Arts Festival," said Dorsey. "Homo hip-hop, genderqueer modern dance, unapologetic performance art, all-female break-dancing, and dance theater that responds to the collision of race, gender, and sexuality."

Dorsey said he founded Fresh Meat when he realized that both Tranny Fest – the transgender film

and art festival – and the Lesbian and Gay Dance Festival were absent from this year's LGBT offerings (Tranny Fest returns in the fall of 2003). Although created in response to having fewer showcases for queer artists, Fresh Meat has "grown into a larger project with a long-term vision and mandate," said Dorsey.

"Fresh Meat also responds to the lack of true representation many of us have experienced in traditional queer productions that claim to be inclusive. We're proud to prioritize presenting the work of artists of color and/including transgendered artists," he added.

Tickets to Fresh Meat are \$12-\$15 sliding scale and are available by calling the ODC box office at (415) 863-9834 or at www.odctheater.com. More information is available by e-mailing freshmeat-performance@hotmail.com. ▼