

Serving up Fresh Meat

The Fresh Meat Festival will offer up the talents of hula, taiko, modern dance, theater, hip hop, aerial dance and more for three evenings starting Thursday.

The festival celebrates the transgender community and is the only one of its kind in North America and brings a transgender and queer twist to traditional dance and performances.

Fresh Meat festivities will also feature world premieres including artistic director Sean Dorsey's new dance theater trio, which will explore bullying and other consequences of resisting gender norms, and Julia Serano's "Non-Fiction" performance piece that explores the reality of a transgender woman in a contemporary queer community.

Fresh Meat 2007 is a featured presentation of the ninth annual National Queer Arts Festival and is part of Gay Pride Month festivities. This is the sixth Fresh Meat festival and it continues to be the Bay Area's highest profile transgender arts event and usually sells out.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday and continue at

7 and 10 p.m. Saturday. The Fresh Meat Festival is at the ODC Theater, 3153 17th St., San Francisco. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at <http://www.odctheater.org> or by calling (415) 863-9834.

To learn more about the Fresh Meat Festival, visit <http://www.freshmeatproductions.org>.

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