

So You Think You Can Clog?

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Every city gets the queer performance festival it deserves, and San Francisco is no exception. That is why there are highly skilled gay Appalachian clog dancers at the **Fresh Meat Festival** this year: We've been good. The festival brings together queer artists known as the best in their field and those known as the boldest, making for a long weekend of boundary-pushing and top-notch cultural experiences. A lot of creative movement will be featured this year -- along with the Barbary Coast Cloggers, you can expect to see North American Same-Sex Ballroom Competition champions (four years running) and first-class Bay Area hip hop crew Mind Over Matter (as seen on *So You Think You Can Dance*). Beyond such fine and fancy dancing, the lineup includes politically and sexually outspoken gay rapper Deadlee, Tamil-Sri-Lankan-American political theater artist D'Lo, and Ryka Aoki de la Cruz, a trans-dyke author honored with a University Award from the American Academy of Poets. All in all, it's a booty-shakin', fast-talkin', rigid-wooden-shoe-wearin' smorgasbord only the nation's largest transgender arts organization could provide. We've been so good.

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