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Sean Dorsey Dance kicks off South Florida's 2012 Out in the Tropics for LGBTQ artists, arts events

From Ever Chavez:

FUNDarte **OUT** in the **TROPICS**

Saturday, May 12, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.
Colony Theater, 1040 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach

SEAN DORSEY DANCE

The Secret History of Love

"San Francisco's Best Dance/Performance Company"
- SF Weekly

Out in the Tropics kicks off this year with Sean Dorsey Dance from San Francisco, Saturday May 12, 2012

Out in the Tropics, a *different* kind of performing arts series, brings a full range of award-winning, contemporary GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) artists and arts events to South Florida annually. In its third year of **Out in the Tropics**, **FUNDarte** is presenting two wildly different and intriguing groups: Sean Dorsey Dance from San Francisco at May 12, 2012, and Teatro El Publico's staging of Caligula from Havana, Cuba on June 15-17, 2012, both at the Colony Theater. Besides performances, this series will also include a variety of events such as panels, master classes and artist receptions from May 12 – June 16, 2012, and will feature three screenings of Pedro Almodóvar's films: *Bad Education* (La Mala Educación), *Law of Desire* (La Ley del Deseo) and *All About my Mother* (Todo Sobre mi Madre), which will be shown at the Centro Cultural de España in Miami.

Opening the Series this year is Sean Dorsey with his outstanding Florida premiere of *The Secret History Of Love*. Award winning choreographer Dorsey creates visual poems hinging on universal narrative of love, heartbreak and the desire for community. His dances seamlessly stitch together past and present, hope and history, personal intimacy and social context. *Secret History* is an epic work that chronicles the ways LGBT people have built relationships throughout history, under circumstances when it was required that they remain inconspicuous. The result is a rollicking, stirring treatise on the enduring language of the heart.

The Secret History Of Love is the culmination of a two-year community research process conducted by Sean Dorsey. Dorsey conducted archival research and directed LGBT Elders Oral History Projects in San Francisco and Boston. *The Secret History Of Love* features the voices and stories of these elders, along with powerful, moving and hilarious episodes from our community's buried history of love.

Sean Dorsey is an award-winning choreographer, writer and dancer. Celebrated as the nation's first out transgender modern dance choreographer, Dorsey has won audiences from San Francisco to New York with his powerful dances that provide a window into transgender and queer experience. Dorsey is also the founder and Artistic Director of *Fresh Meat Productions*, the nation's first transgender arts nonprofit creating, presenting and touring year-round transgender arts programs.

The Secret History Of Love features a stellar cast of dancers and performers: Sean Dorsey, Juan De La Rosa, Brian Fisher, Nol Simonse and Shawna Virago. Original music by Jesse Olson Bay, StormMiguel Florez, Alex Kelly, Keith Kenniff, Ben Kessler, Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney and Ramon & Jessica. Sound Engineering by Laura Dean; Lighting Design by Clyde Sheets; Costume Design by Tiffany Amundson.

The Miami performance will be preceded by a panel at the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and a free master class for artists and community members at the Colony Theater. For details regarding panel and masterclass, please contact FUNDarte staff at 305.519.6877 or at elizabeth@fundarte.us.

After making its world premiere in San Francisco, *The Secret History Of Love* tours to Boston, Miami and Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, Chicago and Wisconsin and Philadelphia, San Antonino, Chico, Claremont and other cities in 2013 -2014.

Press quotes from *The Secret History of Love*:

"San Francisco's Best Dance/Performance Company" - SF Weekly

"the most imaginative and intriguing dance artist in the Bay Area" - Bay Area Reporter

"trailblazing" - San Francisco Chronicle

"exquisite...poignant and important" - BalletTanz

Tickets may be purchased in advance online for all events. Advance ticket sales may also be purchased in-person at the the Colony Theatre without a service charge. **Group sale discounts** can also be arranged by calling (305) 519-6877. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

For anyone who wishes to stay overnight in Miami Beach over the weekend, **there are discount room rates available at The Deauville Beach Resort**, the official host hotel.

More information about the series can be found online at www.fundarte.us, or by contacting FUNDarte at info@fundarte.us or 305.519.6877.

FUNDarte is a multidisciplinary non-profit organization, founded and directed by Ever Chavez, dedicated to producing, presenting, and promoting music, theatre, dance, film and visual arts that speak to Miami's diverse cultures.

Support for Out in the Tropics comes in part from the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners; the City of Miami Beach Cultural Affairs Program, Cultural Arts Council; State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts; the GLBT Community Project Funds at The Miami Foundation, in partnership with the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force; GlassWorks Multimedia; The Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald; Miami New Times; South Florida Gay News; and Wire Magazine.



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Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for students/seniors and may be purchased at fundarte.us or ticketmaster.com or by calling (800) 745-3000 or in-person at the Colony Theatre box office (305) 674-1040.

The Secret History Of Love dances through the decades, exploring the secret and not-so-secret ways that transgender and queer people managed to find – and love – each other in years past. Secret love affairs, the history of outlawing love and the underground ways that transgender and queer people found each other through the decades are revealed in these new dances. *The Secret History Of Love* is being created with support from the Creative Work Fund, National Performance Network, New England Foundation for the Arts' National Dance Project, San Francisco Arts Commission and project partners *The Queer Cultural Center* (San Francisco), *The Theater Offensive* (Boston) and *Links Hall* (Chicago).