

Around Town

Fresh Meat Festival Features Diverse Queer Artists

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Motivational speakers, cross-dressing freedom fighters, Craigslist hookups, Filipino gay love songs, a vogue-off, tranny glam rock, and songs from the ancestors are just a few of the highlights of this year's 9th annual Fresh Meat Festival. And this year, the outrageously popular transgender and queer performance festival is bursting at the seams with world premieres.

This year's Fresh Meat Festival shines the spotlight on NEW work, with world premieres by Sean Dorsey Dance, the Barbary Coast Cloggers, Annie Danger, the GAPA Men's Chorus, Shawna Virago, SoliRose, Mind Over Matter, and many more.

The 2010 Fresh Meat Festival brings its biggest lineup ever to Z Space at Theater Artaud, June 17-20. From modern dance to hip hop, freestyle to folk, ceremonial music to roots rock, this year's festival offers a top-notch roster of transgender and queer trailblazers. Sri Lankan, Middle Eastern, Appalachian, and Mexican-American voices come together in the acclaimed Festival that is still the only event of its kind in the nation. These shows sell out quickly, so advance tickets are recommended! Tickets are \$17-20 sliding scale at brownpapertickets.com.

The 2010 Fresh Meat Festival features gender-bending and queer hip hop, theater, modern dance, voguing, clogging, live music, and more. Artistic Director Sean Dorsey curated this special lineup and says, "We really pushed ourselves this year to find and present fresh new work. These performances range from hot to heartwarming, from hilarious to deeply moving, from the irreverent to the ecstatic." Dorsey adds, "Transgender and queer artists are at the very forefront of cultural innovation, and the Fresh Meat Festival hand-picks those artists who are really at the cutting edge of this innovation." He concluded, "We sell out every year for good reason: this is stellar performance with extraordinary energy."



Storm Miguel Florez. PHOTO BY SARAH DERAGON