



QUEER CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS

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27th ANNUAL SPRING NATIONAL QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL

2024
nQaf27

JUNE 1 - 30, 2024

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2024 Spring NQAF June Calendar

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An Opening Prayer

Dear Universal Love That Exists in All Living Beings,

In your honor, I offer the loving curation of the 27th Annual National Queer Arts Festival. I offer the time and care of a whole village of staff, volunteers, artists, healers, teachers, chosen family, friends, and ex-lovers. I offer our dedication to serving the hearts, minds, and bodies of our beautiful queer & trans communities.

Thank you for putting me in a position to bring these offerings to tender queer hearts during a time of ongoing Cascading Collective Trauma. Thank you for creating artists with the power to transform their experiences of heteropatriarchy, white supremacy, and misogyny into cultural medicine for our people. Thank you for keeping enough queers still able to afford housing in the SF Bay Area so that we can keep holding these life-giving Queer Arts Festivals year after year.

If it's not too much to ask, could you please help QCC bring our people together in the physical world safely and joyfully during the 2024 Spring NQAF? Would you please send us fair winds and waters for the day when L. Frank and 'Eyoomkuuka'ro Kokomaar launch their ti'aat in your Bay?

May all beings know peace,
inshallah in my lifetime,

Anand

Anand Jay Kalra
Executive Director
Queer Cultural Center

How to use this Digital Catalog

This is an interactive guide. What does that mean? Ticket links are embedded in buttons under the title on each event page. You can click the buttons to go directly to the ticket/registration page for that program. They look like this:

**YES,
PLEASE**

Find what you need & want



ASL interpretation available



In-person venue is wheelchair accessible



Location is less than 2 blocks from transit stop/station



Parking on-site



QCC Spring 2024 NQAF Commission



Dance



Film/Video



Panel Discussion



Literary



March/Rally



Music



Performance/Theatre



Visual Art



Workshop

Locations

1. Aquatic Park Cove SF, Aquatic Park Pier, SF 94109
2. SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan Street, SF 94103
3. Doubletree by Hilton, 2050 Gateway Place, SJ 95110
4. Dolores Park, Dolores St & 19th St. SF 94114
5. A.B.O. Comix Storefront, 2520 Telegraph, OAK 94612
6. Brava's Cabaret, 2781 24th St, SF 94110
7. SFPL Main Branch, 100 Larkin St, SF 94102
8. GLBT Historical Society Museum, 4127 18th St, SF 94114
9. Presidio Theatre SF., 99 Moraga Avenue, SF 94129
10. Z Space, 450 Florida St, SF 94110

Covid-19 Safety

SARS-CoV-2 continues to evolve. Please mask indoors.
QCC will provide KN95 masks at in-person events.
Thank you!

THU 16 May | THEYFRIEND API Heritage Nonbinary Cabaret



DIAMONDWAVE

Brava's Cabaret | 2773 24th St, SF
Sign-up 7pm | Show 7:30pm | \$15-\$25

TICKETS

THEYFRIEND NONBINARY CABARET

7:30PM SHOWS | DOORS + OPEN MIC SIGN UP AT 7PM



at Brava's Cabaret, 2773 24th Street, San Francisco

brava.org



5/16

FEATURING

LOTUS BOY
MOJO CARTER
PISS E SISSY
SUPER BLOOM

HOSTED BY

SNJV

DIAMOND
WAVE

BRAVA
for Women in the Arts



Celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage month with a special edition of THEYFRIEND Nonbinary Cabaret, featuring an all API cast!

For our API Heritage show, we're thrilled to be working with powerhouse performers:

- 👑 Burlesque & circus artist Ling Ling Super Bloom (THEYFRIEND '23)
- 👑 Drag artist LOTUS BOY (2023 San Francisco Drag King, THEYFRIEND '21)
- 👑 Drag artist Mojo Carter (THEYFRIEND '23)
- 👑 Drag artist Piss E Sissy (THEYFRIEND '23)

Hosted by Multidisciplinary artist SNJV (Mr. GAPA '19-'22, THEYFRIEND '23), this will be a thrilling night of live performance uplifting, centering and celebrating nonbinary API identity! THEYFRIEND is a program of DiamondWave.

FRI 17 May | A.B.O. Comix Rebellion by Candlelight Open Mic



2520 Telegraph Ave, Oakland
6pm-9pm | FREE | ALL AGES

TICKETS



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SAT 1 June | Art, Activism & Equity: A Retrospective on San Francisco's Cultural Evolution



SFPL Main Branch | 100 Larkin St
3pm | FREE

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Presentation, Panel, & Discussion
with Annie Sprinkle, Beth Stephens,
Jeff Jones & the artists who lived it

ART, ACTIVISM & EQUITY

A Retrospective on
San Francisco's
Cultural Evolution

June 1st, 2024 | 3-5 pm
SFPL Main Branch
More info at sfpl.org



This presentation and panel discussion will explore how LGBTQIA and BIPOC artists and activists revolutionized arts funding during the 1980s and early 1990s by challenging the racist, classist, and homophobic underpinnings of SF arts funding structures, with a special emphasis on the history and evolution of the Queer Cultural Center. The panel features writer Jeff Jones and Pam Peniston, two of QCC's founding members, alongside artists Annie Sprinkle, Beth Stephens, Idris Ackamoor, and Marie Acosta. This archive project is funded by an SFAC Cultural Equity grant.

FRI 7 June | Spring QAF Opening In Solidarity:

QT Artists for a Free Palestine



SOMArts | 934 Brannan St SF
6 - 9 PM | Sliding Scale

TICKETS

27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL

OPENING RECEPTION | JUNE 7, 6-9 PM

SOMARTS | 934 BRANNAN STREET

IN SOLIDARITY



Queer & Trans Artists
for a
Free Palestine



BLOOM Collective & xtal azul invite you to stand in solidarity with Palestine, as there can be no "business as usual" during Pride Month while the genocide continues in Gaza. This year's installation at SOMArts Gallery affirms that queer and trans liberation are fundamentally intertwined with Palestinian liberation, Indigenous liberation, and global land back movements. Performances and dinner will be served in the courtyard.

FRI 7 June | Opening Reception

Erotic Resistance: Performance, Art, and Activism in San Francisco Strip Clubs



GLBT Historical Society
4127 18th St SF | 6PM | \$10

TICKETS



GLBT
Historical
Society
museum & archives

JUNE
7
6-8:00 PM

GLBT HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MUSEUM
4127 18TH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

EROTIC RESISTANCE

Performance, Art, and
Activism in San Francisco
Strip Clubs (1960s-1990s)

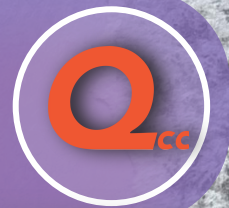


Opening Reception

Tickets are \$10, or free for members. Register at glbthistory.org/events.

This exhibition preserves the memory of San Francisco's bohemian past and its essential role in the development of American adult entertainment. It highlights the contributions of queer women, trans women, and women of color who were instrumental in the city's labor history, as well as its LGBTQ and sex workers' rights movements.

FRI 7 - SAT 29 June | Gallery Exhibit
"In Solidarity: Queer and Trans Artists
for a Free Palestine"



SOMArts | 934 Brannan St SF
Building Hours | FREE

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27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL
GALLERY EXHIBIT | JUNE 7 - 29. 2024
SOMARTS | 934 BRANNAN STREET

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FRI 14 - 16 JUNE

QWOCMAP

20th annual

Queer Women of Color Film Festival

Presidio Theatre
1pm & 7pm | FREE

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QWOCMAP will premiere 44 films in 5 screenings at our FREE 20th Anniversary International Queer Women of Color Film Festival, June 14-16, 2024. Crossing land and sea, our Festival Focus "Joyful Reunion" navigates human connection and illuminates horizons with potential for transformation. Steeped in Indigenous knowledge, shared ecology, and queer theory, these films soak in the ever-changing tides of love, self-fulfillment, and home.

FRI 14 - MON 17 JUNE | 6th Annual Queer Afro Latin Dance Festival

DoubleTree Hotel, San Jose
10am - Midnight | \$100-\$400

TICKETS



— 6TH ANNUAL —
QUEER
AFRO LATIN DANCE
Festival
June 14-17th 2024

THE 2024 EDITION COMES BACK WITH TWO LIVE CONCERTS BY CHOCO ORTA & JOHNNY SKY

**3 DAYS
3 NIGHTS**

MEGA POOL PARTIES
DANCE WORKSHOPS
THEME NIGHT PARTIES
PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE
3RD ANNUAL COMPETITION



MORE CONTACT INFO:

Theqaldf@gmail.com |
QueerAfroLatinDanceFestival.com



The 6th Annual Queer Afro Latin Dance Festival will be bringing together queer, trans and ally dancers and music lovers for the party and celebration of the year! This festival is for all who love & support the LGBTQ+ community, and who want to be part of a magical weekend. Join us for three days of dance, music, performances, pool parties/night parties, dance competitions, panel discussions, and over 60 hours of dancing! **All bodies welcome! ASL available on-site**

SAT 15 June | 'EYOOMKUUKA'RO KOKOMAAAR TI'AAT LAUNCH CELEBRATION



Aquatic Park Cove, San Francisco
10am - 4pm | FREE | ALL AGES

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'EYOOMKUUKA'RO KOKOMAAAR [WE PADDLE TOGETHER]

NATIVE CALIFORNIAN CULTURAL ARTS CELEBRATION

JUNE 15, 2024 | 10 AM - 4 PM
AQUATIC COVE, SAN FRANCISCO



CANOES DANCE KITES FOOD MUSIC ART LANGUAGE

FREE | ALL AGES



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Led by indigenous artist and activist L Frank Manriquez, 'Eyoomkuuka'ro Kokomaar (We Paddle Together) has created the second traditional ti'aat plank canoe to be built in the last 200 years. Please join a day of celebration as we launch the new ti'aat on the water at Aquatic Cove with song, dance, FREE food trucks, native language instruction, and a flotilla of friends. This project was made possible with support from a Hewlett 50 Arts Commission and a grant from California Humanities.

SUN 16 June | Palestinian-Led Solidarity Teach-In



SOMArts | 934 Brannan St, SF
12 - 5 PM | Sliding Scale

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27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL
PALESTINIAN-LED TEACH-IN | JUNE 16, 12-5 PM
SOMARTS | 934 BRANNAN STREET

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Join us for a day of intensive workshops, starting with an exploration of how white supremacist Christian nationalism drives anti-trans and anti-Palestine legislation, the establishment of police cities, anti-abortion bills, and other movements pushing us toward fascism. The first hour will be led by Mx. Yaffa, followed by breakout sessions in two tracks. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided in the courtyard. Attendance limited to 40 participants.

THU 20 June | Straight for the Money: Interviews with Queer Sex Workers




GLBT Historical Society
4127 18th St SF | 6PM | \$10

TICKETS



JUNE
20
6-8 PM

GLBT HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MUSEUM
4127 18TH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black headscarf, is speaking in a video frame. She has her hands raised in front of her, palms facing outwards.

How has working in the sex
industry affected your sexuality?

STRAIGHT FOR THE MONEY: INTERVIEWS WITH QUEER SEX WORKERS

30th Anniversary Film Screening

Tickets are \$10, or free for members. Register at glbthistory.org/events.



This special event commemorates the 30th anniversary of the iconic documentary *Straight for the Money: Interviews with Queer Sex Workers* (1994) by Hima B. The film offers unique perspectives on sex work from queer women who share the insights they gained working in this predominantly heterosexual- and male-dominated industry. Curator and author Gigi Otálvaro-Hormillosa will introduce the film and facilitate a discussion with the audience afterward.

FRI 21 June | A.B.O. Comix Rebellion by Candlelight



Open Mic

2520 Telegraph Ave. Oakland
6pm-9pm | FREE | ALL AGES

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6/21-6/23 | Fresh Meat Festival
of trans and queer performance



Z Space

2pm & 8pm | \$15-\$30 (NOTAFLOF)

TICKETS



Voguing superstars, Deaf theater visionaries, queer Salsa champions, Trans-american music, taiko, hip-hop, comedy, South Asian contemporary dance, Bomba music and dance, and much MORE! See the Fresh Meat website to learn more about the festival artists, including the 2024 Commissioned FRESH WORKS artists, and the brand new community classes this year.

THU 27 June | Closing Reception

“In Solidarity: Queer and Trans Artists for a Free Palestine”



SOMArts | 934 Brannan St SF
6 - 8 PM | Sliding Scale

TICKETS

27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL
CLOSING RECEPTION | JUNE 27, 6-8 PM
SOMARTS | 934 BRANNAN STREET

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The closing reception will take place between 6 and 8 pm. K/N95 masks are required indoors & provided

FRI 28 June | Trans March SF

Dolores Park, San Francisco
12pm - 6pm | Free | Outdoors

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trans★march



Performance stage starts at 3pm
March steps off at 5pm.

The San Francisco Trans March is San Francisco's largest transgender Pride event and one of the largest trans events in the entire world. It's always the Friday of Pride weekend and thousands of people attend. The stage performances in the afternoon are not to be missed! The SF Trans March is organized and run entirely by volunteers from the community. It gets better and better every year, so come be a part of our history!

SAT 29 June | Dyke March

Dolores Park, San Francisco
3pm | Free | Outdoors

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SAN FRANCISCO DYKE MARCH



The San Francisco Dyke March is excited to march with you at 5pm on June 29, 2024 at the intersection of Dolores Street and 18th Street in San Francisco. We look forward to seeing you there!

(Please be aware that we are not organizing a rally in Dolores Park prior to the march.)

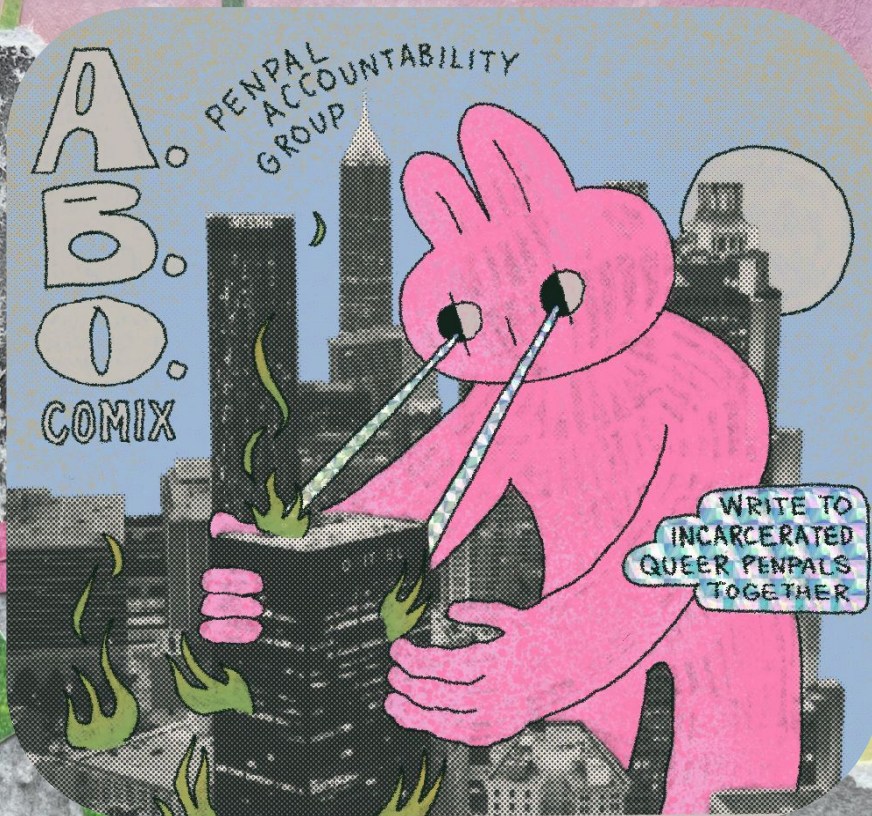


Every Wednesday | A.B.O. Comix Mail Night/Penpal Accountability Group

2520 Telegraph Ave. Oakland
6pm-9pm | FREE | ALL AGES

[REGISTER](#)

[Register](#)



Write to Queer/Trans Artists in Prison! We are an anarchist abolitionist formation rooted in Oakland, CA that has built relationships with hundreds of queer and trans artists in prisons and jails nationwide since 2017. We're getting together to catch up on all things prisoner mail and we need YOU to make it a success! Our collective needs help with: sorting incoming mail, scanning physical letters and art pieces, uploading materials to our database, responding to letters -- especially from new friends, organizing art, filing letters, envelope shredding. We can offer: PIZZA, drinks, know-how, abolitionist community, and access to gorgeous art & poetry from a network of 600+ currently-incarcerated creators. Please mark your calendars and come spend a couple hours with us to make a huge difference in the lives of our queer/trans family on the inside!

THANK YOU

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