



QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL

2019



# rEvolution

June 17-28 | 2019



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Queer Arts Festival 2019

June 17 - 28 at the Roundhouse Arts Centre

QAF *rEvolution* gathers together artists who dissemble, push and transgress; art as the evolution of the revolution.

*“Art does not imitate life. Art anticipates life.” — Jeanette Winterson*

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

**Art Party!** | Tue Jun 18 | 7pm | 🍷  
Gala Opening Reception

Art and conviviality converge at the grand opening of QAF 2019.

**Relational Revolutions** | Mon Jun 17 – Wed Jun 26 | Signature Curated Visual Art Exhibition

Guest curator Elwood Jimmy posits a rumination on the theme of revolution and extends an invitation to recalibrate and reexamine our relationships.

**A Night of Storytelling** | Wed Jun 19 | 7pm | 🍷 | Literary Readings

Danny Ramadan brings his much-loved nights of readings to the QAF. Featuring Kai Cheng Thom, Andrea Jenkins, Tash McAdam, Monica Meneghetti and Michael V. Smith.

**Curator Roundtable** | Thurs Jun 20 | 7pm

QAF visual artists and curator Elwood Jimmy convene to discuss the visual art exhibition.

**The Queen in Me** | Fri Jun 21 & Sat Jun 22 | 7pm | 🍷 | Multidisciplinary Performance

Exploding operatic expectations, soprano Teiya Kasahara 笠原貞野 explores the constraints of conventional opera roles and their reliance on gender and sex stereotypes, combining original text with Mozart’s *Queen of the Night* and other classic arias.

**Technical Knockouts** | Sun Jun 23 | 7pm | 🍷 | Multidisciplinary Music

Performances by young artists from QAF’s Technical Knockouts music lab, mentored by Kinnie Starr, DJ O Show and Tiffany Moses.

**Jesse** | Mon Jun 24 | 7pm | 🍷 | with *Artistic Sign Language* and *re:Naissance Opera*

An ASL Opera workshop reading about one man’s journey of self-discovery as he navigates Deaf culture, queerness and the rhythms of being human.

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**Diaspora** | Tue Jun 25 | 7pm | 69 |  
devised theatre production with  
*The Frank Theatre*

An interactive project led by Frank Theatre Artistic Director Fay Nass working with Vancouver LGBTQI+ community members, addressing their views and the experiences as queer refugees or immigrants in Canada.

**The Wide Open** | Wed Jun 26 | 7pm | 69 |  
| **Media Art** with *Vancouver Indigenous Media Arts Festival*

Curated by Lacie Burning, this media project puts LGBTQ2S+ narratives fearlessly out in the open with a focus on intersectionality.

**Queer Songbook Orchestra** | Fri Jun 28  
| 7pm | 69

The celebrated Queer Songbook Orchestra unearth the queer backstories and personal narratives inspired by music of the past, weaving together stories by local narrators with arrangements by Canada's foremost composers.

**Followed by Stonewall 50 Glitter is Forever** | Till midnight

On the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots that launched modern-day Pride, QAF's final blowout gathers our communities together to revel in a half-century of queerevolution. Stonewall was a riot — now, we dance!

At SUM Gallery during QAF:

**69 Positions: Circa Omnibus**  
| May 14 – Aug 17 | @ SUM Gallery  
#425-268 Keefer St.

The west coast stop of Queer Media Database Canada-Québec Project's touring exhibition series, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Omnibus which legalized sodomy.

**SATELLITE ACADEMY: Workshops, Outreach, and Discourse + at the Roundhouse**

**Technical Knockouts Emerging Artist Lab**  
| Wed Jun 12 - Sat Jun 22

A female-centred music production drop-in lab for queer Indigenous and allied youth led by Kinnie Starr, DJ O Show and Tiffany Moses.

**Youth Curator Tour** | Wed Jun 19 | 4pm  
Curator Elwood Jimmy leads tour for LGBTQ2S+ youth to see their identities reflected in art, organized in partnership with Broadway Youth Resource Centre and Directions Youth Services.

**Queer Songbook Orchestra Emerging Artist Workshop** | Thur Jun 27  
| 6 - 8 pm room B

Workshop for emerging artists using their own personal narratives as an entry point for creating music.

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