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Holidays got you blue? Here's some joy and fight and warm hugs

Our culture maven S. Bear Bergman has some terrific suggestions on navigating family drama and crafting your own traditions

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Fresh Meat on demand



Shawna Virago

I glad to report that Fresh Meat isn't yet another new twist on a hookup app (I am surely not against them, but I think we probably have as many as we can use), but instead a festival of queer and trans performance centering trans, gender nonconforming and queer artists of colour. And this year, for a couple of weeks, you can stream the performances from wherever you happen to be. There are three programs available, only for the period of Dec. 1-9, and each of them features a delicious selection of pay-what-you-can performances from exciting artists like drag monarch and mentor King Lotus Boy, punk multi-hyphenate Shawna Virago(turn her track "Gender Armageddon" alllll the way up as another holiday coping mechanism), plus so many more, but my column is already running a little long this week so ... onward.