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## San Francisco Transgender Film Festival Celebrates its 10th Anniversary!

**What:** 10th Anniversary San Francisco Transgender Film Festival

**When:** November 3-5, 2011 (all shows at 8pm)

Thursday November 3: Performance Extravaganza

Friday-Saturday November 4-5: Film Programs

**Where:** CounterPulse (1310 Mission Street near 9th Street, San Francisco 94103)

**Tickets:** \$12-15 [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

**Info:** [www.sftff.org](http://www.sftff.org)

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The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (SFTFF) announces its spectacular 10th Anniversary film festival – a stellar collection of transgender short films with enticing tales of defiance, bullying, relationships, sex, humor, enchantment and romance. Get your tickets early: last year's Festival broke the theater's all-time audience record!

This year's Festival features an award-winning mix of international films from countries including Thailand, Australia, Brazil, Israel, Canada, Thailand, Germany, Scotland, England, South Africa and The Netherlands.

Shot in an amusement park, LOOP PLANES takes a young FTM protagonist on the romantic ride of his life. The documentary DEATH OF MY DAUGHTER is a poignant and honest account of female-to-male transgender people and parental rejection. ROOMMATES, starring Rocco Kayiatos, is a poetic tale of unrequited love. TRANSSEXUAL DOMINATRIX is a super-saucy music video from transgender rocker Shawna Virago. THE PANTY MAN stars Shangela Laquifa Wadley from Ru Paul's Drag Race fame. MAIS OU MENOS (More or Less), from Brazil, is a tale of queer high school bullying with a twist.

Artistic Director Shawna Virago says, "We can't wait to share this milestone tenth Festival with audiences. You can see how we've grown by this amazing lineup of films made by transpeople from all over the world!"

Virago adds "This is a very popular Festival, and this year will be even more so. Get your tickets early – last year we broke the theater's records for the largest audiences ever!"

### **Thursday November 3 (8pm): Tenth Anniversary Performance Extravaganza**

The Festival opens with a special Tenth Anniversary Performance Extravaganza. Featuring performances by Annie Danger, Natsha Muse, Storm Miguel Florez, Butch Tap, Kentucky Fried Woman, Shawna Virago, Eli Conley and more – hosted by Fairy Butch.

### **Friday-Saturday November 4 & 5 (8pm): Film Programs**

The Festival continues Friday and Saturday November 4 and 5 with the weekend Film Festival - two dynamic programs of local, national and international short films and videos by transgender and gender variant artists from more than a dozen countries around the world. (See full film listings below.)

### **ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL (SFTFF)**

The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival, originally called Tranny Fest, was established in 1997 and is the nation's first transgender/genderqueer film festival. SFTFF emerged for the same reason so many marginalized communities

have organized film festivals: the absence of authentic representations of transgender lives and experiences in the mainstream commercial media. In the 14 years since, SFTFF has remained defiant, proudly programming outside the box, exhibiting groundbreaking, provocative, outrageous, courageous, moving and innovative works that show the complexity of lives lived on the transgender/genderqueer spectrum. Originally a biennial festival, we became an annual festival in 2005. This is our 10th Anniversary Festival. SFTFF Artistic Director **Shawna Virago** is a nationally acclaimed musician and filmmaker.

## **FILM PROGRAM DETAILS:**

### **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4 (8PM): PROGRAM I - PLAYS WELL WITH OTHERS**

#### ***Love and Other Red Spot Specials***

Lauren Anderson (Australia)

In the universe, on Earth, in Australia, there is a small town. In the small town there are: 9,684 residents, one supermarket, six sets of traffic lights and one shoplifting transperson on an extravagant quest for love.

#### ***Katie and Kaden***

KS Stevens (USA)

A comedic film about two people who connect after an intimate encounter. Stars Mr. Transman 2010, Kit Yan. CA premiere.

#### ***Ring frei***

Tom Weller (Germany)

A transman prepares for his first fight as a boxer, but must first fight discrimination in the gym's warm-up area. CA premiere.

#### ***Slippery***

Sandra Alland (Scotland)

An irreverent and playful meditation on the slippery nature of overused words. Your kitchen will never smell the same. US premiere.

#### ***Butch Tits***

Jen Crothers (Canada)

Butch women discuss the sometimes complicated relationship they have with their breasts.

#### ***Changing House***

Z.A. Martohardjono (USA)

Rusty and Chelsea are a transgender lesbian couple who devoted 15 years to making their Brooklyn home a communal living space for transgender women in need and transgender civil rights organizers, including Stonewall legend Sylvia Rivera.

#### ***Make a Mate***

Jennifer Jordan Day (USA)

A lonely woman finds a magical shop where she can craft an ideal mate.

#### ***Death of My Daughter***

Leon Mostovoy (USA)

This multi-media project represents the burial, or putting to rest, of the gender roles that parents and society impose, and illustrates the metamorphosis of several trans men.

#### ***Present Continuous***

Bo Luengsurawat (USA)

This experimental work questions the connotations of the mundane everyday.

***Roommates***

Caitlin George Parker (USA)

In this playful romp, Pablo struggles with having a crush on his roommate. Stars Rocco Kayiatos.

***Fe-Mal-Itz***

Abby Lambert (Canada)

In an attempt to under her gender identity, a woman allows her experience with another woman to induce the transformation. World premiere.

***Loop Planes***

Robin Wilby (USA)

13-year-old Nick lives with his dad at an amusement park. But today, with the arrival of his mother and a pink-haired girl named Katie, Nick is in for the ride of his life.

***Robinhood Is So Gay***

Broch Bender and Oscar McNary (USA)

Based on the 13th century ballad "Robin Hood and the Sodomites," this film reasserts this heroic icon's faggotry.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5 (8 PM): PROGRAM II - UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS**

***Lek And The Water Boy***

Lasse Nielsen (Thailand)

This short explores the sexual awakening and fantasies of an adolescent in their mother's shop.

***Joan***

Jessica MacCormack and Rae Spoon (Canada)

This music video confronts the violence transpeople face in their daily lives and features portraits of gender queers from around the world. Bay Area premiere.

***The Lusty Gypsies***

Nikki Lee Taylor (USA)

On the stage it's glitz and glitter, but backstage the gloves come off: the choices and differences between Drag and Transsexual performers are explored. CA premiere.

***Living Together Apart***

Corrine Bot (Netherlands)

An experimental work exploring identity: a boy and a girl have breakfast, both ignoring each other, both incomplete portraits of a self.

***lili longed to feel her insides***

Adelaide Windsome and Wren Warner (USA)

A short fairy tale inspired by the life of pioneering trans woman Lili Elbe, who came out in the 1920's and died of complications after a gender reassignment surgery that would have "enabled her to become a mother."

***Mais ou Menos (More or Less)***

Alexander Antunes Siqueira (Brazil)

Teenager Ivo is constantly bullied by Sandro, his high school classmate. Their troubled relationship seems irreconcilable until an unexpected encounter changes everything. CA premiere.

***The Panty Man***

Camrin Pitts (USA)

The true story of a man's obsession with female panties and his denial of his sexuality. Stars LA performance artist Dale Madison and Shangela Laquifa Wadley of RuPaul's Drag Race. Bay Area premiere.

***Dayzee Dee's Dazzling Drag Balls***

Joe E. Jeffreys (USA)

Rare super 8mm film of pre-Stonewall Brooklyn drag balls plus contemporary interviews with early drag ball organizers. CA premiere.

***Help Wanted***

Truc Thanh Nguyen (USA)

In the heat of desperate times, HELP WANTED doesn't apply to a genderqueer Asian looking for employment.

***The Girl Bunnies. BIG TREE***

Francoise Doherty (Canada)

Mimi and her chainsaw accidentally slice through a really cute bunny's tree. With the help of a hockey stick, two hockey girls and a rather big deer, Mimi figures out her heart.

***Guf.bait.body***

Emil Ray and Ray Almog (Israel)

A queer poem to body, soul and homeland.

***Perception***

Sam Berliner (USA)

An animation of an introspective poem. How does one's own perception of self differ from how one is seen by the rest of the world?

***Transsexual Dominatrix***

Shawna Virago (USA)

Folk-punk princess Shawna Virago wails on her six-string and doles out lyrical pleasure-pain in this new leather anthem.

***TRANSITIONS #NEWYORKCITY***

Nadine Hutton (New York City/South Africa)

An experimental documentary exploring queer artistry and how a community of artists navigates creation and identity as "bodies of work."

***James Dean***

Lucy Asten Elliott (UK)

A day out with the family takes an unexpected turn when young Alex is forced to share a secret.

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