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11th Annual San Francisco Transgender Film Festival

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"Lee" directed by Roland Wiryawan

The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (SFTFF) announces its 11th annual film festival – a stellar collection of transgender short films with enticing tales of defiance, bullying, relationships, sex, humor, romance and ZOMBIES! Get your tickets early: last year's Festival broke the theater's all-time audience record!

This year, after 10 sold-out Festivals, SFTFF is expanding to our biggest lineup ever – 4 nights of spectacular programs and events. To celebrate our expansion, the 2012 Festival will feature internationally award-winning work from more than a dozen countries – including Myanmar, Bolivia, Canada, France, Germany, England and The Netherlands.

LEE, a transgender homage to 1970's martial arts films, is the story of a warrior who must battle outside the gender binary to gain self-respect. LA IDENTIDAD de JUSTICA – Mujeres Trans en Cochamba (The Identity of Justice – Trans Women in Cochamba) from Bolivia documents the political struggles of Trans Latinas.

GOT MONSTERS, featuring the music of Keith Mina Caputo, is the melancholy journey of an artist making their way in a trans-hostile world. San Francisco based trans man musician StormMiguel Florez' music video I'VE BEEN TO MANHATTAN features marauding hordes of zombies! And from Myanmar, BURMESE BUTTERFLY offers a glimpse into the emerging transgender community there.

Artistic Director Shawna Virago says, "You know, sometimes bigger is definitely better. We can't wait to share this year's expanded Festival with audiences! We're proud to have such an amazing line-up of films made by trans people from around 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 8 @ 8pm: Opening Night Performance Extravaganza!

An evening of jam-packed live performances by the Bay Area's hottest transgender performers: Sean Dorsey Dance, Annie Danger, Shawna Virago, K.B. Tuff n' Stuff, Star Amerasu, Dana Morrigan & more!

Fri-Sun November 9-11: Film Programs

The Festival continues with three nights of award-winning transgender cinema:

Friday November 9 @ 8pm: A Night In the Woods

Saturday November 10 @ 8pm: Got Monsters

Sunday November 11 @ 7pm: Find Each Other

Full Festival Line-up at www.sftfff.org.