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# San Francisco Transgender Film Festival

## November 8-11, 2012

**What:** 2012 San Francisco Transgender Film Festival

**When:** November 8-11, 2012 (Thurs-Sat 8pm / Sun 7pm)  
Thurs November 8: Performance Extravaganza  
Fri-Sun November 9-11: Film Programs

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

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

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

**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 trans 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](http://www.sftfff.org)**

### **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 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 15 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 11th Festival. SFTFF Artistic Director **Shawna Virago** is a nationally acclaimed musician and filmmaker.

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