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San Francisco Transgender Film Festival

November 8-10, 2013

WHAT: 2013 San Francisco Transgender Film Festival

WHEN: November 8-10, 2013 (screening times vary)
(Programs: November 8: 8pm // November 9: 7:30pm & 9:30pm // Nov 10: 2:30pm & 4pm)
(NOTE: October 9th 9:30pm program is 18+)

WHERE: Roxie Theater (3117 16th Street @ Valencia, San Francisco,)

TICKETS: \$12-15 www.brownpapertickets.com

INFO: www.sftff.org

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After 11 years of sold-to-capacity festivals, the San Francisco Transgender Film Festival (SFTFF) is moving to the historic Roxie Theater for its 12th festival of international transgender film. The 2013 SFTFF presents a special expanded international program, and will be SFTFF's biggest festival to date.

The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival announces its 12th annual festival – a stellar collection of transgender shorts and feature films with powerful tales of love, defiance, bullying, relationships, sex, humor, romance and community. From sexy shorts to inspiring animation, from gender-busting music videos to hard-hitting documentaries, SFTFF 2013 truly has something for EVERYONE! All genders welcome.

The 2013 SFTFF will feature internationally award-winning work from more than 10 countries around the globe – including Brazil, Spain, Canada, Austria, The Netherlands and the US.

Advance tickets are recommended for this very popular event.

The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival's move back to the Roxie Theater (SFTFF's original venue) is especially important this year – as **our community was heartbroken by the December 2012 death of SFTFF co-founder Christopher Lee**. Christopher was a pioneering FTM transgender filmmaker, activist and community leader. Christopher made the world's first feature film starring FTM people of color and the first-ever FTM trans erotic films.

At the 2013 SFTFF, we honor Christopher Lee with a special tribute program – TranSex: A Tribute To

Christopher Lee (18+ only). TranSex features a screening Lee's groundbreaking film *Alley of the Trannyboys*, the world's first feature film with an all-transman cast. TransSex continues with shorts by the acclaimed Pink & White Productions and erotic film director Courtney Trouble.

This year, SFTFF presents an outstanding feature film: ONE ZERO ONE is a gorgeous full-length work from The Netherlands. Part documentary and part fairy tale art film, ONE ZERO ONE narrates the story of two remarkable artists: BayBJane, who identifies as "the world's shortest drag queen," and the brilliant gender-queer artist Cybersissy.

FILM HIGHLIGHTS:

LOVING THE BONY - Arely Gonzalez has built what she believes to be New York's largest shrine to La Santa Muerte, the Holy Death. Since devoting herself to the skeletal saint, Gonzalez, who is an immigrant and transsexual, has become a leader among Santa Muerte devotees, regularly opening her doors to anyone who wishes to seek her saint's protection and comfort.

HAUNTED, starring Suppository Spelling, is one woman's journey from loss to redemption amidst vengeful spirits.

GENDER GAMES follows the challenges a 51-year old transwoman faces when she returns to college level basketball.

CHANGE OF TIME is the experimental and poetic perspective of a transman's first year on testosterone.

Artistic Director Shawna Virago says, "This is a very emotional year for us. In December, we lost our great friend and SFTFF co-founder, Christopher Lee. Christopher was a brilliant filmmaker and pioneer who invented radical trans erotica and we're proud to show his groundbreaking film, *Alley of the Trannyboys*, as a tribute to him."

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

PROGRAMS:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8:

8pm Opening Night Transgender Shorts Program

-dress up for our gala Opening Night program; see and be seen at this collection of international shorts.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9:

7:30pm GRRRL!

-things heat up Saturday night with this program of hot, smart and sweet short films.

9:30pm TranSex: A Tribute to Christopher Lee (18+ only)

-a very special screening of pioneering FTM filmmaker and Festival co-founder Christopher Lee's *Alley of the Trannyboys*, paired with erotic shorts by local filmmakers.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

2:30pm: **Afternoon Delight:** Transgender Shorts Program C

-sleep in, get brunch and join us for a short & sweet Sunday shorts program featuring international works.

4pm: **One Zero One** -

Full Festival Line-up at www.sftfff.org

ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL (SFTFF)

The San Francisco Transgender Film Festival 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 16 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 12th Festival. SFTFF Artistic Director **Shawna Virago** is a nationally acclaimed musician and filmmaker.

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www.sftff.org

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