

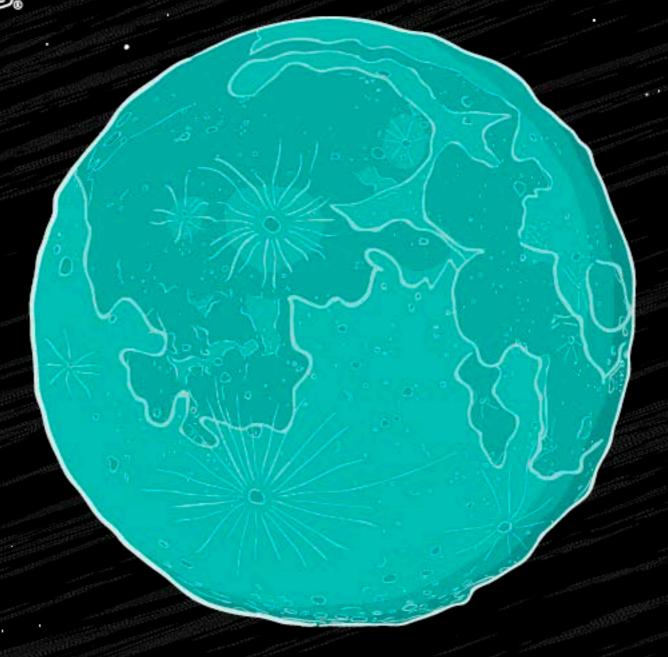
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Trans Women on Screen



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Criticisms of Hollywood's bias for casting cisgender male actors as trans women are well known, with vocal trans actresses like Laverne Cox and Trace Lysette speaking up. Hollywood's ongoing casting choices not only perpetuate inauthentic and often dangerous portrayals of trans women—they also monopolize our gaze, distracting us from the wide breadth of trans women talent and stories that exist in marginalization.

Trans women artists and activists make commanding appearances in this year's documentaries. See Pinay author and LGBT staff writer for Buzzfeed Meredith Talusan fight for trans justice and anti-imperialism in **Call Her Ganda** (p. 39). Brazilian musician Linn da Quebrada lights up São Paulo stages and airwaves in **Bixa Travesty** (p. 39). And **Miss Rosewood** (p. 45) gets us up close to one of New York's most controversial and adored stage performers.

At the centre of this Spotlight is the **#TransWomenAreBeautiful** (p. 47) program, a collection of highly-accomplished shorts that rightfully position trans women as desirable and beautiful.

Shout outs to Alexandra Billings (*Transparent*) for her comical supporting role in **Freelancers Anonymous** (p. 43), and to model/actress Indya Moore and singer/actress Mj Rodriguez for supporting roles in **Saturday Church** (p. 46).

Cultural Partner:



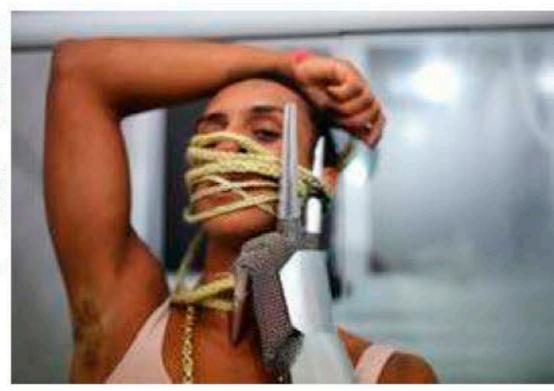


Bixa Travesty (Tranny Fag)

Black, transgender singer Linn da Quebrada, born and raised in the favelas of São Paulo, is a force of nature in this documentary that interrogates and joyfully explores the possibilities of the trans-feminine body and art politic. The film follows da Quebrada on a personal and artistic journey as she carves out a space for herself on Brazil's stages and airwaves, along with fellow trans performer Jup do Bairro, channeling her rage through her music and a biting sense of humour towards the very patriarchy that would kill her.

Filmmakers Claudia Priscilla and Kiko Goiffman capture the electricity of da Quabreda's live performances juxtaposed with tender scenes of Linn's life at home with her mother and chosen family. Bixa Travesty is an intimate portrait of a complex and evolving performer, whose very body is an act of resistance and whose voice is a megaphone for empowerment.

Bixa Travesty (Tranny Fag) | Claudiá Priscilla, Kiko Goifman | Brazil | 2018 | 75 min Portuguese with English Subtitles



WED AUG 15 9pm IV CC

Spotlight Partner: SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs sing Sponsor Cineplex

Call Her Ganda

In 2014, Jennifer Laude, a Filipina trans woman, was killed by a US Marine. Her case created an outcry and galvanized activists locally and internationally.

PJ Raval's moving documentary follows three women intimately involved in Jennifer's case; her mother, who is relentless in her pursuit of justice; American-Filipina trans journalist Meredith Talusan; and the family's lawyer Virgie Suarez, who's faced with the task of not only proving a murder case, but also taking on the Visiting Forces Agreement, which dictates that the US government retains jurisdiction over military personnel accused of crimes in the Philippines.

This riveting film shows the ways in which American imperialism and the violence against women like Jennifer are inextricably linked, and raises complex questions about sovereignty, justice, and the right to self-determination.

Content Advisory: graphic images and descriptions of a crime scene

Call Her Ganda | PJ Raval | Philippines | 2018 | 80 min | English and Tagalog with English Subtitles

Director in Attendance

THU AUG 16 7pm GCA



Spotlight Partner: SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs Screening Sponsor: Hospital Employees Union

The Coast is Genderqueer

The Festival is proud to present our first short film program that showcases local transgender, genderfluid, and non-binary stories. With an emphasis on youth on screen and emerging filmmakers behind the camera, these BC-made shorts depict expansive expressions of gender through animation, experimentation, and artful documentation. This program is as visually alluring as it is critically engaging, demonstrating the powerful overlap between art and activism.

Flash Flood | Alli MacKay | Canada | 2017 | 6 min Polymorph | Mike Hooves | Canada | 2017 | 5 min The Decision of Riley | Yue Xie | Canada | 2017 | 4 min Hole | G Goletski | Canada | 2018 | 6 min Beauty | Christina Willing | Canada | 2018 | 24 min

Total running time: 45 min Directors in attendance

The Genderqueer shorts series will be preceded by 2018 Vancouver GSA student films: Q, by Prince of Wales Secondary School; Gender Non Conforming Me, by David Thompson Secondary; and Spirit, by Britannia Secondary.

FRI AUG 17 5pm GCA 69



Screening Sponsors: Telefilm, 24 Frames





Beauty