

## Trannyfest is Coming!

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*A 1950's glam girl from Dorian: A picture, directed by Joe E. Jeffreys, screens Nov. 6. The photo is courtesy of Dorian Wayne from the photo, who is a self-described "retired female impersonator". She was also the star of a cult film called She Man*

Tranny Fest, the nation's first transgender film festival is back for its 12th year, offering up short underground films and live performances by transgender and gender-queer artists. Everything from the taboo to the profane, and from the political to the drag-tastic power of mascara will be featured. The shows are on November 5, 6, and 7 at Mama Calizo's Voice Factory. Co-presented with Fresh Meat Productions, this year, Tranny Fest proves it's not always about size: all films this year are 10 minutes or less. Tranny Fest, established in 1997, is the nation's first transgender/genderqueer film festival and 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 12 years since, Tranny Fest 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.

November 5 is "TrannyFest Live!" Award-winning modern dance, maverick performance artists, steamy burlesque and kink chasing rock n' roll adventurers collide in this one-night-only performance event. Featuring Sean Dorsey, King TuffNStuff, Chan Fantastique, StormMiguel Florez, Shawna Virago and much more. Emceed by the legendary Fairy Butch. The Festival opens November 6 with "R is for Revolution," a collection of short films that obliterate the two-party gender system. November 7 is "G is for Glitter," a shorts program exploring sex, love, and rock n' roll.

Tranny Fest Artistic Director Shawna Virago, a long time favorite in San Francisco's underground transgender music scene, is widely celebrated as a gifted lyricist and edgy provocateur. The Festival's co-presenter, Fresh Meat Productions, is an award-winning leader in the creation and presentation of Bay Area transgender and queer arts.