

6th San Francisco Sex Worker Film, Arts and Music Festival

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www.armyoflovers.org

May 30th to June 7th, 2009

A very full week of movies, parties, politics and performances!

Festival Director:

Carol Leigh AKA Scarlot Harlot

Curator:

Laure McElroy

Sponsors:

BAYSWAN
ISWFACE, Desiree Alliance,
SWOP-USA
(Sex Workers Outreach Project)
Center for Sex & Culture
St. James Infirmary
The M & M Fund
Queer Cultural Center

Producers:

Luna Pantera
Mariko Passion
Laure McElroy
Ckiara Rose
Madam Zoe Von Presscott
Lady Megan Louana
Kirk Read: Army of Lovers

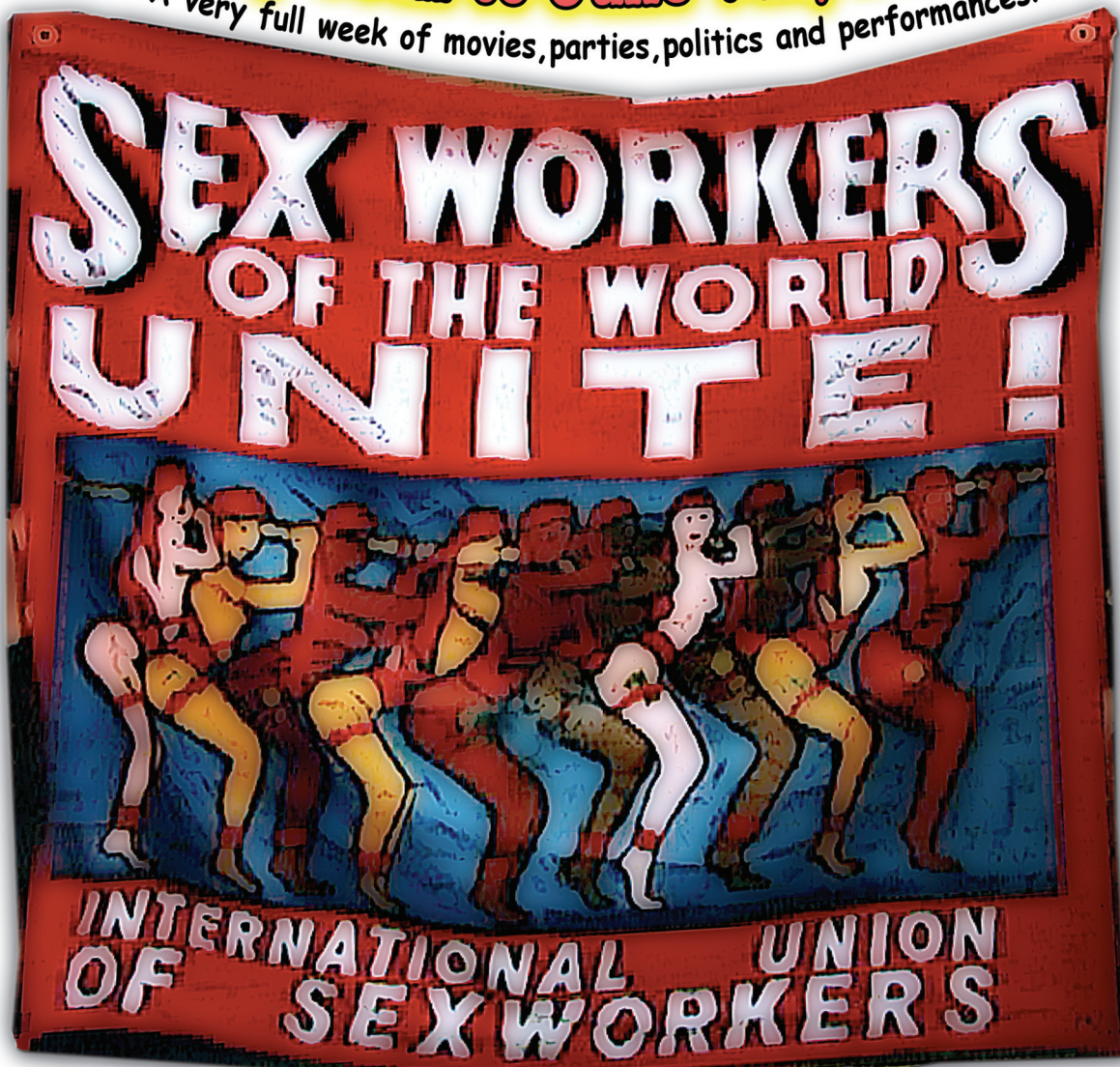
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Erotic Film and Arts Festival, Sins Invalid,
Carol Queen and the Center for Sex & Culture,
Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers and the Roxie



**Movie Passes
\$30-\$40**

**Buy single tickets
at the door or online.
Visit our websites
for details.**

**Info & schedule:
415-287-3114**



program by Scarlot Harlot

Venues: May 31 and June 3, 4th-Center for Sex and Culture, 1519 Mission, SF 94103; June 1st-Diva's Night Club and Bar, 1081 Post St, SF 94109; June 2nd-El Rio-3158 Mission Street, SF 94110; June 5th- Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia Street, SF 94110 June 5th- Paradise Lounge, 1501 Folsom St., SF 94103 June 6th- Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th Street, SF 94103; June 7th- Ninth Street Independent Film Center, 145 9th St. San Francisco, CA 94103

SATURDAY, MAY 30

RADAR SPECTACLE
food-drink-art-auction-raffle

Benefiting RADAR lab
a queer writers' retreat

Dorothy Allison,
ZZ Packer
Eileen Myles,
Marga Gomez
Suppositori Spelling
music-Yes Alexander!

Hosted by
Ali Liebegott
Michelle Tea

7-10 PM
Tickets: \$20
a.MUSE Gallery
614 Alabama Street

SUNDAY, MAY 31

BELLE BAZAAR: 1-6PM
Center for Sex & Culture
1519 Mission, SF.

an Orgy of Shopping

Sex worker arts & crafts, naughty toys, books,
jewelry, Whore T-shirts, non-sexy stuff too!!

Lipstick CONSPIRACY

Entertainment all day with Madam Zoe Von Presscott, Lady Megan Louana, MK Chavez & more.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

SWOP at Diva's

Donations gladly accepted!

Diva's-1081 Post 9 PM Benefit for SWOP

★ 75 Lady Megan Louana ★ Madam Zoe Von Presscott ★

MONDAY, JUNE 1

SWOP Roundtable:
Sex Workers and Allies
For Location (415) 336-4917

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

WHORE-A-PALOOZA
with Stripper Karaoke

got rights!

Movies on the Patio
Free music in the front room
Other stuff: \$3-\$20 Sliding Scale

Curated by Mariko Passion

MC: Annie Danger
w/ Keva I. Lee, Scarlot Harlot
FIST whore-fastic one man
dance punk band
The Illustrious Mistress
Whitefeather Lash
and YOU!

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mariko.passion@gmail.com

3158 Mission
Doors open 7 PM

Army of Lovers
PRESENTS

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A FESTIVAL OF ART,
VIDEO, WRITING, &
PERFORMANCE BY
MALE SEX
WORKERS

ADVANCE TIX: brownpaper-tickets.com

MALE SEX WORKER ART

Two nights of art and performance by
men who've worked in the sex industry

Hosted by Kirk Read
Co-presented by
the Queer Arts Festival,
Sex Worker Fest,
Army of Lovers and
the Center for Sex & Culture

THURSDAY JUNE 4
Christraper Sings
Stephen Elliott
Debutante
MACK
Daniel Allen Cox
Krylon Superstar
Mikiki
Scott Upper
Alvin Orloff
Alic Shook
Durward
Kirk Read

1519 MISSION BETWEEN 11TH & S. VAN NESS 8 PM

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3
Peggy L'eggs aka Matthew Simmons
Matt Walker aka Elliott Skellington
George Birimisa
M. Lamar
Stephen Boyer
Amos Mac
Nico
Seeley Quest
Kirk Read

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Army of Lovers is funded by the San Francisco Arts Commission, Theater Bay Area,
the Zellerbach Family Foundation, the California Arts Council, Queer Cultural Center
and the Horizons Foundation.

A Benefit for the
St. James Infirmary

FRIDAY, JUNE 5
9PM-3am
PARADISE LOUNGE
1501 Folsom
\$15-40

Fire dances
aerial acrobatics, burlesque,
strippers and porn stars, drag queens,
fabulous DJs, & private dances in
the V.I.P. Room!

MOVIES

See movie info
on the back!

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 Films & Discussion
Sex Work, Trafficking and Labor
Migration: Views from Inside The Sex Industry
Artist's Television Access
992 Valencia, SF 7 PM \$6-20 sliding scale

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
Roxie Cinema 3117 16th Street, SF
Noon to 2am!!! \$8-10 sliding scale

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 Films & Discussion
Intersections: Krip Sex! Krip Sex Work!
An evening of film and discussion
on interconnections, sex work and
the Krip community. \$5-20 sliding scale

No Guilt, no morals, no mercy.

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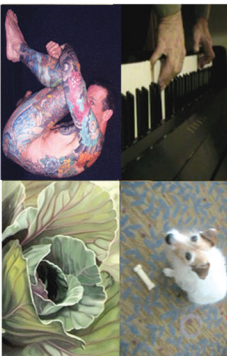
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ILLUMINATING THE SEX INDUSTRY

Bay Times

GOOD VIBRATIONS
30 Years and Feeling Sexy

GUARDIAN
THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GUARDIAN

June 2nd, Tuesday 8 PM at EL RIO



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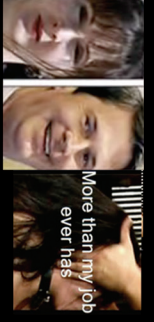
Artist: Joseph Kaminski, Kaminski Art Inc. Videos of painter & sculptor Joseph Kaminski, plus X Tube videos of my poor performance persona Mark Tatham. In presenting these videos together for the first time, I aim to illustrate that male sex workers are multi-dimensional with talents and lives beyond being sex objects. (US, 8:09-2009)



The Face of God

Director: Peter Pizzi; Starring Ben McCoy Upon sight of a charming young man, one tranny has a vision of heaven. Waking about filthy streets, our tragic heroine, Ben McCoy comes face-to-face with illusions and fantasies of grandeur. In an alley this boy-with-locks-like-a-girl struts through spiritualism, narcissism, capitalist consumerist bonzugs. (US, 7 min-2007)

Whore-A-Palooza



RENEGADE EVOLUTION

Sex Workers Tribute Video

Daring images of this year's hypocrites and whores, including Deborah Palfrey, Spitzer, Jolbas, Wiler. Produced by Renegade Evolution, our favorite sex work rebel blogger extraordinaire (US, 4 min-2008) You! Sisterhood? SOULIE feminists insult and pathologize sex workers. "You dehumanize me, you judge me, you objectify me... You are the ones who fuck with me." (US, 4:17-2008)

The Revenge of the Demimonde

12 Noon Saturday, June 6

Director: Harmonia Camrona (US and English language premiere) Griseldis Real, Switzerland's most famous prostitute dies in Geneva on May 31, 2005. Coincidentally, just last month an international scandal arose about the saga in this movie. Real's honored funeral alongside Swiss gentry, Malaga Film Festival, San Sebastian Film Festival. (Spain, 90 min-2005)

2PM Sex Worker Art Skivies

Courtney Trouble in The Burrito

Director/Producers: Scarlot Harlot & Courtney Trouble phone sex to self-produced porn is interwoven with images from sex worker actions in the artform. "They won't acknowledge us until we own enough to control it. They won't respect us until we give them no other choice." (4 min-2008)

Sorry Your Grandma Was Mugged, But I Was Busy Arresting A Hooker

Scarlot Harlot's short video about the trial of Stanford, the William Dollar Male Escort presents a unique approach to street theater documentation with this protest by Sex Workers Outreach Project/USA starring Robyn Few. (6 min-2008)



History Director: Sarah Stober, Co-produced by Gigi Gelswood An emotional, withmind story about the psychological traumas and spiritual triumphs of one girl. We follow her through the loss of a sexual empowerment to her ultimate spiritual confrontation. Premiered at Real Venus International Film Festival in New York City in 2004. (US, 5 min-2005)

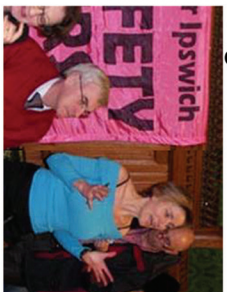


4 PM Saturday, June 6

Yes Means Yes: Making Sex Work Safe



APNSW Response to UNAIDS Guidelines on Intensifying HIV Prevention Produced by Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers APNSW flips a passionate answer back to the 2007 UNAIDS Guidance Note on HIV and Sexwork in this packed video project. (Thailand, 4:23 min-2008)



Prostitution Free Zone Director: PJ Starr. Alliance for Safe and Diverse DC. Film maker in person. Constitutional right to freedom of assembly? Not in DC, honey! A sobering look at how with attempts to quantify Inner-City Washington, DC, "Prostitution Free Zones" are being used to move targeted people out of the neighborhoods, featuring Sharmus Outlaw, Taketa Cash, Sigda Delle. (US, 13 min-2008)

Rape and Prostitution: A Question of Consent Producers: English Collective of Prostitutes Producers: English Collective of Prostitutes sex workers and allies from Iraq, India and Bolivia come together with Ladies Lords and Parliament to challenge new repressive legislation controlling religious and feminist fundamentalists. (UK, 10 min excerpt-2009)

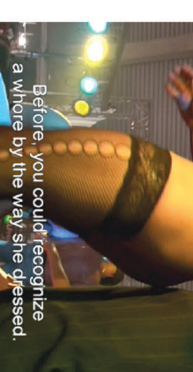
Sex Worker Open University Director/Producer: Ellie Gurney The London event aims to give a voice to sex workers, whose lives are often stereotyped and voices often silenced. Our time has come. A society that recognizes, accepts, respects and values sex workers is more just and mature society. (UK, 10 min-2009)



Know Your Rights Producer/Director/ Camera: Serpenti/beatrice; Producer/Writer: Kieren/NITE SWOP Chicago activists break down what to do and what NOT to do if you're a sex worker and you get busted. Scripted for Illinois, but the advice is sound (and soundly entertaining) no matter where you hustle. (US, 23 min-2008)

National March on Washington Producer/Director/ Camera: Serpenti/beatrice Documentary of the first National March for Sex Workers Rights in DC, includes speeches and march footage. Serpenti/beatrice is a veteran sex worker and activist with SWOP-Chicago and the Desiree Alliance. (US, 19 min-2008)

10PM Whore Pride



Hard Work with Margo St. James Director: Cindy Dumm Margo St. James in person! Wonderful energetic documentary about the beginnings of the modern day prostitutes rights movement with this profile of Margo St. James. Features the first articulations of whore feminism and special appearances by Lottie Da and many more. (US, 29 min-1977)

Sex Workers (and Proud Of It) Director: Jean-Michel Carre - a film made in person. (US Premiere) I prefer to sell my sex for money than to sell my soul to a boss. "The government takes our money and screws us - the government is a pimp. Everybody sells themselves - everybody buys." French sex workers drop wisdom as well as their drawers in this glitzy, sexy, yet uniquely philosophical film. (France, 35 min-2009)

12 Midnight Wanking The Neighbors or Porn, San Francisco Style



Transgender's Life My Life, My Work My Choice



My Life, My Work, My Choice (4 min-2007) Producer: APNSW Shut-out on transgender sex worker rights! Cultural power with dolls, music, make-up and policy! Transgender's Life Producer: APNSW A classic, emotional 'novella' about the struggles for trans people and sex workers in Thailand (9 min-2008)

En El Fuego (In The Fire) Director: Danyele Alencastre Peruvian trans women are literally thrown to the dogs by police in a 'Roman circus' of violence. Despite the danger of living in a repressive, corrupt country they survive a process. Inspirational! (Peru, 35 min-2007)

Cinema of Desire Dir: Peter Hambley, International premiere! An intimate, quirky portrait of 17k, a transgender sex worker who services her clients in a run down cinema in Bangkok's working class neighborhood. An intimate, poignant and funny glimpse at the ordinary life of an astonishing extraordinary person. (Japan, 30 min-2009)

8PM She Deserves It



Zinda Laash Director: Shashika Datta, Jyotika Iani, Shadi Masfir, Producer: Point of View The sex worker 'vamp' transsexual temptresses in this short and very funny movie, named after the first movie she given at X rating in Pakistan. An assumption of claps documents 'surprisingly' familiar to US viewers. (India, 14:35-2009)

When We Walk the Streets Director: Danyele Alencastre This 11-minute film shows scenes from the lives of sex workers, including sex workers answering back to the so-called 'imperial observer' behind the documentary camera, and interactions with police. In Bengali with English subtitles. (Bangladesh, 11min-2008)



Beyond the Barbed Wire Curtain Producer: Danyele Alencastre US Premiere! Indian sex workers! Capitalist red light district, here we go! The government takes our money and screws us - the government is a pimp. "Everybody sells themselves - everybody buys." French sex workers drop wisdom as well as their drawers in this glitzy, sexy, yet uniquely philosophical film. (France, 35 min-2009)

A Safer Sex Trade Producer/Writer: Director: Carolyn Hahn, Cheep and Dmy Productions Film maker in person! A documentary that explores the stigma of prostitution through the eyes of three women. Jennifer, a bisexual survival sex trade worker. Simone, a highly paid independent escort, and Scarlett, an established veteran madam. Set in the city of Vancouver, where serial killer Robert Pickton stands tall for the murders of twenty-six women, most of a young woman (mainly) brought into the trade and activate the case of an underage worker. (India, 21 min-2008)

June 7, Sunday 7PM Intersections: Krip Sex! Krip Sex Work!



Intersections: Krip Sex! Krip Sex Work! An evening of film and discussion, featuring short clips addressing inter-connections of sex work and disability including videos from Sims Invalid. The evening presents panels from Sims Invalid, a performance project that includes and celebrates artists with disabilities, contributing artists of color and queer and gender-related artists. In Pink Palace director Seo Dong-ja documents the journey of Dong-Seo, who, who has cerebral palsy, as he seeks a sex worker, despite the recently enacted legislation punishing the selling of buying sex. Director Wham Takahashi, interacting with The Disabled in The Adult Entertainment World, explains, "I decided to enter the adult design world because I saw a real need for education, understanding and integration of the disabled into the adult industry. It's unfortunate that sex and disability are more often seen as a medical or academic research topic, not as erotic or hot."



Migration, Sex Work & The Evil Empire

7 PM June 5th Friday



MTV and the Trafficking Law in Cambodia Produced by Mtv Exit News US and US: AHD want to save Cambodian women from sex work, but some very rare Cambodian women think MTV forgot to have a conversation or two along the way... A heartfelt response by sex workers to the MTV anti-trafficking campaign. (Cambodia, 9 min-2008)

Discussion and screening of the candid accounts of the travails of migrant sex workers.

To See or Not To See (US Premiere) Director Tsai Yi-Feng tells the story of immigrant sex workers from mainland China in Taiwan. He rides in the car with a driver for the sex workers, following the women from their recruitment to their work place. This award winner is a must-see for all those who suspect that behind the sensationalistic trafficking headlines there is a more complex story about the struggles of sex work immigrants and the choices women make. (Taiwan, 64 min-2003)

Happy Endings Director/Producer: Tara Hurley. This quelling style documentary follows the life of Heather over three years as she works in a massage parlor, while the Rhode Island legislators decide over what they have strategically called a 'toughlove' which that allows prostitution behind closed doors. The movie features interviews with massage parlor workers in Rhode Island as they are confronted with the racism and xenophobia of local anti-prostitution activists, as well as the Mayor, the ACLU and anti-prostitution zealot, Donna Hughes. (US, 80 min-2008)

Flipping the Lens: the Lens: A Look at \$spread Magazine



Flipping the Lens: A Look at \$spread Magazine Producer: Sex Workers Empowerment Project (SWEP), Lisa Davis, Kirby, Andrea Ritchie, Will Rockwell, Tania Torres Premiered! Filmmakers in person! The mainstream media's tendency is to gravitate towards sensationalism when covering the sex trade, denying the voices of sex workers themselves. News stories that allow only for victim-criminal portrayals of sex workers help enforce and perpetuate damaging stereotypes. What happens when sex workers become the authors, reporters, and publishers of sex trade news? The documentary takes a look at one example of sex worker-made media. (US, 19 min-2009)