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# Tomboy

a short film by Karleen Pendleton Jiménez

**Join us for a viewing of the short film  
and discussion with Karleen**

**Date:** Thursday, November 5, 2009

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** LGBT Resource Center – San José State University  
(Building BB, across from Campus Village Quad)

Alex (short for Alejandra) loves soccer, the colour red, and playing the trumpet. The other kids think those are "boy" things and tease her mercilessly. After running home in tears, her mom reassures her that she is great just the way she is.



Tomboy is a colourful animated 14 minute video for children. Featuring actors Athena Karkanis, Alex Castillo and Sandi Ross, it is a great vehicle for children to explore gender expression, bullying and diverse experiences. The colourful visuals are complimented by the moving music of Alejandra Nunéz.



Scriptwriter Karleen Pendleton Jiménez was shortlisted for a U.S. Lambda Award for the original book *Are You a Boy or a Girl? Tomboy* has received the CBC Canadian Reflections Award, Jury Award for Best Animation at the Chicago Reeling Festival, and Best of Festival at the Austin Women's Film and Literary Festival. Filmmaker Barb Taylor received the Jury Award

for *Up and Coming Toronto Film Maker* at the Inside Out Film Festival 2008.



**Karleen Pendleton Jiménez** is a writer and teacher living in Toronto, Canada. She recently co-edited the anthology *Unleashing the Unpopular: Talking about Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity in Education*.

Her short stories have been published in numerous anthologies and magazines, including most recently, *Geeks, Misfits and Outlaws* and *Jota!* (2003), *Bent* on writing and *Fireweed* (2002), *Fantasmas* (2001), and *Pillow Talk II* (2000). Her children's book *Are You a Boy or a Girl?* was a finalist for a 2001 Lambda Literary Award. She is currently teaching education at Trent University.



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