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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
complemented by the moving music of
Alejandra Nunéz.

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
Total! (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.

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 Filmmaker at the Inside Out Film
Festival 2008.