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## OPENING AND CLOSING NIGHT GALAS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 14TH

### TRANSLATIONS: SEATTLE TRANSGENDER FILM FESTIVAL

*Full festival lineup to be announced April 1st*

Seattle, Wash. (March 25, 2019) - Three Dollar Bill Cinema has announced the Opening and Closing Night Galas for the 14th Translations: Seattle Transgender Film Festival. One of only a handful of dedicated transgender film festivals in the world, Translations runs from May 3 – 5, 2019. The festival will screen 45 films from 10 countries including Italy, Brazil, Costa Rica, Australia and India. Translations opens at the Northwest Film Forum with *THE GARDEN LEFT BEHIND*, winner of the 2019 SXSW Visions audience award and will close with the West Coast premiere (and only the second public screening) of *JACK & YAYA*.

“I am thrilled to return as Festival Director for the 14th year of this important and engaging film festival,” said Sam Berliner, Translations Festival Director. “Our acclaimed Opening Night Film, *THE GARDEN LEFT BEHIND*, just won the audience award at SXSW and it will bring you to your feet and ready for action. Our Closing Night Film, *JACK & YAYA*, is a beautiful portrait of lifelong trans friendship guaranteed to make you hold your friends even closer.”

Early bird discounted passes, ticket six-packs and opening and closing night tickets for Three Dollar Bill Cinema members only are on sale now through March 31st. To learn more about becoming a Three Dollar Bill Cinema member, visit <https://threedollarbillcinema.org/membership>. Tickets and passes go on sale to the general public on April 1st. Three Dollar Bill Cinema members-only early bird prices for tickets and passes range from \$15.00 - \$75.00. General public prices range from \$14.00 - \$100.00. To purchase tickets online, visit <https://threedollarbillcinema.org/translations>. Tickets and

passes can also be purchased in person at the festival box office between April 15th and May 1st at Gay City: Seattle's LGBTQ Center, 517 E. Pike St. on Capitol Hill.

- The full Translations Film Festival program and online ticket sales for the general public launch April 1 at <https://threedollarbillcinema.org/translations>
- Tickets and passes will also be available through the festival box office located at Gay City: Seattle's LGBTQ Center, 517 E. Pike St. between April 15th and May 1st. Hours are Monday - Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Festival venues include Northwest Film Forum, Gay City: Seattle's LGBTQ Center and the Seattle Public Library University Branch.
- For press credentials, high-res images, to preview any films, or arrange interviews with festival staff and guests please email Megan Garbayo at [megan@threedollarbillcinema.org](mailto:megan@threedollarbillcinema.org)

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**Opening Night: THE GARDEN LEFT BEHIND**

Flavio Alves; USA; 2019; 88 mins

Northwest Premiere

Fresh from its premiere at SXSW (where the film won the audience award!) comes an incredibly timely film about Tina, a young transwoman, and her grandmother Eliana, as they navigate Tina's transition and their struggle to build a life as undocumented immigrants in New York City. Tina (played with poise and depth by newcomer Carlie Guevara) luckily has a supportive group of transwomen friends but is faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges, including violent threats in the streets and a lack of commitment from her lover. Director Flavio Alves (TOM IN AMERICA, TWIST 2014) employed trans actors in this exceptionally well-crafted first feature that will leave you on your feet and ready for action.

**Closing Night: JACK & YAYA**

Jen Bagley & Mary Hewey; USA, 2018, 83 mins.

West Coast Premiere

Jack and Yaya's friendship rivals the closest of bonds. Neighbors since toddlerhood, they have a deep, supportive connection that ensures that they are never alone as they endure the many trials associated with being trans. These two created safe spaces for one another to grow and explore their identities before they could truly understand it for themselves. This documentary follows their path to discovery as well as that of their friends and family. You won't want to miss this heartfelt documentary that reminds us of the power of lifelong friendship.

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About Translations: Seattle Transgender Film Festival

*Translations: Seattle Transgender Film Festival is one of the largest transgender film festival in the world. It is a groundbreaking event that provides the Pacific Northwest with a venue for films by, for, and about transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse people and the issues facing this community. It's one of only a few film festivals of its kind in the world and strives to place emphasis on visibility and positive representations. For more information, visit <https://threedollarbillcinema.org/translations>*

About Three Dollar Bill Cinema

*Three Dollar Bill Cinema is a 501(c)3 nonprofit arts organization that provides access to films by, for, and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people and a forum for LGBTQ filmmakers to share and discuss their work with audiences. Annual programs include the Seattle Queer Film Festival, Translations: Seattle Transgender Film Festival, Three Dollar Bill Outdoor Cinema, and Reel Queer Youth. For more information, visit <https://threedollarbillcinema.org>*

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