

# Switch



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*Co-Worker, Family, or Friend:*

*When an individual changes their gender, who really has to switch?*

## THREE BAY AREA SHOWINGS

**FEB 25, 6-8 p.m**

Laney College,  
Rm D 200  
900 Fallon Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

**FEB 26, 7-9 pm**

Eastside Arts Alliance  
2277 International  
Boulevard  
Oakland, CA 94606  
*(hosted by the Center  
For Media Justice)*

**MARCH 1, 7-9 pm**

LGBT Community  
Center  
Ceremonial Room  
1800 Market St  
San Francisco,  
CA 94102

## SWITCH

***Switch, A community in transition*** is a documentary about a progressive, multicultural community and the response of the community to a member's changing gender expression. The basic premise of this film is that it is not the individual that transitions, but the community.

Many transgendered and transsexual people are not making a switch from ONE to ANOTHER ONE, but rather switching their position on a continuum for a different position. The switch, culturally, is for the people around them not necessarily for themselves. Not the binary "off" and "on" of a light switch, or the dualistic nature of the concepts of male and female, but switch as in the subtle substitution of one for another ... switch this for that. Exchange.

A transgendered person could argue nothing is switching for them, only a curtain pulled back to reveal a different, more true self. They are not changing anything, but aligning for themselves what has always been true. Beautifully crafted, this thoughtful film is as politically stimulating as it is poignant. Although ***Switch*** tells its stories through the lives of individuals, the film challenges our general perceptions about race and gender privilege, and raises fundamental questions about the dynamics of identity.

***Switch*** provides a venue for main stream audiences to experience first-hand how one particular community responds to movement on the gender line, shifting notions of male and female, trans, transsexuals, gender-queer and gender-other. The hour long screening will be followed by a lively panel & audience discussion that will include producer/director Brooks Nelson.



Director: Brooks Nelson

*Source of film images online: [boxxo.org/id4.html](http://boxxo.org/id4.html)*

Sponsoring organizations: Our Family, Transgender Law Center, Center for Media Justice Applied Research Center, BackStory Narratives, Sociology Department Laney College, LGBT Community Center, Uniting Communities Program, Western States Center.