

Gender Fluid Star Nominated for Both Male and Female Oscars

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The Academy has only taken into account the biological gender of the person competing for an award in the past.

Kelly Mantle has made Academy Awards history for being the first person ever nominated in both the female and male categories for the comedy "Confessions of a Womanizer" starring as Candy, a transgender sex worker.

## **OPINION:** I'm Latina, I 'Manspread' and I Don't Give a Fuck What Men Think

After competing in the U.S. reality show, "RuPaul's Drag Race," in its 6th season, it became known that the 40-yearold was born male and now defines as "gender fluid."

"The Academy Awards have confirmed that Kelly Mantle will be considered for both the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Confessions of a Womanizer" — this is in recognition of her androgynous identity," commented the movie's director Miguel Ali, according to Sputnik News.





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& Actress - an Oscar first. He's the first openly gender-fluid person to be considered for an Oscar.

Mantle's film "Confessions Of A Womanizer" has its Oscar-Qualifying screenings at Laemmle NoHo 7 from Dec. 9 to Dec. 15. Please join us!



"I firmly believe that our androgynous/transgender acting community is the most untapped resource in Hollywood," he added. "We need to bring them more attention, and by doing so, we will create more empathy for our androgynous/transgender brothers and sisters."

This is the first time the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences decided to nominate someone in both categories, unlike in the past when it would only take into account the biological gender of the person competing.