

ARTHOUSE CABARET garners 4 Dora Nominations

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre congratulates all the artists involved in the creation of Arthouse Cabaret as our season opener gets 4 nods from the Dora Mavor Moore Award nominations.

Arthouse Cabaret, the full-facility multi-media original cabaret creation that opened Buddies' 2007/08 Season was nominated for **4 Dora Mavor Moore Awards**, Toronto's performance awards, at this morning's press conference at the Sony Centre for Performing Arts. The show, which took a look at queer culture over the past century, was created by David Oiye and Jim LeFrancois, and the entire ensemble of artists which included: Keith Cole; Stephen Lawson and Aaron Pollard from Montreal's 2boystv; naughty burlesque queens Sasha Van Bon Bon and Kitty Neptune from the Scandelles; Shane MacKinnon from the beefcake boys, and musical theatre artists Paula Wolfson and Jonathan Monro with Random Order's Lynn Phillips, as well as set/lighting designer Daniele Guevara, costume designers Shadowland and lighting designer Adrien Whan.

Keith Cole continues to be the Hostess with the Mostess, as our celebrated MC from Arthouse Cabaret received a nomination for Outstanding **Performance by a Male in a Principal Role - Musical**. The show was also nominated in the General Theatre Division for **Outstanding Production of a Musical**, and **David Oiye and Jim LeFrancois** were nominated for both **Outstanding Production of a Musical** and for **Outstanding New Musical**.

STANDING OVATION FOR BUDDIES' ARTISTIC PRODUCER

Jim LeFrancois took the spotlight in the Dora Award press conference to accept the inaugural **Leonard McHardy and John Harvey Award** for Theatre, Dance and Opera Administrators. Bearing his new title of Artistic Producer, Jim was greeted with a spontaneous standing ovation from the audience of peers at the Sony Centre. The award comes with a cash prize and was apparently a unanimous decision from the selection committee.

2 NOMINATIONS FOR DESERVING CREATURES

Buddies also congratulates **Michael Rubinfeld** and **Ben Clost** who each received a nomination for **My Fellow Creatures** in the Independent Theatre Category. Rubinfeld was nominated for **Outstanding New Play** and Clost was nominated for **Outstanding Performance by a Male in a Principal Role – Drama**.

Congratulations to all the nominees of the
2008 Dora Mavor Moore Awards!