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**Buddies in Bad Times Theatre** launches this year's  
**Queer Youth Arts Programme** with  
**QueerCab**

**buddies**  
IN BAD TIMES THEATRE

Hosted by **The Three Gay Boys**  
This Month's Theme: **BACK to SKOOL!**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

**OPEN MIC SIGN-UP & PIZZA AT 7:30, SHOW AT 8PM**  
**ADMISSION PWYC, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**  
Buddies In Bad Times Theatre | 12 Alexander Street, Toronto | 416 975 8555  
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**THE THREE GAY BOYS [PRIDECAB 2008] RETURN, LESSONS LEARNED,  
AND SHADE FLYIN' ... IT'S TIME TO SEND YOU BACK TO SKOOL!**

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, Canada's home for Queer Culture, invites queer-identified youth (ages 15-25) to join us in Tallulah's Cabaret as the company launches its **2009/10 Queer Youth Arts Programme**, with this year's first **QueerCab**, Buddies' monthly open mic for queer youth. Buddies' Queer Youth Arts Programme's fall schedule will be available to attendees; youth will be able to meet Programme Coordinator **Chy Ryan Spain** and Young Creators' Unit Director **Evalyn Parry**. Queer-identified youth between the ages of 15 and 25 are encouraged to sign up for the open mic and strut their stuff onstage.

**ABOUT THE THREE GAY BOYS**

The Three Gay Boys met while sun bathing in Cabo San Lucas. When the three of them realized they were all from Toronto during an impromptu orgy at the villa of an anonymous American Idol Host, the three took to an immediate hatred of one another. Since then, they have vowed to rule the Toronto Church Street Village with a crass, crude, and campy vengeance.

**ABOUT QUEERCAB**

Every month there's a different guest host and theme and every month a different show: music, spoken word, monologues, dance, drag, song, scenes, stand-up, videos, magic tricks, performance art, juggling, rants... *anything goes*. Past QueerCab hosts have included **Lex Vaughan, Gentleman Reg, Elvira Kurt, Sky Gilbert, Sasha Van Bon Bon, d'bi young, Jess Dobkin, Thom Allison, Mariko Tamaki** and **Keith Cole**.

Buddies provides 5 minutes, a bare stage, a microphone, a CD player, a video projector and a piano...and invites queer youth to strut their stuff.

Youth and adult audience members alike are invited to come out and support young, local, up-and-coming talents at Queer Cab. Join us Sept 9 for pizza and performances – everyone welcome. Tallulah's Cabaret stage will be wheelchair accessible.

# ABOUT THE QUEER YOUTH ARTS PROGRAMME

Queer Youth Arts Programme Coordinator **Chy Ryan Spain**

Now in its sixth year, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre's Queer Youth Arts Programme provides a unique, artistic meeting space for queer youth to build connections with established queer artists, like-minded peers, and the broader queer and arts communities. We are dedicated to creating a space for the artistic development of the youth of our community, through on-going opportunities for performance, creative workshops with leading Canadian artists, and by providing access to Buddies' productions. Free youth events are offered every Wednesday evening over the course of the season.

The Queer Youth Arts Programme is specifically designed to offer youth different levels of engagement – participation ranges from casual drop-in (attending a performance) through to intensive programmes (Pride Cab, Young Creators Unit) and everything in between. This range of engagement makes the programme welcoming and accessible to all queer youth, regardless of their level of experience and initial interest. It also allows us to build an ongoing relationship with many of the participants who return year after year working their way through the different aspects of the programme as their confidence and skill-levels increase.

## YOUTH NIGHT AT BUDDIES EVERY WEDNESDAY (SEPT - JUN)

Youth Night is the entry-point of the Queer Youth Arts Programme – it's open to all and has a rotating schedule of workshops, open mic nights (QueerCab) and free tickets to Buddies' shows. Youth Night is always free and welcomes queer-identified youth on a drop-in basis every Wednesday night.

## WORKSHOPS

Workshops take place on selected Wednesday nights throughout the month. Playwriting, burlesque, drag, performance art, dance, character creation, clown, dub poetry, set design, puppetry, theatre criticism – the programme offers a wide variety of workshops on a wide variety of subjects. The workshops are designed to help the young participants develop their skills as creators and performers and they are led by some of Canada's most innovative queer artists. Past workshop leaders included: **Daniel MacIvor, d'bi young, Jess Dobkin, Sky Gilbert, Darren O'Donnell, Diane Flacks, Morris Panych, Jon Kaplan** and many more.

## QUEERCAB

Queer Cab is Buddies' all-ages, monthly open mic for queer youth (youth must be under 25 to perform; attendance is open to all ages). Queer Cab takes place the third Wednesday of every month, from September to June. Each month features a different special guest host and different theme. Past QueerCab hosts have included **Lex Vaughan, Gentleman Reg, Elvira Kurt, Sky Gilbert, Sasha Van Bon Bon, d'bi young, Jess Dobkin, Thom Allison, Mariko Tamaki** and **Keith Cole**. With 5 minutes, a bare stage, a microphone, a CD player, a video projector and a piano ... we want to see what you can do.

## FREE TICKETS

The Queer Youth Arts Programme offers free tickets to queer youth for performances throughout Buddies' season including mainstage shows, festivals and special events. All Youth Programme shows are followed by a Q&A with lead artists, providing youth a personal and in-depth look at creative process.

## PRIDECAB (Apr - Jun)

PrideCab is a three-month intensive collective creation program under the direction of Chy Ryan Spain and Evelyn Parry. A group of Youth Programme participants will be selected to create an all-original, multi-disciplinary, cabaret-style show. Participants get the chance to develop their own material, take workshops with theatre artists, find out more about Toronto's LGBT community, and learn about all

aspects of creating, performing and producing a show. The final PrideCab presentation is showcased on Buddies' mainstage as part of our annual Pride Festival. PrideCab participants will be chosen through an application and interview process in the spring of 2010. Applications will be available online at [artsexy.ca](http://artsexy.ca).

## **YOUNG CREATORS' UNIT (Oct - Feb)**

Programme Director **Evalyn Parry**

The Young Creators Unit (YCU) is a unique opportunity for young creator/performers to develop and workshop 30 minute, solo performances. Participants are carefully chosen by a jury based on their submitted applications. Once selected, YCU members attend a weekly group meeting with Program Director Evalyn Parry to develop their work. The works created in the Young Creators Unit are then presented as part of Buddies' renowned new works showcase, the Rhubarb Festival.

**The deadline for applications for the YCU is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, 5 pm. Applications are now available online at [artsexy.ca](http://artsexy.ca).**

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