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IN BAD TIMES THEATRE



**BUDDIES IN BAD TIMES THEATRE SWEEPS THE GENERAL THEATRE DIVISION WITH 6 DORA MAVOR MOORE AWARDS FOR WAAWAATE FOBISTER'S AGOKWE.**

Outstanding New Play: **Waawaate Fobister, Agokwe**  
Outstanding Production of a Play: **Buddies In Bad Times Theatre, Agokwe**  
Outstanding Direction: **Ed Roy, Agokwe**  
Outstanding Performance by a Male in a Principle Role: **Waawaate Fobister, Agokwe**  
Outstanding Costume Design: **Erika Iserhoff, Agokwe**  
Outstanding Lighting Design: **Kimberly Purtell, Agokwe**

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre proudly launched its 2008-2009 Season with the world premiere of *Agokwe*, a new work from 23-year-old Ojibwe artist, Waawaate Fobister, from the Grassy Narrows First Nation. *Agokwe* explores unrequited love between teenage boys from neighbouring reserves. They meet briefly at a post hockey-tournament party where they bashfully confess their desire for each other. However youth, distance and isolation strive to pull the threads apart when tragedy intervenes.

*Agokwe* began as a short monologue, performed as part of Buddies' 2005/06 PrideCab, a collectively created, youth-driven cabaret created over 12 weeks and performed as part of Buddies' Cultural Pride Festivities. During the 2006/07 Season, *Agokwe* was further developed as part of Buddies' Young Creators Unit, during which Fobister was teamed up with award-winning director Ed Roy. The world premiere of *Agokwe* marked the first time that one of Buddies' mainstage presentations has been entirely developed through all stages of Buddies' Queer Youth Arts Programme.

Buddies In Bad Times Theatre congratulates the remarkable team that made *Agokwe* happen, including Andy Moro (Set and Projection Design), Lyon Smith (Sound Design), Marc Nadjiwan (Original Music), Tracy Lynne Cann (Stage Manager), Aiden Nagle (Technician), Evalyn Parry (Young Creators' Unit Director), Chy Ryan Spain (Youth Programme Coordinator) and the entire Buddies staff. Buddies is currently working toward a Canadian tour of *Agokwe* in 2010/11.

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