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**Buddies in Bad Times Theatre presents**

# QUEER PRIDE 2010

**A FESTIVAL FOR THE  
COMMUNITY**

**JUNE 17 – JULY 4, 2010**

**Buddies in Bad Times Theatre,  
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## **COME SHOW YOUR QUEER PRIDE AT BUDDIES**

Since 1979, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre has stood against the mainstream. We continue to uphold this proud tradition by offering you **Queer Pride 2010**, a community-driven festival of queer comedy, theatre, music and parties. **Join us as we celebrate what Pride means to us.**

For two weeks, Buddies throws open its doors in celebration of Toronto's richly diverse queer community. We welcome queers who crave adventures beyond the expected, artists who refuse to conform and communities who will not allow themselves to be censored. On the Buddies' stage, you will find a stellar line-up of some of Toronto's most exciting queer entertainers, musicians, and comedians. At *Buddies After-Hours*, you will enjoy some of the best clubbing in the village.

So, come catch a show and dance until last call. Come queer, come straight. Come as you are. Wear your pride and feel the love at Buddies.

## QUEER PRIDE 2010: JUNE 17 – JULY 4, 2010

**Buddies in Bad Times Theatre** presents

A workshop presentation of

### **OBAABERIMA**

**Thursday, June 17**

8pm, The Cabaret

Tickets PWYC

Created and Performed by **Tawiah M'Carthy**

Directed by **Evalyn Parry**

*"...red high heels with a shiny covered glow and a perfect crafted rose on its toe. Room at the back of my heel, room to grow. Not yet a woman, to fit into, not yet a man to not want to..."*

In a performance that masterfully blends theatre and dance, *Obaaberima* is the coming of age story of a young Ghanaian boy navigating his way between continents, genders, sexuality and race.

Originally developed as part of the 2009 Buddies Young Creators Unit

**BoylesqueTO** presents

### **Dead Sexy: A Funeral for Church Street**

**Saturday, June 19**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets \$20

Canada's only all-male burlesque troupe presents *Dead Sexy*, a stripped-down, tongue-in-cheek eulogy to the Church Street that once was. Come celebrate the glory (hole) days with a lot of nearly nude dudes: Balonia Wry, Ginger Darling, Patastrophic, Dew Lily, James and the Giant Pasty, Sexy Mark, Wrong Note Rusty, Bruin Pounder, Mahogany Storm, Mickey D. Licious, ManChyna and Corey Swelling.

For more info visit [boylesqueto.com](http://boylesqueto.com)

**Cabaret Company** presents

### **Free Jane**

**Sunday, June 20**

7pm, The Cabaret

Tickets: FREE

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Everyone's favorite beauty queen rebel, Jane (aka Sky Gilbert) is back with the notorious *Free Jane*. Come at 7pm and hear a new play by Jordan Patterson. Stick around for Jane's infamous open mic. Sing, rant, act, recite poetry or dance! Whether you roar with laughter or cringe in tears, there's never a dull moment at *Free Jane*.

**Buddies in Bad Times Theatre** presents

## **PrideCab**

**Wednesday, June 23**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets: Youth (25 and under) PWYC (Pay What You Can, Suggested \$5), Adults (26 and over) \$10, All Advanced Tickets \$10

Directed by **Chy Ryan Spain** and **Evalyn Parry**

Assisted by **Andrew Robinson** and **Alisha Stranges**

The hallmark of Buddies' Queer Youth Arts Program, the ever-popular PrideCab is a multi-disciplinary cabaret featuring all-original songs and monologues inspired by Toronto's queer history and what it means to be young and queer today. Created and performed by nine young queers under the age of twenty-four: Abigail Bradwell, Gabrielle Dupuis, Jamie Ebbs, Shadrack Jackman-Mckenzie, Daniel Jelani Ellis, Sarah McCorkindale, Eitan Shalmon, My-Anh Tran and Ramon Vitug.

Supported by **TD Canada Trust: Season Education Partner** and **Canada Council for the Arts**

**Wog Productions** presents

## **The First Time**

**Created and Performed by Paul Hutcheson**

**Wednesday, June 23**

8pm, The Cabaret

Tickets \$10

Blending storytelling, stand-up comedy and performance, Paul Hutcheson brings his unique brand of humour to Buddies. Porn mags, bathhouses, lip syncing to Tiffany: come laugh with/at Paul as he recounts his gay firsts. This hit show has won awards and garnered accolades at festivals in New York, San Francisco and Montreal.

*"Hutcheson's physical antics and comic dance moves will have you in stitches, while his compassion may move you to tears."* - Winnipeg Sun

**Buddies in Bad Times** welcomes

## **Jeffery Straker**

**in concert with Katey Morley**

**Thursday, June 24**

8pm, The Chamber

\$15 in Advance/\$20 at the door

Jeffery Straker's piano-pop style is simply irresistible, from bright pop anthems to dark brooding hymns and everything in between. A truly queer troubadour, Straker's songs will take you on a journey from the wide landscapes of the prairies to the busy streetscapes of the city. Do not miss this intimate evening with one of Canada's fastest rising musical talents.

*"Rufus Wainwright... KD Lang ... Add the name Jeffery Straker to that list."* -Chicago Free Press

For more info visit [jeffstraker.com](http://jeffstraker.com)



**Buddies in Bad Times** welcomes

## **Bitch Salad Gives Back**

**Hosted by Andrew Johnston (Video On Trial, Love Court)**

**Friday, June 25**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets \$20

*Bitch Salad* unites the fiercest female comedians for one unforgiving night of laughter. Johnston's wildly popular monthly showcase has welcomed every top notch female/queer comedian in Canada from Debra DiGiovanni and Elvira Kurt to the legendary Jackie Burroughs. This year's Pride line-up is no exception! Featuring: Nikki Payne, Dini Dimakos, Sara Hennessey, The Cheeto Girls and some very, very special surprise guests!

Partial proceeds go to the **AIDS Committee of Toronto** and **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**.

**Glam-Glam Productions** presents

## **BEST OF GOWNTOWN**

**8th Contest Drag Ball (Pride Edition)**

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**Friday, June 25**

10:30pm, The Cabaret

Tickets \$10

Hosted by The B-Girlz

Glamour and disgrace collide in this hilarious and outrageous monthly drag party. Gowtown features offbeat performances by old, new and only-on-a-dare queens who compete for a cash prize and the coveted "Gownie" (a wire hanger). For this special Pride Edition, The B-Girlz welcome back past Gowtown winners for an unforgettable night of glitter, wigs and not-so-friendly competition.

Featuring DJ Dwayne Minard (fly and Straight) and DJ Mike B (aka Hard Kora), with special guest appearances by BoylesqueTO and NYC house vocalist MJ White.

For more info visit [glam-glam.com](http://glam-glam.com)

**Colour Me Dragg: Silence This!**

**Saturday, June 26**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets \$15 – \$25 (Seating: General – VIP)

*Colour Me Dragg* offers a jam-packed, one-of-a-kind drag and burlesque celebration of queer solidarity in diversity. Featuring performances by indigenous, aboriginal artists and/or people of colour, including Dainty Box, Kim Crosby, ILL NA NA, Olivya Chin, Luka, Chromatically Correct, Sheesha YaDil, Sue Shi, Mackenzie, Chase Lo, Take Me Spears & Co, and more.

Partial proceeds go to **Qu AIA** and **Blockorama**

For more info visit [colourmedragg.blogspot.com](http://colourmedragg.blogspot.com)

**a jay stewart project** presents

**The 2nd annual**

**Hard & Able: celebrating queer disability**

**Tuesday, June 29**

8pm, The Cabaret

Tickets \$5, All ages welcome.

An empowering evening of cabaret performances by artists who identify as queer and disabled. Featuring: photographer Chris Ablett, actor/writer Philip Cairns, musician Lindsay Sarah Czitron, poet Kirk DeMatas, drag king Luka Sidaravicius and spoken word agent provocateur Jay Stewart.

Wheelchair accessible venue and ASL interpretation is provided.

For more info visit [ajaystewartproject.com](http://ajaystewartproject.com)

Supported by **Alterna Savings**

**Gypsy Miller Productions** presents

## **A New Gay**

**starring Laura Landauer as Céline Dion**

**Tuesday, June 29**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets \$20

The world's leading Céline Dion impersonator, Laura Landauer, brings to Buddies the music, glitz, and glamour of Dion's Las Vegas extravaganza, with a few special gay twists and turns. Complete with dancers, back-up singers, chest-pounding, air guitar, high notes, and higher heels.

*"The best Céline impersonation I've ever seen... even those who actually like Celine, bless their hearts, would enjoy her show."* - John Derringer, Q107

For more info visit [lauralandauer.com](http://lauralandauer.com)

**I Me Mine Productions** presents

## **Proud Larrys**

**Dawn Whitwell & Mae Martin**

**Wednesday, June 30**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets \$15

An epic friendship begets an epic show. Dawn Whitwell and Mae Martin combine their comedic geniuses and bring you *Proud Larrys*, a double bill to end all double bills. Don't miss Dawn, rated one of America's Funniest Lesbians by Curve Magazine, and Mae, hot off the UK comedy scene, in this one-night only reunion.

For more info visit [dawnwhitwell.com/ProudLarrys](http://dawnwhitwell.com/ProudLarrys)

**TX Productions** presents

## **Smack**

**Wednesday, June 30**

10pm, The Cabaret

Tickets \$10

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TX Productions host a night of electro heaven, featuring three of Toronto's hottest indie bands: Loveshot, Heavy Filth and Senor Kasio. With special guests, King Codi, Dew Lily, Baby Steinberg and Shelley Marshall.

For more info visit [themarsbar.com](http://themarsbar.com)

**Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**  
and **House of Monroe** present

## **Culture Shock**

**Thursday, July 1**

Doors at 9pm, Show at 11pm, Full-Facility

Tickets \$20

Buddies becomes the battleground for Toronto's vogue scene and transforms into a contemporary *Paris Is Burning*. Hosted by Toronto's premiere house, **House of Monroe**, contestants from all over North America will come to walk the runway for coveted trophies. Come walk, cheer and dance. Celebrate Canada Day ... the queer way. Featuring celebrity guest judges and DJ Blackcat.

Get your tickets in advance. This event will sell out. All ages. Wristbands available at the door.

**The Scandelles** present

## **The Death Show**

**Friday, July 2**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets \$20

The Scandelles, Toronto's favourite burlesque troupe, unite some of the city's top queer burlesque artists, musicians, drag performers and dancers for a sexy spectacle that pulls back the sheets on those odd bedfellows: life and death. Featuring performances by Sasha Van Bon Bon, Kitty Neptune, Jesse Dell, Andrya Duff, Tina Fushell, Jillian Camarta, Trixie Easybake, Beever, Lucas Silveira, Nolan Natasha, Faye Slift and more.

For more info visit [thescandelles.com](http://thescandelles.com)

**Glam-Glam Productions** presents

## **Homo Night In Canada 2010**

**Saturday, July 3**

8pm, The Chamber

Tickets \$25

Come see the best in queer comedic talent at *Homo Night in Canada*, 10 years strong. Hosted by the fabulous B-Girlz, this evening of hilarious high-schticking features Kristen Becker, Cocky (Ted Morris, Stephen Sharpe & Doug Taylor), Ian Lynch, Vong Sundara, David Tomlinson, and more surprise guests!

All proceeds go to support **Temba House** (a South African hospice) and **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**.



For more info visit [glam-glam.com](http://glam-glam.com)

Jeffery Straker, Larua Landauer, Dawn Whitwell, Mae Martin, BoylesqueTO, The B-Girlz, The Scandelles, Paul Hutcheson, and Andrew Johnston are available for interviews, for all media. Buddies in Bad Times Theatre encourages the media to participate in all our Queer Pride events.

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