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**Buddies In Bad Times Theatre
announces a call for submissions for
YOUNG CREATORS' UNIT**

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IN BAD TIMES THEATRE

Programme Director **Evalyn Parry**

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: Oct 1, 2009**

Buddies In Bad Times Theatre's Young Creators Unit (YCU) provides a supportive and artistically rigorous space for four queer-identified artists (age 25 and under) to develop and perform their own original, 30-minute, solo performance piece. Under the creative mentorship of YCU Director Evalyn Parry, members of the YCU workshop their material through the weekly Unit meetings, and present their final works at the 31st Rhubarb Festival in February 2010.

The YCU is dedicated to developing the work of promising, emerging queer creator/performers. We are interested in work that pushes the boundaries of theatrical creation, and in keeping with Buddies' mandate, have a particular interest in work that reflects "queerness" either in terms of LGBT identity, and/or in terms of difference, being outside the mainstream, challenging in both content and form.

The 2010 Unit will meet on Mondays for 12 weeks, beginning October 26, 2009, thru February 1st 2010. In January, each YCU artist is paired with a director, to work toward the final presentation of their show at Rhubarb. To participate, you **MUST** be available for all YCU meetings, plus be available for additional rehearsal time in January and February. Participants receive an honorarium of \$750 for their participation.

The YCU supports a wide definition of "performance", and sets no particular limitations or guidelines as to the nature of the proposed projects (aside from the time limitation, which is 30 minutes). However, we do ask that the requested writing sample / support materials be original and closely related to the proposed project, so we can fairly evaluate the project's feasibility.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Download the YCU application form from our website at artsexy.ca

Complete and print the application form and attach the following:

A letter of introduction (1 page)

A project proposal (2 pages max)

A writing, art or performance sample

A resume or bio

APPLICATIONS must be received by 5 pm, OCTOBER 1st 2009.

Applicants will be notified of their status by Oct 16th, 2009

PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF SUBMISSIONS TO:

**Evalyn Parry, Young Creators' Unit Director
Buddies in Bad Times Theatre
12 Alexander Street, Toronto ON M4Y 1B4**

Questions? Please contact: Evalyn Parry evalyn@artsexy.ca

We especially encourage women, people of colour, trans-identified, aboriginal and two-spirited artists as well as artists with disabilities to apply.

Application forms are available online now at:
www.artsexy.ca/youth_youngcreators.cfm

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