

PAUL DUNN'S *OUTSIDE* COMES TO BUDDIES, NOVEMBER 17 & 18

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre presents a **Roseneath Theatre** production

OUTSIDE

by Paul Dunn

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre is excited to bring Roseneath Theatre's production of Paul Dunn's *Outside* to its main stage in November. Written for young audiences and seen by over 35,000 high school students across Ontario, this production is a rare opportunity for the general public to see a powerful and moving piece of theatre. Audiences will recognize playwright Paul Dunn as one of the creator/performers of the 2015 Buddies hit *The Gay Heritage Project* and as one of NOW Magazine's "10 artists to watch this fall."

In *Outside*, a group of students trace back the roots of trauma after an act of homophobic violence tears a school community apart. Written during the rise to prominence of Gay Straight Alliances, the piece looks at issues of depression, violence, bullying, and suicide from the perspective of the young people who deal with it every day.

Nominated for two Dora Mavor Moore awards (Paul Dunn for Outstanding New Play, and G. Kyle Shields for Outstanding Performance), the play is directed by Roseneath Theatre's artistic director, Andrew Lamb, and features G. Kyle Shields (*Tough Jews*, *The Marquise of O*), Mina James (*Blood Weddings*, *Shakespeare in High Park*), and Giacomo Sellar (*Nigeria 287*), with design by Michael Greves, Lindsay C. Walker, Michelle Ramsay, and Verne Good.

These two public performances are presented at the end of a week-long run of matinees at Buddies for local high school students. This fall, the show continues to tour across Ontario and looks forward to an extensive tour of American theatre venues in 2019.

MEDIA INFO

INTERVIEWS – Listed artists are available for interviews in English. Contact 416-975-9130 x35 or aidan@buddiesinbadtimes.com to arrange.

OPENING NIGHT – Opening night is **Friday, November 17, 2017**. Contact Aidan Morishita-Miki at 416-975-9130 x35 or aidan@buddiesinbadtimes.com for accreditation.

ON-LINE RESOURCE – The Buddies website includes a Media Centre that houses press releases, images and other pertinent information for easy download. **www.buddiesinbadtimes.com/media**

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by **Paul Dunn**

directed by **Andrew Lamb**

starring **G. Kyle Shields, Mina James + Giacomo Sellar**

set design **Michael Greves**

costume design **Lindsay C. Walker**

lighting design **Michelle Ramsay**

sound design **Verne Good**

stage manager **Tamara Vuckovic**

Opening Night: November 17

Closing Performance: November 18

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Runs: Fri + Sat 7pm

Tickets: \$10-\$25

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Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander Street, Toronto ON

Established in 1979, **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre** is Toronto's leading destination for artistically rigorous, alternative theatre and a world leader in developing queer voices and stories for the stage. Over the course of its history, it has evolved into the largest facility-based queer theatre company in the world and has made an unparalleled contribution to the recognition and acceptance of queer lives in Canada.

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Roseneath Theatre is the largest professional touring company in Ontario, reaching approximately 100,000 students per season. Considered one of Canada's leading producers of high-quality theatre for children and their families, our plays address issues that resonate with today's youth, encouraging them to reflect on themselves and their place within the community. The company's extraordinary commitment to excellence has earned many accolades, including 43 Dora Mavor Moore Award Nominations and a total of 14 Awards.

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