

ANNIE BRIGGS AND VANESSA DUNN BRING A QUEER LOVE STORY TO LIFE IN *MINE* AT BUDDIES IN BAD TIMES THEATRE, MARCH 21 – APRIL 5

A Buddies in Bad Times Theatre production

MINE

by Jenna Harris

Toronto, ON — Shining a light on queer women’s relationships, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre presents a new production of **Jenna Harris’** play *Mine*, a poetic contemplation of what happens to queer love when lovers grow apart. When the life they built together starts to collapse, two women plunge into a fantastical and tumultuous journey into their shared past, attempting to recapture the magic in their relationship. This two-hander features **Annie Briggs** (of the web series *Carmilla*) and **Vanessa Dunn** (of *Vag Halen*, and *Portrait of a Serial Monogamist*).

Since its initial presentation at the Next Stage Festival in 2015, the play has grown significantly in the Buddies Residency Program and during Harris’ tenure as Buddies’ playwright-in-residence. This March, *Mine* receives its mainstage premiere at the world’s largest and longest-running queer theatre, with an innovative stage design by veteran designer **Shawn Kerwin** (*Between Breaths*, *Sea Sick*).

Evalyn Parry (*Obaaberima*, *The Youth/Elders Project*), Artistic Director of Buddies and director of the piece, comments, “*Jenna has written a script that resonates with such poignant — and hilarious — honesty in its depiction of a lesbian relationship, from passionate beginning to painful ending. There are still so few representations of queer women’s lives on stage and it is truly a pleasure to work on this intelligent, emotional love story that is both quintessentially queer and also holds such universal resonance.*”

Bouncing between the present and the past, the weighty accumulation of the couple's relationship is brought to life by a magical and surprise-filled set by Kerwin, and a uniquely 90s soundscape designed by Toronto club DJ and music journalist **Denise Benson** (an organizer of *Cherry Bomb*, and author of *Then & Now: Toronto Nightlife History*). This all-women creative team is rounded out by costume designer **Vanessa Magic** (*The Solitudes*, *Pass Over*) and Dora Award-winning lighting designer **Michelle Ramsay** (*Obaaberima*, *Gertrude and Alice*).

MEDIA INFO

INTERVIEWS – Listed artists are available for interviews in English. Contact 416-975-9130 x40 or aidan@buddiesinbadtimes.com to arrange.

OPENING NIGHT – Opening night is **Wednesday, March 25 at 8:00pm**. Contact Aidan Morishita-Miki at 416-975-9130 x40 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

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Relaxed performance

The performance of *Mine* on Sunday, March 29th (2:30pm) will be a relaxed performance. Relaxed Performances are designed to welcome audience members who will benefit from a more relaxed performance environment. Patrons can book \$10 tickets in advance using the code “RP10” at checkout.

Deaf-interpreted performance

The performance of *Mine* on Friday, April 3rd (8:00pm) will feature Deaf-interpretation in ASL. Deaf and hard-of-hearing audiences can access \$10 tickets using the code "ASL10" at checkout.

Pay-what-you-can tickets

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday a block of pay-what-you-can tickets will go on sale at noon for that day's performance.

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Previews: March 21st, 22nd, and 24th

Opening Night: March 25th

Closing Performance: April 5th

Runs: Tues-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm {March 22nd at 7pm}

Tickets: PWYC - \$40

Box Office 416-975-8555 or buddiesinbadtimes.com

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

<https://buddiesinbadtimes.com/show/mine/>

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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