



Buddies in Bad Times Theatre Announcement: ArtAttack! 2024

October 11, 2024 (Toronto, ON): ted witzel, Artistic Director of Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, announced this year's *ArtAttack!*, Toronto's most beloved and outrageous annual art auction and fundraiser, taking place on Thursday, November 7, at Buddies (12 Alexander St.). The night offers art aficionados and novices alike an exclusive chance to scoop up work by over 50 major visual artists and enjoy an unforgettable night full of surprises. This year's theme is Homecoming, and guests are invited to dress to impress. Doors open at 7 p.m., with a live auction starting at 8 p.m. Tickets and full details are available at artattack.buddiesinbadtimes.com. Early bird tickets are available until October 23.

Every year, Buddies in Bad Times welcomes droves of discerning art queers and adventurous shoppers for an outrageous art auction and party. This year's *ArtAttack!* live auction collection from many of Canada's foremost contemporary artists was handpicked by four incredible curators: **Emily Gove**, **Zachari Logan**, **Philip Leonard Ocampo**, and **Alison Postma**. A treasure-trove Tuck Shop curated by **Keith Cole** will offer a titillating collection of artist multiples, limited edition prints, and gorgeous goodies from local artisans, each priced at \$100 or less. And this year's silent auction table returns with the most covetable experience packages. Packed full of tasty treats, sexy surprises, and the very best in contemporary art, this year's Homecoming-themed *ArtAttack!* will be a huge fundraiser for the world's largest and longest-running queer theatre, hosted by hilarious queer comedic performer **Paul Hutcheson**.

ArtAttack artists this year include **Jaime Angelopoulos**, **Mark Bath**, **Vida Beyer**, **Edward Burtynsky**, **Nathan Eugene Carson**, **Nik October Clydesdale**, **Paul Dotey**, **a. portia ehrhardt**, **FASTWÜRMS**, **James Fowler**, **Andrew Harding**, **Natalie King**, **Kris Knight**, **Ashlee Marcus**, **Alexander McLeod**, **Allison Morris**, **Wade Muir**, **Rajni Perera**, **Christopher Rouleau**, **Mia Sandhu**, **Marigold Santos**, **Cole Swanson**, **Farihah Shah**, **Maurice Vellekoop**, **Kendra Yee**, and many more.

All proceeds from the auction go directly to Buddies in Bad Times, the world's largest and longest-running queer theatre company, and in support of their mainstage theatre season, new work development programs, and intergenerational community initiatives.

Buddies thanks this year's ArtAttack! sponsors & partners: framing sponsor Akasha Art Projects; beer sponsor Great Lakes Brewery; catering sponsor Sassafraz; catalogue print sponsor The Printing House; Tim Singleton for his beautiful event illustrations, as well as all the dozens of artists and partnering businesses who have donated to the auction.

ArtAttack!

An auction in support of Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

Thursday, November 7, 2024

curatorial committee **Emily Gove, Zachari Logan, Philip Leonard Ocampo, and Alison Postma.**

tuck shop curator **Keith Cole**

hosted by **Paul Hutcheson**

auctioneer **Frances Fripp**

7 p.m. Doors | 8 p.m. Live Auction

Tickets \$55; \$46 early bird tickets available until October 23

Box Office 416.975.8555, or artattack.buddiesinbadtimes.com

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

Can't make it to the event but still want to be a part of the action? Contact aidan@buddiesinbadtimes.com to fill out an absentee bidder form.

About Buddies in Bad Times Theatre | buddiesinbadtimes.com | @buddiesto

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre is the world's largest and longest-running queer theatre. For 46 years, Buddies has carved out a sexy, disobedient edge in Toronto's theatre scene and has been a world leader in amplifying queer voices and developing their stories for the stage. In its year-round theatre season, Buddies is a home for artistic risk—a place where emerging talent hone their radical visions, and where established artists do the daring works other theatres might shy away from. Since 1979, Buddies has welcomed over one million audience members and premiered over 1,000 new works for the stage. The Buddies in Bad Times Lead Season Sponsor is BMO. Learn more about the 2024–25 season [here](#).

Tallulah's

Like its ambisexual namesake, Buddies' in-house bar and performance space Tallulah's Cabaret does it all. It's throbbing club nights and community tap dance lessons. High-concept drag and low-stakes open mics. Go for pre-drinks but stay late for the post-show discourse—maybe even spark that next collaboration. With local brews and sober options that aren't an after-thought, Tallulah's is the come-as-you-are bar for old friends, new lovers, partiers, poets, and curious passerby. See you under the chandeliers.

Tallulah's Cabaret is open Wednesday to Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to midnight (or later). Check out buddiesinbadtimes.com/events or [@tallulahscabaret](https://www.instagram.com/tallulahscabaret) for the upcoming calendar.

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