

ARTATTACK!

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November 3, 2023 | Doors at 7PM | Live Auction 8PM

Mark your calendar for the 2023 edition of **ARTATTACK!**, the annual art auction and fundraiser for Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, taking place on Friday, November 3, 2023 at Buddies. Doors open at 7pm with a live auction starting at 8pm.

ARTATTACK! is one of Toronto's best-loved and most outrageous art auctions, with an XXX-Files theme (a nod to the Buddies XXX auction that preceded ArtAttack!) serving as the backdrop to this year's event. The night offers art aficionados and novices alike an exclusive chance to scoop up work by over 50 visual artists and enjoy an unforgettable night full of surprises.

The **ARTATTACK!** live auction features work from some of Canada's biggest and boldest up-and-coming artists with guest curators **Golboo Amani**, **Noor Alé**, **Jordan Browne**, and **Troy Seidman**. In addition, the ever-popular Tuck Shop is back with guest curator **Darryl Mabey**, selling unique art pieces and limited edition prints at set prices, with a range of purchase options for all **ARTATTACK!** guests. Featured artists include **Bruce LaBruce**, **Zach Gear**, **Eric Kostiuik Williams**, **Kris Knight**, **Alexander McLeod**, **Philip Ocampo**, **Jade Rude**, **Fariyah Aliyah Shah**, **Christopher Sherman**, **Joanne Tod**, and many more.

All proceeds from the auction go back to Buddies, the world's largest and longest-running queer theatre company, and help to support their mainstage theatre season, new work development programs, and intergenerational community initiatives. As the theatre marks its **45th anniversary** this year, it continues to be a vital space for queer artists to push boundaries, and for queer communities to come together.

ARTIST'S LIMITED EDITION PRINT

The Artist Limited Edition Prints have been a favourite at **ARTATTACK!** since they were introduced in 2013. Buddies commissions a celebrated Canadian artist for an original work, available only at **ARTATTACK!** with all proceeds supporting artistic and community programs at Buddies. This year's selection is from Toronto-based illustrator **Mitch Duncan**, the artist behind the theatre's 45th anniversary season illustrations. With Duncan's piece, **ARTATTACK!** guests have a chance to bring home a piece of Buddies' history. A limited run of 45 prints will be available through **ARTATTACK!**, with each of Duncan's prints available for sale now at a set price of \$50.

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hosted by **Bruce Dow**
auctioneer **Charlene Nero**

7PM Doors | 8PM Live Auction
Tickets \$50, early bird tickets available until October 10
Box Office 416.975.8555, or artattack.buddiesinbadtimes.com
Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander Street, Toronto ON

Every year, Buddies in Bad Times welcomes droves of discerning art queers and adventurous shoppers for an outrageous art auction unlike anything you've ever seen. Working alongside Buddies, **Golboo Amani, Noor Alé, Jordan Browne, and Troy Seidman** have curated a live auction that features work from some of our country's foremost contemporary artists.

Plus, our Tuck Shop offers an astounding collection of artist multiples, limited edition prints, and gorgeous goodies from local artisans, co-curated by **Darryl Mabey**. Grab your ticket and come ready to raise your paddle on November 3. Packed full of tasty treats, sexy surprises, and the very best in contemporary art, this year's XXX Files-themed *ARTATTACK!* will be a huge fundraiser for the world's largest and longest-running queer theatre, and an event you don't want to miss.

Established in 1979, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre is a professional Canadian theatre company dedicated to the development and presentation of queer theatre. 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.