



Buddies in Bad Times Theatre Announcement: NUIT BLANCHE TORONTO

September 10, 2024 (Toronto, ON): **ted witzel**, Artistic Director of Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, today announced free programming for the company's first ever Nuit Blanche Toronto activation, as part of the Buddies 46th season, running from 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 5 to 7 a.m. on Sunday, October 6.

"The queers come out at night — all night long in this case," says witzel. "For Buddies' first time as a Nuit Blanche venue we're hosting a sexy, sparkling night of pulsing underground queer performance. We might live in bad times but the nights are bright and full of longing. We're packing our building with a whole night of experiences that bridge distances between bodies, spaces, and eras, right at the edge of art and sweaty party."

Intersecting and overlapping projects take over the theatre's historic building to echo the makeouts and sweat stains of years of parties and performances. Enjoy a taste of the queer underground in Tallulah's Cabaret with performances created by **FakeKnot** and DJ **Karim Olen Ash**, a hot new video installation, *Sex is Sex*, by **Vivek Shraya** and **Christopher Sherman**, and a performance-infused graffiti party in the Buddies basement, hosted by drag/pop duo **xLq**, and a bevy of collaborators. Leave a love letter to your missed connection in Buddies' glittering bathrooms before you crawl home. You won't sleep a wink (but if you did, this is the party you'd dream of). Learn more at BuddiesinBadTimes.com or at Toronto.ca.

The 18th annual Nuit Blanche Toronto will transform the city, from sunset to sunrise. This year's theme, Bridging Distance, explores the different ways we experience distance and reimagine how we can bridge distance through art. This is the City of Toronto's biggest contemporary art festival, with nearly 150 participating artists.

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre is located at 12 Alexander St., Toronto, ON. Nuit Blanche programming is free.

October 5 is also the closing night of the Buddies season opener *Roberto Zucco*. Grab a [ticket](#), and exit the theatre right into Nuit Blanche.

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 to 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 ambisextrous 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 for the upcoming calendar.*

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