

MUKTI FUND ANNOUNCES 2012 QUEER YOUTH THEATER
GRANTS TOTALING \$157,800

2012 Queer Youth Theater Fund grants were awarded to:

About Face Theater

Chicago, IL

www.aboutfacetheatre.com

\$30,000 (\$15,000 in 2012 and 2013) to conduct theater and writing workshops, to generate original material to develop a new play, to perform new work, and to bring programming to schools and community centers in Chicago and across the region

Add Verb Productions/University of New England

Portland, ME

www.addverbproductions.com

\$8,500 from the Special Projects Fund to support internships and other youth participation in their continuing *Out and Allied Project* that develops, produces and publish performance pieces celebrating queer youth.

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

Toronto, Canada

www.buddiesinbadtimes.com

\$7,500 to support the PrideCab Project, a 12 week queer youth arts project on LGBT History culminating in a performance at Buddies' Pride Festival.

Dreams of Hope

Pittsburgh, PA

www.dreamsofhope.org

\$30,000 (\$15,000 in 2012 and 2013) to help underwrite the costs of staff who will support organizational development, outreach, and programming for the theater

Fringe Benefits

Los Angeles, CA

www.cootieshots.org

\$10,000 for 2012 and 2013 plus a \$5,000 match per year to partner with Loyola Marymount University in offering a multipronged theater activism project countering discrimination based on sexuality

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center of Colorado

Denver, CO

www.glbtcOLORADO.org

\$10,000 to support the Rainbow Alley Theater Troupe, a community engagement program that utilizes performance art to bring awareness of LGBT youth culture to the public

Neutral Zoner Teen Center

Ann Arbor, MI

www.neutral-zone.org

\$10,000 grant for Riot Youth and its Gayrilla Theatre which educates to improve the school climate for LGBT youth and to address bullying and harassment

New Conservatory Theater Center

San Francisco, CA

www.nctcsf.org/YouthAware.html

\$30,000 (\$15,000 for 2012 and 2013) to support the establishment and development of the first theater group for queer and allied young people in San Francisco

Pride Players (part of Omaha Theater Company)

Omaha, NE

www.rosetheater.org

\$30,000 (\$15,000 for 2012 and 2013) to help underwrite the costs of Project 14 and 15, to support a college-level intern, to enable the show to tour for no cost to regional venues, and to support the completion of an article for the *YouthTheater Journal*

Proud Theater

Madison, WI

www.proudtheater.org

\$7,500 and a challenge grant of \$5,000 to support the operations and expansion of the theater

Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance

San Bernardino, CA

www.rpya.org

\$7,500 to support the RPYA theater program and the FIERCE Theater Camps and education outreach

Stonewall Youth

Olympia, WA

www.stonewallyouth.org

\$4,000 from the Special Projects Fund to support and expand their Drag Show Extravaganza theater program

Theatre Askew

New York, NY

<http://theatreaskew.com/taype.htm>

\$7,500 plus a \$2,500 challenge grant to support TAYPE and the creation of an original play, *The Trouble with Normal*, examining the issues of normalcy and difference in the lives of LGBTQ youth

Theater Offensive

Cambridge, MA

www.thetheateroffensive.org

\$30,000 (\$15,000 in 2012 and 2013) to help support True Colors with the creation and performance of original plays that engage LGBT youth and their allies

\$21,000 to organize the third annual QYT Artistic Directors conference