

**MUKTI FUND ANNOUNCES  
2013 QUEER YOUTH THEATER GRANTS  
TOTALING \$211,000**

2013 Queer Youth Theater Fund grants were awarded to:

**About Face Theater**

Chicago, IL

[www.aboutfacetheatre.com](http://www.aboutfacetheatre.com)

\$15,000 (second half of a two year, \$30,000 grant) 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](http://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. The newest phase of this program is creating works that will further support queer youth in faith based settings.

**Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**

Toronto, Canada

[www.buddiesinbadtimes.com](http://www.buddiesinbadtimes.com)

\$10,000 to support the PrideCab Project, a 12 week queer youth arts project on LGBT History culminating in a performance at Buddies' Pride Festival.

**The Center (GLBT Community Center of Colorado)**

Denver, CO

[www.glbtcolorado.org](http://www.glbtcolorado.org)

\$15,000 to support the Rainbow Alley Youth Theatre Program. Rainbow Alley's Theatre Troupe uses performance art as a platform to eliminate the fear and isolation caused by homophobia and discrimination and creates a safe setting where LGBTQ youth are supported and challenged to explore their own personal, social, and artistic development.

**Company Q at GLSO**

Lexington, KY

[www.glso.org](http://www.glso.org)

\$5,000 to support the second year of Company Q. Company Q strives to advocate, educate and create unique theatre experiences to foster understanding of LGBTQIA+ issues and experiences in Central Kentucky.

**Creative Action**

Austin, TX

[www.creativeaction.org](http://www.creativeaction.org)

\$12,500 to launch the *Outside the Lines Youth Theatre Ensemble*. Youth will receive training as young leaders in the community and create original plays to directly address social issues facing queer youth growing up in Austin.

**Dreams of Hope**

Pittsburgh, PA

[www.dreamsofhope.org](http://www.dreamsofhope.org)

\$15,000 (second half of a two year, \$30,000 grant) 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](http://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](http://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

**Lifeworks at LA Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center**

Los Angeles, CA

[www.lagaycenter.org](http://www.lagaycenter.org)

\$12,500 to support the creation of the OutSet Activist Theater Project. Consistent with their mentoring philosophy and modeled after their highly successful OutSet filmmaking program, LGBT youth members will learn all aspects of theater production including set

construction, lighting, sound, stage management, direction, production, playwriting and marketing.

**Neutral Zone Teen Center**

Ann Arbor, MI

[www.neutral-zone.org](http://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](http://www.nctcsf.org/YouthAware.html)

\$15,000 (second half of a two-year, \$30,000 grant) to support the establishment and development of the first theater group for queer and allied young people in San Francisco: the YouthAware Out and United (Y.O.U.) program.

\$32,000 to organize the fourth annual Pride Youth Theater Alliance QYT Artistic Directors conference.

**Pride Players (part of Omaha Theater Company)**

Omaha, NE

[www.rosetheater.org](http://www.rosetheater.org)

\$15,000 (second half of a two-year, \$30,000 grant) 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 (Art and Soul Innovations)**

Madison, WI

[www.proudtheater.org](http://www.proudtheater.org)

\$10,000 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](http://www.rpya.org)

\$10,000 to support the RPYA theater program and the FIERCE Theater Camps and education outreach, including the development, production and performance of a new piece, "The Bully Monologues," in conjunction with high school Gay Straight Alliances.

**The Door's Queer Youth Theater Group**

New York, NY

[www.door.org](http://www.door.org)

\$12,500 to The Door, an LGBTQ-affirming multi-service youth development agency, to expand its robust Arts Program through the addition of a Queer Youth Theater Group. The QYT Group will offer both "open" drop-in and "closed" intensive classes with a culminating theater performance at the end of the project.

**Theater Offensive**

Cambridge, MA

[www.thetheateroffensive.org](http://www.thetheateroffensive.org)

\$15,000 (second half of a two-year, \$30,000 grant) to help support True Colors with the creation and performance of original plays that engage LGBT youth and their allies

**UCF Theater/Zebra Coalition**

Orlando, FL

[www.theatre.cah.ucf.edu](http://www.theatre.cah.ucf.edu); [www.zebra youth.org](http://www.zebra youth.org)

\$10,000 to develop interACTionZ, a project led by the University of Central Florida Theatre Department in collaboration with the Zebra Coalition, a network of local agencies providing a full continuum of services to at-risk LGBT+ youth. Weekly workshops will use theatrical techniques to help LGBT+ youth to explore experiences from their own lives in order to gain a clearer understanding of themselves. A performance piece will be developed for the community reflecting these experiences and insights.