

MUKTI FUND ANNOUNCES QUEER YOUTH THEATER
GRANTS TOTALING \$289,000

2014 Queer Youth Theater Fund grants were awarded to:

About Face Theater

Chicago, IL

www.aboutfacetheatre.com

\$40,000 in a 3 year 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

Art and Soul (Proud Theater)

Madison, WI

www.proudtheater.org

\$10,000 and a challenge grant of \$5,000 to support the operations and expansion of the theater programs in Madison, Wausau, and Milwaukee.

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

Toronto, Canada

www.buddiesinbadtimes.com

\$30,000 in a three year grant to support the PrideCab Project, a queer youth arts project on LGBT History culminating in a performance at Buddies' Pride Festival.

Company Q at GLSO

Lexington, KY

www.glso.org

\$10,500 in a three year grant to support the development 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.

Coterie

Kansas City, MO

www.thecoterie.org

\$22,500 in a three year grant to Project Pride where LGBTQ and straight allied teens create theatre that gives voice to their experiences, culminating in a production that challenges the assumptions and celebrates the diversity of the participants and audience.

Creative Action (Theatre Action Project)

Austin, TX

www.creativeaction.org

\$30,000 in a three year grant to support *Outside the Lines Youth Theatre Ensemble* which aims to create artists/activists who devise original plays in order to give voice to the myriad challenges and opportunities for queer teens in Austin. Through this process, participants receive training in leadership, community organizing, and theatre as they grow to be a vital and visible ensemble in the community.

The Door

New York, NY

www.door.org

\$27,500 in a three year grant to support The Door's Queer Youth Theater Group which offers LGBTQ youth and allies the veil of theater to collaboratively explore difficult real-time issues that affect them personally as well as larger social issues that impact their communities.

Dreams of Hope

Pittsburgh, PA

www.dreamsofhope.org

\$40,000 in a three year grant to expand programs that provide LGBTQ and allied youth with a safe and welcoming environment to grow in confidence, express themselves, and develop as leaders.

Fringe Benefits

Los Angeles, CA

www.cootieshots.org

\$40,000 in a three year grant to partner with Loyola Marymount University and Occidental College in offering a multipronged theater activism project countering discrimination based on sexuality

Los Angeles LGBT Center

Los Angeles, CA

www.lagaycenter.org

\$12,500 for the second part of a two year grant to create and develop the sparQ Youth Theater Project to create thought-provoking theater works dealing with issues faced by LGBT

youth, use the performance of these works to spark a dialogue about the experiences and wellbeing of LGBT young people in the Los Angeles school system, and perhaps most importantly to educate and empower a group of emerging young LGBT theater artists.

Neutral Zone Teen Center

Ann Arbor, MI

www.neutral-zone.org

\$22,500 in a three year grant for Riot Youth and its Gayrilla Theatre which works with GSAs to educate and improve the school climate for LGBT youth.

New Conservatory Theater Center

San Francisco, CA

www.nctcsf.org

\$40,000 in a three year grant to support YouthAware Out & United (Y.O.U.), the first theater group for queer and allied young people in San Francisco.

New Orleans Queer Youth Theater

New Orleans, LA

www.noqut.org

\$7,500 grant to support the creation of a performance themed “What is a Queer World?” to premier in Spring 2014.

Oakland Center for the Arts/YOUnify Theater Company

Youngstown, OH

www.oaklandcenter.com

\$5,000 grant to support development and programming.

Orlando Repertory Theatre

Orlando, FL

www.orlandorep.com

\$40,000 in a three year grant to support interACTionZ, a theater partnership between The Rep, Theatre UCF, and the Zebra Coalition that focuses on using theater for social change techniques in order to build community, creatively explore conflict-resolution, and develop youth leadership skills.

The Rose Performing Arts for Children and Families (Omaha Theater Company)

Omaha, NE

www.rosetheater.org

\$40,000 in a three year grant to help underwrite the costs of Pride Players: Project 16, 17 and 18, to enable the show to tour for no cost to regional venues, and to support queer youth leadership.

Theater Askew

New York, NY

www.theatreaskew.com

\$10,000 grant to work with 6 – 10 LGBTQA-identified youth to create an original full-length production focused around the theme of “the future.”

Theater LAB

Richmond, VA

\$10,000 in a three year grant for the creation of a residency program, SPECTRUM, where a group of LGBTQIA-identified youth will create an evening of theater based on their own personal stories, in partnership with Richmond Triangle Players.

www.theatrelabrva.com

Theater Offensive

Cambridge, MA

www.thetheateroffensive.org

\$40,000 in a three year grant to help support True Colors OUT Youth Theater program with the creation and performance of original plays that engage LGBT youth and their allies.

Waterville Inclusive Community Project

Waterville, ME

www.wicpme.wordpress.com

\$22,500 in a three year grant to support the Out & Allied Youth Theatre which empowers queer youth and their allies by involving them in writing, directing or acting in performance pieces and supporting them in leadership roles to create change in their schools and communities.

Pride Youth Theater Alliance

Boston, MA

www.prideyouththeateralliance.org

\$140,740 for 2014 to support the development of a North American queer youth theater movement. Funds are used for staff, strategic development, mentorship, and the fifth annual conference of queer youth theater leaders being held in Orland, FL.