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Buddies in Bad Times Theatre seeks submissions for
THE 31st RHUBARB FESTIVAL

Feb 10 - 28, 2010

Festival Director Erika Hennebury

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR 2010
DEADLINE: 5PM, Friday July 31, 2009

For over 30 years The Rhubarb Festival has offered Toronto artists a critic-free environment to experiment with new theatrical explorations. First produced by Buddies in 1979, Rhubarb is more than a festival; it is a commentary on theatre - on how we create it, on how we present it, and on how we experience it. Here we allow the *artist* and the *idea* to be the centre of attention. The trappings of traditional theatre are purged in favour of a stripped-down approach, where inspiration and invention are genesis. Rhubarb encourages established artists to take new risks and emerging artists to explore the medium of performance creation in a safe, inspired space. Buddies in Bad Times Theatre is currently seeking submissions of new, original, contemporary theatre, performance and dance for our 31st Rhubarb Festival.

The Rhubarb Festival has acted as a seeding ground for exciting new work from a host of groundbreaking Canadian artists, including Sky Gilbert, Daniel MacIvor, Daniel Brooks, Guillermo Verdecchia, Don McKellar, Diane Flacks, Gavin Crawford, Sonja Mills, Darren O'Donnell, Damien Atkins, Atom Egoyan, Jacob Wren, Ann-Marie MacDonald (and many more). The Toronto Star has called it an "annual tonic of fresh and exciting theatre that invigorates Toronto".

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

submissions delivered by or post-marked up to **July 31, 2009** will be accepted

Proposed performances may be **no longer than 25 minutes in length**

Works submitted must be **new, never previously produced and original**

Submissions must be submitted in hard copy only and must be accompanied by a 2009 Rhubarb Festival

Application Form (available online at www.artsexy.ca)

Fax or email submissions will not be accepted

late submissions may not be considered

PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF SUBMISSIONS TO:

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