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Shake It! Bake It! The 20th Annual BGF Bake-Off

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN MIXING BOWLS ARE PREPARED AND WE SEPARATE THE YOLKS FROM THE WINNERS.

The 2007 BGF Bake-Off will be held at The Midnight Shift Hotel, 85 Oxford St, Darlinghurst on Sunday 17 June from 12 noon.

As well as celebrating its 20th anniversary, this year's Bake-Off has the special theme of "70s disco kitchen" to make the fun and colourful proceedings even spicier than usual. Competition will be hotter than the busiest kitchen, with the afternoon having a decidedly cheeky element – something which has made the annual baking competition and subsequent auction a favourite amongst creative entrants and spectators alike.

The extremely talented Mitzi Macintosh is our host for the day. We're also pleased to welcome BGF Patron Todd McKenney as one of our celebrity judges, joining Bake-Off regulars Claire De Lune and Patrick Collins to form a judging panel with impressive credentials.

The entrant categories for this year's Bake-Off are:

Best Cake
Best Cake (Professional)
Best Tart
Best Small Goods (Biscuits and Scones)
Best Decorated Cake
Best Preserves (Jams and Pickles)
Best Gingerbread
& the NEW – Best Kitchen & Table Craft (decorative kitchen or table item/s including handmade doilies, candle holders, place settings, table runners etc).

Doors will open at 12 noon and the cake viewing begins at 2pm after the judging team has made their decisions. Live entertainment with a decidedly 70s disco theme begins at 3pm before the famous Bake-Off auction kicks off at 4pm (plus a DJ til late). Entry is a \$5 donation to BGF at the Door.



The formidable Team Toggs prepare for Bake-Off battle.

Get there early so that you'll be in the running to win an Apple ipod and bid for other great prizes. Bring your friends along too, and see how much money you can raise to help support men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS.

To enter or volunteer for Bake-Off, please call Katie Griffith on **(02) 9283 8666** or email **katie.griffith@bgf.org.au**.

For more information about Bake-Off and the entrant categories, please go to **www.bgf.org.au**.



BGF Patron
and 2007
Bake-Off judge
Todd McKenney

**Shake it,
Bake it!**

The 20th BGF
Bake-Off
wants you!



The warmth of friendship

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S RED SCARF APPEAL NOW.

As a supporter of our organisation, you understand the harsh realities facing people living with HIV/AIDS. 90% of our clients live in poverty. Too ill to work, they are forced into a life of ongoing hardship, and winter is a particularly hard time for them. Additional heating and medical costs can make the financial burden overwhelming.

This is where the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation steps in. By providing practical, emotional and much-

needed financial support, we ensure that our clients can afford both their life-saving antiretroviral medications to remain healthy, and the increased cost of heating to keep warm.

With our support, people can continue to improve their health, rebuild their lives and live with dignity.

With your support, BGF can keep delivering practical help with real results.

It's our heritage. It's what we do. It's what we're here for.

Please support our Red Scarf Appeal and help us warm lives this winter by making a donation. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Donate now by visiting
www.bgf.org.au
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Phoenix Workshops

IT IS PLEASING TO REPORT THAT THE MOST RECENT PHOENIX WORKSHOP WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

Of the nine participants, one has returned to part-time study and part-time work, two have gained part-time work, two are studying full-time, one is volunteering, and the other three have reported significant improvements in their social interaction.

Due to their willingness to change their personal circumstances, all have achieved either social or vocational pathways in their chosen fields and all have gained the confidence and knowledge to re-integrate into the community in the way they have chosen. The latter is an especially satisfying result as the initial goal of all workshop participants was to re-engage in societal activities.

Here are some comments from the Phoenix Workshop participants:

Q: What will you be able to take away from this workshop series?

"Meet new people. Getting sick is not the end of the world. More able to set goals and meet them."

"A renewed sense of 'reality/self' in regards to retraining – with my TAFE entry."

"Everything was useful."

Q: What will you be able to do differently as a result of attending these workshops?

"Not to come apart if things go wrong."

"It has made me more confident about life."

"Think more realistically about my objectives and goal setting in my aim to return to study – train back into work in a less stressful, sustainable environment."

"I'm more self-confident and more positive and strong, and know how to look after myself."

"I had a great time and met a lot of good people. I feel more able to go forward with my goals and life."

I look forward to the next series of workshops in July where, once again, I will have the privilege of working with a diverse, interesting and positive-thinking group of individuals willing to take up the challenge of making changes for their own benefit.

Kim Donohue, Positive Futures Counsellor

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Dita von Teese adds her glamour to our cause

DITA VON TEESE, THE INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED QUEEN OF BURLESQUE AND M·A·C VIVA GLAM SPOKESPERSON, MADE SYDNEY THE EIGHTH STOP ON HER RECENT WHIRLWIND LIPTEESE WORLD TOUR TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR HIV/AIDS PREVENTION.

On Saturday 28 April, Dita Von Teese presented a cheque for \$100,000 from the M·A·C AIDS Fund to the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation during a special appearance at Myer Sydney City in Pitt St Mall.

Hundreds of people crowded into the store to see the glamorous star present the cheque to Bev Lange, the CEO of BGF, who was accompanied by Myer's CEO Bernie Brooks and Julie Otter, Brand General Manager, M·A·C Cosmetics. Afterwards, 100 lucky people who'd purchased Viva Glam products from M·A·C counters in Sydney queued up to meet Dita in person and receive a signed copy of her iconic Viva Glam VI ad.

"M·A·C Cosmetics is a company that truly believes philanthropy is a vital part of their business," said Bev Lange. "100% of all sales of Viva Glam products go to the M·A·C AIDS Fund, which is an extraordinary commitment to people living with HIV and AIDS in New South Wales. The relationship between the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation and the M·A·C AIDS Fund began in 1998 and has contributed over \$544,300 for financial assistance programs to support BGF's clients, 90% of whom live below the poverty line.

"This donation of \$100,000 is so important and will enable our clients to have heating during winter, maintain their medications, assist with course fees and

materials for training to facilitate returning to study and work, and generally fund basic items that most of us take for granted.

"At a time when HIV is not being spoken of, it is encouraging to have Dita make the commitment to come to Australia as a M·A·C Viva Glam spokesperson and raise awareness with a broad audience about HIV."

M·A·C Cosmetics' Brand General Manager Julie Otter spoke of her company's commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS. "We have a saying – 'Every day is World AIDS Day at M·A·C'. There is much work yet to be done, but thanks to the tireless dedication of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation, people living with HIV/AIDS in NSW can receive services and support, and therefore live a full, normal life. We salute the good work of the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation."

The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation would like to thank Dita von Teese, Julie Otter and the M·A·C Cosmetics team, who also make personal contributions to the M·A·C AIDS Fund themselves, and Bernie Brooks and Myer for hosting the function.

You can support BGF and the M·A·C AIDS Fund by purchasing any Viva Glam product online (www.maccosmetics.com.au) or at any M·A·C counter.



BGF CEO Bev Lange at the M·A·C AIDS Fund cheque presentation

Bev Lange receives the M·A·C AIDS Fund cheque from Dita Von Teese



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Michael and Anna Jackas from IGA Rosebery

IGA Rosebery supports BGF

The Bobby Goldsmith Foundation is delighted to be the charity of choice for IGA Rosebery's "Community Chest". Proprietors Michael and Anna Jackas have generously agreed to donate 1 cent from the sale of every home brand item to BGF. Together with Cellarbrations Rosebery, they have also donated an additional \$5,000 to our organisation.

We encourage you to check out both IGA and Cellarbrations in Rosebery to support those who support us! The stores are located on the corner of Botany Rd and Queen St Rosebery.

Art for life

ULRICH SCHILD IS A RESPECTED ARTIST WHOSE LARGER-SCALE WORK CAN BE SEEN IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACES IN SYDNEY. HIS LATEST EXHIBITION FOCUSES ON 12 NEW ARTWORKS WITH THE THEME *LIFE IN MOTION*.

Ulrich has a commitment to philanthropic causes and he generously agreed to donate the proceeds of the sales resulting from the *Life in Motion* exhibition to the Bobby Goldsmith Foundation.

"I decided to pick BGF as this year's charity," said Ulrich, "because I am inspired by the work and support BGF provides. I am proud to assist with my exhibition."

Life in Motion opened on Saturday 19 May at Thirtyseven Degrees Contemporary Fine Art Gallery in Danks Street Waterloo and closes on Saturday 9 June.

"As an organization who relies on the contribution of passionate individuals and organizations, we were honoured to have been chosen as the charity partner for this exhibition," said Bev Lange. "The contribution from Ulrich Schild will greatly assist BGF in our ongoing work to improve the lives of men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS."

Client Artworks from the Fair Day Expo

All of the artworks presented in the inaugural BGF Client Expo at Fair Day can be viewed on the BGF website.

To see the gallery of artworks and the catalogue of entries, go to <http://www.bgf.org.au> and click through to the Mardi Gras Fair Day page of the Events section.

Be the first to hear about the 2008 BGF Glamstand

Although the 2008 Mardi Gras Parade takes place next March, planning for our BGF Glamstand has already started. Please email us at glamstand@bgf.org.au if you'd like to be notified when Glamstand tickets go on sale. Any updates will also be posted on the Glamstand section of our website.

Get Your Newsletter by email

Emails are a great way for us to keep you up to date with what we're doing. It's better for the environment and its cost effectiveness means more of the money donated goes directly to providing support to people living with HIV/AIDS. Sign up at bgf@bgf.org.au to have the next issue of the BGF Positive News newsletter sent to you by email.



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