



**INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED PUPPETEER RONNIE BURKETT IN CALGARY FOR
AUCTION TO BENEFIT AIDS CALGARY AWARENESS ASSOCIATION**

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Calgary, AB –**

AIDS Calgary Awareness Association (ACAA) is proud to present an exciting online auction, featuring 17 “One of a Kind” Carousel Animals created by revered marionette artist Ronnie Burkett. These exquisite collectibles were once featured in Burkett's renowned play *Tinka's New Dress*. The online auction will take place from March 14-28. The proceeds are to benefit ACAA's many programs that provide HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and STI education and prevention, as well as those programs to support those who live with and are affected by HIV/AIDS, STIs and Hepatitis C. ACAA would like to thank Ronnie Burkett for his generous donation of these unique pieces of artwork. Donations like these contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS

The online auction can be accessed through www.hodginsauction.com/AIDScalgary or the ACAA's website at www.aidscalgary.org. The auction will coincide with Burkett's performance of *Unstrung*, which will consist of a reading from his unreleased work *Penny Plain*. *Unstrung* will take place at 7pm, March 13th at the Martha Cohen Theatre. Following the performance a live auction will also take place featuring select items from the Carousel Animal Collection.

Unstrung is a part of the International Festival of Animated Objects hosted by **Calgary's Animated Objects Society (CAOS)**. For more details about Ronnie Burkett's *Unstrung*, please visit <http://www.epcorcentre.org/>, or call 403.226.1503, or for tickets call 403.294.7475.

AIDS Calgary Awareness Association is a local not-for-profit AIDS service organization that offers support services, prevention and education to individuals who are at-risk for, affected by or living with HIV/AIDS. ACAA is working hard to prevent the rise of HIV, Hepatitis C and STIs in our community as Alberta currently has the highest rate of Syphilis in Canada and HIV diagnoses continue to rise within our female heterosexual population.

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