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**FUTURE PERFECT: BUILD THE BUREAU
A FUNDRAISING PARTY TO BENEFIT A YOUNG QUEER CULTURAL CENTER
HELD AT A LEGENDARY QUEER CULTURAL CENTER—THE PYRAMID CLUB**

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

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The Pyramid Club

101 Avenue A

The Bureau of General Services—Queer Division is pleased to announce that we will host **Future Perfect: Build the Bureau**, a fundraising party for the Bureau at **The Pyramid Club**. The Bureau of General Services—Queer Division is a queer cultural center, bookstore, and event space that has been hosted by Strange Loop Gallery since November 15, 2012. We will leave the gallery on August 31st, and we are raising funds to secure a permanent home for the Bureau on the Lower East Side. We launched our Indiegogo crowd-funding campaign, also titled Future Perfect: Build the Bureau, on Friday, July 26th, and it will run through Friday, September 13th. Our goal is to raise **\$50,000 in 50 days** in order to secure a storefront, build the store, purchase necessary equipment, add a café, and create an e-commerce page on our website. Donors who contribute \$10 or more by noon on August 7th are invited to attend the party at The Pyramid Club that evening. Donations can be made at <http://igg.me/at/bgsqd/x/3855206> or by visiting our website and clicking on the link to the campaign page: bgsqd.com.

The Bureau chose to host this fundraising party at The Pyramid Club because it is a legendary performance space that played a crucial role in New York's queer history. Shortly

after opening in 1979, The Pyramid became an important venue within the emerging vibrant cultural life of the East Village in the 1980s. Regular Pyramid Club performers included Ann Magnuson, John Kelly, John Sex, and Steve Buscemi. The club is famous for hosting drag legends Lady Bunny, RuPaul, Lypsinka, Hapi Phace, and Ethyl Eichelberger. The Wigstock Festival itself emerged from The Pyramid. After closing down the club one night in spring of 1984, Lady Bunny and friends stumbled to the bandshell in nearby Tompkins Square Park for an impromptu performance that would become the impetus for the annual celebration that continued for many years. The Pyramid Club's history played an important part in leading the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation to request that the Landmarks Preservation Commission consider designation of 101 Avenue A as a New York City landmark in 2007.

The Bureau seeks to build on this rich history of queer performance on the Lower East Side. For over eight months we have been bringing queer performers, writers, activists, musicians, and audiences together in a place where books, publications, and art are on display and available. Hosting a fundraising party at The Pyramid Club in order to move this project forward is a perfect way for us to link ourselves to a past that we proudly claim as a source of inspiration. We are especially pleased that the legendary **Penny Arcade** will perform at the event along with many emerging artists, including the Master of Ceremonies **Justin Sayre**, who is the celebrated host of The Meeting, a monthly meeting of the International Order of Sodomites now held at 54 Below.

The Bureau of General Services—Queer Division (BGSQD, LLC), is co-owned by founders Donnie Jochum and Greg Newton.

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