

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **BOBBY BAKER'S BUMPER PACKAGE**

Acclaimed performance artist Bobby Baker holds a weekend of special events at Toynbee Studios on 8 & 9 March, celebrating the launch of the Bobby Baker Bumper Package, which documents her extraordinary body of work over the last thirty-five years. The events will feature performance, conversation and debate, as well as (in true Baker style) music and laughter, abundant toasts, toast and complimentary customised cakes for all audience members.

The Bumper Package consists of ***Bobby Baker: Redeeming Features of Daily Life***, a new publication from Routledge which brings together for the first time a complete overview of Baker's work as an artist, a newly digitised series of DVDs documenting her work, and a new website ([www.bobbybakersdailylife.com](http://www.bobbybakersdailylife.com)).

The Bumper Package launch not only looks back over Baker's remarkable career to date, but also marks the first research stages of what promises to be her most ambitious project yet. In 2010 ***A Model Family*** will take Baker's exploration into food and family relationships even further, with a life-size edible family created by Baker and collaborators inhabiting their very own reality TV house over a period of weeks, tended by Baker as a puppet maker / expert therapist / farmer.

On both evenings, the events will end with a *First F.E.A.T.* – a new performance devised by Bobby Baker including herself, colourful ladle dancing and one dozen Queen Maryites.

#### **LISTINGS INFORMATION**

Bobby Baker's Bumper Package Special Events

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 March 2008, 5 – 7pm

Toynbee Studios, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6AB

Nearest tube Aldgate East

Tickets £7

Available from Toynbee Studios box office: 020 7650 2350

Book online at [www.artsadmin.co.uk](http://www.artsadmin.co.uk) (no booking fee)

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **BOBBY BAKER**

One of Britain's leading performance artists, Bobby bases her work on her own experiences and often uses food as a medium of exploration. Bobby's performances have examined a wide range of issues including domesticity, spirituality, health and education. Her extensive repertoire of work includes *An Edible Family in a Mobile Home* (1976), *Drawing on a Mother's Experience* (1988) and the *Daily Life* domestic quintet that spanned a decade from 1991-2001. Her most recent success *How to Live* (2004) draws on research into therapeutic processes to create her own *Therapy Empire* – all for the benefit of a garden pea. Bobby is also currently touring a collection of her personal *Diary Drawings*, a vehicle for dealing with her experiences of the mental health system over the last 10 years. From a main course to a course of therapy, Bobby Baker is one of the most surprising and enchanting artists working today.

### **TOYNBEE STUDIOS**

Toynbee Studios is Artsadmin's unique centre for the development and presentation of new work. The studios comprise a 280-seat theatre, five studio spaces and the Arts Bar & Café, all of which host performances and events throughout the year.

The programme aims to support artists producing new and innovative work in theatre, dance, live art, visual arts and mixed media. Toynbee Studios hosts a range of events, offering the chance to see works in development as well as touring and one-off events. There are also regular showcases, artists' talks and workshops.

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