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**BLACK ARTIST SHOWCASED AT THE**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FUNNY GIRLS AND DYNAMIC DIVAS**  
**A Comedy and Music Cabaret**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011 • 6 PM**  
**Jane Mallett Theatre**  
<http://www.sistering.org/events>

**Maiko Watson** is a singer songwriter from Winnipeg, Manitoba. She released her solo debut album, *Sweet Vibration*, which picked up Urban Record of the Year at the Breakout West Awards 2010. Maiko is also a former member of soul/pop group Sugar Jones, whose debut album went platinum in Canada. A versatile performer, she also played Mimi in the musical "RENT!" with Rainbow Stage and has performed with Ron Paley's Big Band (Jazz) and Moses Mayes (funk/dance). Visit <http://maikowatson.com/> for more information.

Funny Girls and Dynamic Divas is a cabaret of comedy and music acts, featuring an all-Canadian female line-up. **Elvira Kurt** hosts this year's event, with the comedy of **Laurie Elliot** and **Sabrina Jalees**, and performances by **Sarah Slean**, **Alejandra Ribera** and **Maiko Watson** all backed by the all-female **HotHouse** band.

**Evening Schedule:** Thurs, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Reception 6 PM, Show 7:30 PM

Tickets for 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Funny Girls and Dynamic Divas are priced at **\$75.00** and can be purchased online at [www.stlc.com](http://www.stlc.com); by phone at 416.366.7723/1.800.708.6754; or in person at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts box office, located at 27 Front Street East, Monday to Saturday: Noon – 6 PM; all Ticketmaster outlets, online at [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca) or by calling 1.800.265.5566 or can be purchased from the Sistering Office: 416.926.9762 ext. 243.

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