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COMEDY SHOWCASED AT THE

9TH ANNUAL FUNNY GIRLS AND DYNAMIC DIVAS

A Comedy and Music Cabaret

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011 • 6 PM

Jane Mallett Theatre

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Elvira Kurt is one of Canada's most accomplished comedians. She was voted Funniest Female Comic at the Canadian Comedy Awards and received a Gemini-nomination for her one-hour comedy special *Elvira Kurt: I'm A Big Girl Now*. The special also nabbed the Gold Award at the Worldfest International Film Festival. The Second City alumnus has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and her comedy specials have aired on Comedy Central, HBO, Showtime, CTV, CBC and The Comedy Network. **Kurt** is a frequent guest on CBC show *The Debators* as well as a weekly guest on *Q's "Cultural Hall of Shame"* segment each week. Visit www.elvirakurt.com for more information.

Laurie Elliott has made a name for herself as one of the most versatile and fun to watch entertainers in Canada. She is a winner of the Tim Sims Encouragement Fund Award and has thrice been voted Funniest Female Stand Up at The Canadian Comedy Awards, most recently this year. **Elliott's** stand up credits include the Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, where her recent gala set is nominated for a Canadian Comedy Award for Best Taped Performance, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival, the Comedy Factory in Rotterdam, Raw Comedy Club in Stockholm, and a gala run at the Cape Town International Comedy Festival in South Africa. She has just finished a cross Canada tour produced by Clayton and Russell Peters called "GIRL'S NIGHT OUT" with fellow friends and comics Debra Digiovanni and Kristeen von Hagen. **Laurie** just won a Canadian Comedy award for a Female Actress for her role in *Almost Audrey*, a pilot for The Comedy Network co-created by Laurie and Greg Lawrence. She also has had recurring roles on Much Music's most highly rated show *Video on Trial*, CBC's *The Red Green Show* (Gemini nominee for Best Ensemble Cast) and *The Jon Dore Television Show*.

Visit <http://www.diamondfield.com/laurieelliott.php> for more information.

Sabrina Jalees is a comedian, actor, keynote speaker and writer based in New York City (Brooklyn.) Since stepping onto the stage of (Toronto's) Yuk Yuk's amateur night at 16, she's become one of the most recognizable faces in the Canadian media. Lovers of comedy were immediately intrigued by the ½ -Pakistani, ½ -Swiss teen's humour (...mostly because she was so damned clever and admittedly, partially due to her moustache at the time). She was soon skipping class to tour the country. Going on to record a CTV Comedy Now special, perform at the famed Just For Laughs Festival and break Mike Myers' record as the youngest improviser ever hired by Second City. Between now and then she's crossed over into acting (CBS's *Flashpoint*, Lifetime's *Mom at Sixteen*), hosts a Canadian reality series (YTV's *In Real Life*) as well as a national radio show (CBC's *Laugh Out Loud*) and is best known for her rapier wit as a fixture of the most popular show on Canada's version of MTV (*Much Music's Video On Trial*). Her confidence and ambition has been in the scope of several international publications (Cosmogirl, Marie Claire Italy, ABC's *Switched*) and has led to the birth of a budding career in motivational speaking. Her comedy itself has caught glimpses of the globe, having toured North America, England and South Africa. Cut to now. She's completed her B.A. in Radio and Television Production. She's moved to the U.S. where she's heavily booked touring colleges across the country. She's turned some important heads (NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, Logo's *Year End Review*, Animal Planet's *The A-List*) and she's working on turning a few more (i.e. You). Check her website out at www.sabrinajalees.com

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 2nd, Reception 6 PM, Show 7:30 PM

Tickets for 9th Annual Funny Girls and Dynamic Divas are priced at **\$75.00** and can be purchased online at 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 or by calling 1.800.265.5566 or can be purchased from the Sistering Office: 416.926.9762 ext. 243.

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