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**QUEER ARTISTS 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/funnygirls.php>

**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](http://www.elvirakurt.com) for more information.

**HotHouse** bandleader **Evelyne Datl** has performed keyboard in a wide variety of genres with artists ranging from The Parachute Club, Allanah Myles and Shirley Eikhard to the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band and contemporary music orchestra Hemispheres. Over the last few years, **Datl** has been busy composing music for television and film. Visit [www.evelynedatl.com](http://www.evelynedatl.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.

**Ordinary women in extraordinary circumstances**, Sistering has been supporting homeless, under housed and low-income women in the Toronto community since 1981. The core services offered are basic needs for daily living, housing assistance, counseling, advocacy and self-employment programs. For more information, please visit [www.sistering.org](http://www.sistering.org).

*Please add this information to your listings. Images are available upon request. Presently confirming interviews.*

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