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FUNNY GIRLS AND DYNAMIC DIVAS ARE BACK WITH THE
11TH ANNUAL COMEDY AND MUSIC CABARET
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013 • JANE MALLET THEATRE
6 p.m. Reception • 7:30 p.m. Show
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Funny Girls and Dynamic Divas has been showcasing music, laughs and raw entertainment for over a decade. On **Thursday May 30** Canada's top female comedians and musicians perform again at the **Jane Mallet Theatre**, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, 27 Front Street East.

Hosting this year's event is one of Canada's most accomplished comedians, **Elvira Kurt**, who will present a remarkable line-up of women. Sure to bring laughs to all is Gemini award winning comedian **Sandra Shamas**. Taking centre stage is Juno award-winning jazz vocalist, **Molly Johnson** whose smoky voice will melt the hearts of the audience; as well as Grammy nominated **Jane Bunnett** with her sounds of latin-jazz.

Presented by **Sistering**, the event will be offering delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts served during the reception and intermission. An exciting **silent auction** and **raffle** with exceptional lifestyle packages and prizes will also take place.

Tickets for the 11th Annual Funny Girls and Dynamic Divas are \$80.00 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.

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



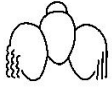
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Comedy Network. **Kurt** was a frequent guest on the CBC Radio show *The Debaters*, and is currently a weekly guest on Q's "Cultural Hall of Shame" segment. www.elvirakurt.ca

Canadian comedic actress **Sandra Shamas** has been performing around the country since 1987, most known for her smash hit *My Boyfriend's Back and There's Gonna Be Laundry*, which debuted in 1987. **Shamas** has toured the country and even played the legendary Old Vic Theatre in London, England (the first Canadian show to have that distinction in the theatre's long history). This sprung two sequels and Shamas was nominated for the Governor General's Award and the Stephen Leacock Award for the *Laundry* trilogy. She won a Gemini Award in 1991 for Best Performance in Comedy, and won the Best Theatre Award at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in March 2003. Sandra is currently working on *WIT'S END III: LOVE LIFE*, the third instalment of her WIT'S END series, which had a hugely successful run at Toronto's Winter Garden Theatre last year. www.sandrashamas.com

CBC Radio 2 host **Molly Johnson** has earned her reputation as one of Canada's greatest voices. Performing from coast-to-coast she has seduced listeners with her luscious interpretations of jazz and blues. **Johnson** became the first Canadian female vocalist during the Toronto Jazz Festival to sell out a show on the main stage. In the fall of 2008, after creating a critically acclaimed body of original music, Johnson released her fourth full-length album; a long awaited record of standards entitled LUCKY via Universal Music Canada & Universal Music France. LUCKY won the 2009 JUNO for Best Vocal Jazz Album. Molly also received the 2009 National Jazz Award for Best Female Vocalist. www.MollyJohnson.com

Multiple Juno Award-winner **Jane Bunnett** has showcased some of the finest talent from Canada, the U.S. and Cuba. She has been nominated for Grammy Awards, numerous Juno Awards, and most recently, was honoured with an appointment to the Order of Canada. An internationally acclaimed musician, **Bunnett** is known for her creative integrity, improvisational daring and courageous artistry. Her exploration of Afro-Cuban melodies expresses the universality of music and her ability to embrace and showcase the rhythms and culture of Cuba has been ground-breaking. She has toured the world bringing her own special sound to numerous jazz festivals, displaying her versatility as a flutist, saxophone player and pianist. www.janebunnett.com



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Ordinary women in extraordinary circumstances: Sistering has been supporting homeless, under-housed and low-income women in Toronto 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.

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