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SERIOUSLY FUNNY FEMALES: CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH A NIGHT OF STAND-UP COMEDY HILARITY!

This March, the valley is set to come alive with the sound of unstoppable laughter!

Once again, the Chilliwack Cultural Centre welcomes back a stellar line-up of seriously funny females on March 8 in the fifth annual *I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!* There's no better way to celebrate **International Women's Day** than with a dash of sugar, spice, and knee-slapping punchlines. You won't want to miss this rollicking ride of a "herlarious" evening, no matter what your gender!

Torontonian funny girl **Elvira Kurt** headlines this hysterical evening with her signature spark and quick quipping. She earned her chops with *Second City*, wrote material for *This Hour has 22 Minutes* and *Ellen DeGeneres*, was nominated for a *Gemini award*, and has hosted a variety of both radio and television shows. You might recognize her from CBC's *Debaters*, *The Comedy Network*, as the host of *Q's Hall of Shame* or *YTV's Cook'd*. no matter what you know Elvira from, she proves time and time again that she is one of Canada's best-known and most-loved comediennes for a reason!

And as she'll prove with *I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!*, stand-up is her ultimate stomping ground.

“I like performing live because it’s limited to what’s happening in the moment,” she says with a grin. “It’s me and the audience, and it’ll only exist for that theatre at that time. To record it and watch it on a TV at a later time, it loses something.”

Elvira’s sharp wit and pull-no-punches style makes for a winning combination of pure comedy magic. As a married lesbian mother of two who describes her fashion sense as “vintage hipster teenage boy,” her comedic take on womanhood is sure to have you laughing all night.

Julie Kim is a Canadian Comedy Award nominee and a self-described “all-around nice guy.” She believes humour is the shortest distance between two people - if you don’t mind speaking figuratively or know much about physics. Her tongue-in-cheek punchlines will have you rolling in the aisle and giggling to your fellow seatmates - this up-and-comer is a tour de force and a seriously funny girl!

Ash Dhawan is another bright young comedy star, with just a few years of stand-up under her belt. This Coquitlam native specializes in an “OMG, did she just say that?” style of comedy, and her sets are a whirlwind of talent and punchlines. Ash was the winner of BC’s Funniest Woman competition in 2014, and she’s ready to blow the audience out of the water and knock their socks off. She’s edgy, fierce, and always ready to dish out a healthy helping of sarcasm and wit!

“The feeling you get when you’re on stage and are making people laugh is the most unbelievable feeling in the world,” Ash says. “I want to show the world how incredible women can be. I bring a South Asian female voice to the comedy scene and I take any chance available to support women’s groups and encourage other ladies to give comedy a shot.”

Betsy Bottom Dollar hails from Victoria, and is the sort of woman who will give you her two cents... whether you want it or not! Armed with a powerhouse personality and devastating vocals, Betsy is a force of nature. She’s been performing for more than 30 years all over the globe as a singer, producer, and burlesque performer as co-emcee of the *Cheesecake Burlesque Revue*. She brings a splash of diva, a smash of drag-queen, and a crash of heavy metal to the show, and puts on the sort of show you won’t ever forget!

This fifth annual celebration of female humour raises the bar - and makes for a hell of a show! This marvellous evening presents some of the best stand-up comedy from across the country. Get ready for a night of laughter, mayhem, and a ton of unexpected comedic shenanigans - these ladies are a scream! And what better way to come together as a community and join the global celebration of international women’s day than with this annual tribute to women - in an evening that will have you rolling in the aisles and begging for mercy.

Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$29 for seniors, and \$27 for students. For more information or to book tickets, visit the Box Office in person or phone 604-391-SHOW (7469), or visit www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca.

I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff! is generously and proudly sponsored by Cloverdale Paint, The Hampton Inn, Ann Davis Transition Society, The City of Chilliwack, Minter Country Garden, Chilliwack Times, and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Additional Information

<http://www.elvirakurt.ca/welcome.html>

<http://www.juliekimcomedy.com/>

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Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Owned by the City of Chilliwack, the Cultural Centre houses two unique performance venues, an art gallery, music instruction studios, arts and crafts studios, meeting rooms, offices, and is home to the Chilliwack Academy of Music and the Chilliwack Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, more than 220,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding three million dollars. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City, and boasts The Chilliwack Academy of Music, The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association, The Chilliwack Players Guild, The Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra, and the Chilliwack School of Performing Arts as partners.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 168 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts and crafts studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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