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## Ladies... get ready to laugh!!!

CHILLIWACK, BC – *I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!* is returning once again to the Cultural Centre on **March 8, 2014** with a brand new lineup of fantastic female comediennes. Mothers, daughters, grandmothers and girlfriends, this is the perfect howling fun night out to celebrate **International Women's Day** and honor all the crazy stuff that makes women so special. These comediennes highlight the comical side of life in a wildly entertaining show that is sure to brighten up those winter days, so much so that even your men will get a kick out of this show!

Presented by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society, *I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!* will be emceed by the side-splitting comedienne **Jan Bannister** who plays host to the fourth annual 'herlarious' evening at The Cultural Centre. Headlined by the grand dame of comedy, **Susan Rice**, the evening opens with the hilarious **Stephanie Michelle** and features the very funny **Melanie Rose**. This all female stand-up comedy

performance is one of the favorite shows of the season, so be sure and get your tickets early for this spectacle of gut-bustin' entertainment.

Veteran funny woman **Susan Rice's** is the evening's feisty headliner. Her humor is down to earth and conversational and it's her ability to bring her everyday experiences to comedic life that sets her apart. Rice "brings the goods", she is "funny, familiar and clean." Sharing her quirky sense of humor, this accomplished comedienne has been making people laugh for over 30 years with her quick wit and outgoing personality. Her love of the craft shows in her professional approach to this crazy business as she makes familiar daily events comical. Raised in the Pacific Northwest Susan still resides in Portland but lived and worked in Los Angeles for over 13 years. Performing throughout the US and Canada she has been seen on Comedy Central, Showtime and was a featured performer at the HBO Comedy Festival at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Susan Rice knows her craft, having performed with some of the greats, such as Jerry Seinfeld, Paula Poundstone, Norm Crosby and Tim Allen; along with appearances on the hit comedy shows of the 90's, A&E's Evening at the Improv and Showtime's Comedy on the Road Allstars. Susan Rice is fantastic live entertainment that will have you howling with laughter until your belly hurts.

*Rice is a "Must see comic", "She is like that one relative that use to make you laugh till you cried! A familiar Visual Comic who pokes more fun at herself then her audience Susan Rice is a true professional!" - The Oregonian*

Spirited Emcee **Janice Bannister** has been on the comedy scene for the past 10 years and as a former Psychiatric nurse, she likes to combine her scientific observations with her weird and quirky sense of humour. Performing all across Canada in comedy clubs, and as a keynote for corporations, Janice has entertained at the Vancouver International Comedy Festival, Fringe Festival, and has industry credits on CBC, and the W network. She currently teaches stand-up comedy through Laughter Zone 101 and at Capilano University.

Opening the evening is the very funny **Stephanie Michelle** who started her comedic career several years ago in Vancouver. Placing second in "Funniest Comic with a Day Job" in 2011, and third in "Funniest Female", she brings a fresh sassy edge to the show.

*"Adorable. Mean but precious."* - John Cullen, Comic, Yuk Yuks

The feature comedian is **Melanie Rose** who has been on the comedy scene since 2007 and has quickly become a fixture on the Vancouver comedy scene. She has performed in comedy clubs across Canada and just recently was featured on "She Kills Me", which airs on the APTN network. Melanie's unique take on her life and the world around her has opened the door for many of her comedy accomplishments, including opening for comedy great Caroline Rhea and performing at mental health and wellness events to help remove the stigma around mental health issues. Melanie's fun quirky way will have you laughing with her all the way...

*"Melanie Rose is a woman who defies all odds as she wholeheartedly applies herself towards her dream."* - Mike MacDonald, Comedian

So gals gather up the girlfriends and celebrate **International Women's Day** with some of Canada's funniest female comediennes! ***I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!*** is live at The Cultural Centre on March 8, International Women's Day. Be warned, adult material and situations are abundant in this show and may not be appropriate for all audience members. Get your tickets early for this sure fire sellout... call 604-391-SHOW(7469).

***I Am Woman! Hear Me Laff!*** is generously sponsored by Cloverdale Paint, Minter Country Gardens, Hampton Inn, The Chilliwack Progress, Ann Davis Transition Society, Department of Canadian Heritage, Province of British Columbia and the British Columbia Arts Council.

## **Additional Information**

Emcee [Jan Bannister](#)

Headliner [Susan Rice](#)

Opener [Stephanie Michelle](#)

Featuring [Melanie Rose](#)

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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, over 150,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding 2,000,000. 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 and The Chilliwack Players Guild 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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