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## *I Am Woman - Hear Me Laff* Back for More International Women's Day Fun!

CHILLIWACK, BC— Ladies - get ready to laugh - because the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society's celebration of International Women's Day - *I Am Woman - Hear Me Laff* - is back! The sixth annual extravaganza of witty, wacky, and womanly comedy is taking place at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **March 8, 2016** - and with a stellar collection of comics lined up once again, this year's show is sure to be another 'herlarious' riot.

Year after year, *I Am Woman* has brought an eclectic and electrifying variety of comedians to Chilliwack - and the sixth installment of this outrageously hilarious tradition will be no exception. Featuring internationally acclaimed talents alongside British Columbia's most exceptional emerging comics, this event will be another vivacious and varied night revelling in womanhood in all its glory.

After getting warmed up with emcee **Christine Lippa** - who many will recognise from her appearances with *Leave it to Cleavage* and *Sex & the Suburbs - I Am Woman* will get off to a saucy start with opening act **Lisa Person**. A finalist in British Columbia's Funniest Female Contest and a performer whose veil of innocence and naivety quickly falls away as soon as she airs her quirky perspectives on dating, sexuality and aging, Lisa is sure to have you in stitches.

Next up will be **Katie-Ellen Humphries**, who has been making a name for herself throughout the Pacific Northwest with an inventive imagination, razor-sharp wit, and hilariously surreal style of humour. With recent highlights including sets at Seattle's Bumbershoot Festival and at the Vancouver International Comedy Festival, Katie-Ellen's comic career is reaching new and exciting heights - and her appearance at *I Am Woman* will prove why she's winning audiences over wherever she goes!

The night's headliner will be a comedian with over two decades' worth of experience bringing the laughs around the world - most recently performing on the UK's premier stand-up comedy shows Live at the Apollo and The John Bishop Show - the incredible **Tanyalee Davis**. Tanyalee's talents have taken her from her native Canada to the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia; yet for her, this performance at *I Am Woman* will be all the sweeter for a return to the Chilliwack Cultural Centre! "I've spent a lot of time touring the UK over the past few years, but I'm thrilled to come back for this event - *I Am Woman - Hear Me Laff's* organizers really know what they're doing when it comes to putting on an awesome show like this. And with family and friends that come out from White Rock for my shows, it's always great for me to get back to the Lower Mainland."

With International Women's Day being a day to mark female empowerment and confidence, Tanyalee is the ultimate headliner for this comedy celebration. Standing at 3'6' (and shrinking), Tanyalee is what she calls "a chihuahua with a pitbull personality" - and packs an explosively racy comic punch far above her weight. And as a comedian with a penchant for going against preconceptions, she's thrilled to be part of an event that puts the focus on the feminine! "You know, women constantly hear

those dumb ‘I don’t usually like female comedians - but you were really funny!’ comments, but this show just proves how wrong that whole mentality is. I used to work with Christine Lippa - she’s hysterical - and I know her, Lisa, Katie-Ellen and I will show everybody what we’ve got, be strong women, confident, and go out and do our thing!”

So make sure to join these four funny females when they bring the laughs to Chilliwack on **March 8, 2016**. And guys, it might be International Women’s Day but don’t think you’re not invited to the party... just don’t expect to get off the hook too easily!

Tickets are \$32 for adults, \$29 for seniors, and \$27 for students and are available at The Centre Box Office, visit [www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca](http://www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca) or call 604-391-SHOW(7469) for more information.

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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 O’Connor Group Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, over 275,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a

value exceeding \$4,000,000. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City.

*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, crafts and performance studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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