

Second Women's Comedy Night Fundraiser Will Feature Two Chances for a Good Time!

Winnipeg, October 11, 2017– An evening of hilarious women is the perfect match for a company dedicated to giving voice! On November 15th at the King's Head Pub Sarasvati Productions popular new fundraiser will return for a second year to highlight many of the women in Winnipeg's comedy scene. After turning away crowds last year, an early and a racier late night show have been introduced to meet demand.

Over the past two years the number of women doing stand-up comedy in Winnipeg has increased significantly, thanks in part to local initiatives like Dana Smith's monthly Women's Comedy Open Mic at Wee Johnny's on McDermot. Sarasvati Productions is pleased to produce a fall fundraiser that aligns with their mandate to foster social change and promote equity on Canadian stages. Teaming up with Dana Smith to organize the *Women's Comedy Night* was a perfect fit.

The *Women's Comedy Night* will entertain audiences with a diverse line-up of local funny women – some are well-known comedians and some very new talent. Dana Smith (JFL Northwest, Winnipeg Comedy Festival, Oddblock Comedy Festival, H.U.N.K.S.) will host the Women's Comedy Night. The line-up includes Anjali Sandhu (Empow(her)ment) Carole Cunningham (Winnipeg Comedy Festival), Danielle Kayahara (WCF Comedy All Year: Winnipeg Women), Florence Spence (Oddblock Comedy Festival), Heather Witherden (CBC Radio's *Definitely Not the Opera* and *So You Think You're Funny*), Kate Schellenberg (Winnipeg Comedy Fest) and Lara Rae (Artistic Director of Winnipeg Comedy Festival).

"The women's comedy community in Winnipeg has grown remarkably in the past two years", said Dana Smith, "this is a chance to see so many unique women with different styles be hilarious in their own way."

The *Women's Comedy Night* will take place at the Kings Head Pub (120 King Street) on **Wednesday, November 15th**. The early show starts at **7:00 p.m.** (doors open at 5:30pm) and the late show starts at **9:30 p.m.** (doors open at 9pm). Tickets are just \$15 and can be purchased in advance by contacting Sarasvati Productions at 204-586-2236 or online at sarasvati.ca. Some tickets may be available at the door.

About Sarasvati Productions: *Sarasvati Dramatic Theatre Productions and Repertory Inc (founded in Winnipeg in 2000) seeks to inspire artists and audiences through the use of theatre and to provide a place where artists can develop and showcase their skills and celebrate their creativity.*