

## ***Women's Comedy Night Fundraiser to Feature Some of Winnipeg's Funniest Women!***

**Winnipeg, October 16, 2018** – An evening of hilarious women is the perfect match for a company dedicated to amplifying voice! On November 14<sup>th</sup> at Club 200, Sarasvati Productions' popular fundraiser will return for a third year to highlight many of the women in Winnipeg's comedy scene. After turning away crowds in the first year, last year saw an early and a racier late night show added to meet demand. This year two showings will again be offered but in a new, accessible venue.

Over the past several years, the Winnipeg comedy scene has changed rapidly, with more diverse comics taking the stage than ever before. Sarasvati Productions is getting in on the action by teaming up with some staple comics in the city to bring you their Women's Comedy Night fundraiser! The show is produced by Elissa Black Wolf Kixen, co-founder of the monthly WOKE Comedy Hour, and will be hosted for the third year in a row by Dana Smith, organizer of Women's Open Mic nights. These two are sure to light up the evening with their comical know-how guiding the event.

The *Women's Comedy Night* will entertain audiences with a diverse line-up of local funny women – some are well-known comedians and some are very new talent. As mentioned, Dana Smith (JFL Northwest, Winnipeg Comedy Festival, Oddblock Comedy Festival, H.U.N.K.S.) will be hosting. The line-up includes Ana Damaskin (producer, On Common Ground Comedy), Dione C. Haynes (co-founder, WOKE Comedy Hour), Mayran Kalah (WOKE Comedy Hour), Danielle Kayahara (Winnipeg Comedy Festival, Winnipeg Comedy Showcase, Winnipeg Fringe Festival), Dawn Lavand (WOKE Comedy Hour, Fringe Festival, Red Threads for Peace), and Angie St. Mars (2018 Funniest Winnipegger with a day job, Winnipeg Comedy Festival, Oddblock Comedy Festival, Winnipeg Comedy Showcase, Queer and Present Danger). Don't miss out on the chance to see these uproarious women in action!

"In an industry dominated by straight, cis, white male comedians, we needed change, we needed diversity," explains Elissa Kixen. "Womxn and those who go beyond the binary have experiences that are so relatable and unique and that's what Winnipeg needs to inject life back into the comedy scene. We ARE that answer." Dana Smith also described the special opportunity for audiences to enjoy these kinds of performances: "The women's comedy community in Winnipeg has grown remarkably in the past two years. 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 Club 200 (190 Garry Street) on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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.*