



Ladies' rooms

Girls just wanna have fun at the Fringe Festival too

Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women

Venue 3, Playhouse Studio
Boobs, pantyhose, menopause — these are a few of a woman's favourite things. Thing to hate, that is. Being of the "fairer sex" themselves, Linda Klein and Barbara Gehring are well aware of the bodily functions and awkwardness that come with being a girl. And they manage to pull off an entire ladies-only song-and-dance sketch show without blaming said issues on men. The light-hearted skits are sprinkled with childhood memories from the dynamic duo who recently became BFFs. Gehring, a former Winnipegger, reminisces about growing up in a city where new shoes couldn't be worn in winter, while Denver native Klein recalls a stint in the circus and elbowing boys in the gut. Both women have their own comedic personas — Gehring more outright, Klein more sarcastic — and feed off each other, especially in the innovative *Kotex Kraft Korner*, the oddly graceful *Pantyhose Ballet* and a side-splitting handbag improv that involves audience baggage. Get ready to giggle, girls — and watch your purse.

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— Lindsey Ward