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A coming of 'middle' age comedy, with local burlesque stars DD Brassiere and Your Mom Kathy

Winnipeg - Moms Moms, a playful spotlight on the relentless expectations of motherhood, premieres at the <u>Winnipeg Fringe Festival</u>, July 19th through 28th at the PTE Colin Jackson Studio.

After years of encouraging their children with "You can do anything," these brave moms decided to take their own advice.

Eager to fill the void as their children grew more independent, they ventured into the performing arts. Comedy, their long-time coping mechanism, now had an audience. Surprisingly, they soon transitioned to



burlesque, an unexpected path for two moms who had long felt insecure about their bodies.

No longer on the sidelines, they began taking the stage and turning heads. Instead of patching up their kids' clothes, they were gluing rhinestones to their own undergarments. Instead of driving their kids to karate, they were driving themselves to dance class.

In 2021, DD and Kathy met at a Smut Slam in the basement of The Riverside. <u>DD Brassiere</u>, a recent transplant from East Vancouver, had heard about <u>Your Mom Kathy</u>. The two quickly teamed up to co-host a Prairie Diva showcase at the Park Theatre. Their chemistry on stage was electric, and the audience fell in love with them, prompting them to seek more collaborative opportunities.

"We don't usually see women becoming successful after having kids and turning 40," says DD Brassiere. "But here we are, proving moms have talent." During the Winnipeg Fringe Festival, every Moms Moms Moms performance will feature a third talented mom, showcasing that it's never too late to discover yourself.

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About the Talent:



DD Brassiere is the director and host of the *Winnipeg International Burlesque Festival*. Her one woman show *Oh Man*! won Best Solo Show at the Missoula Fringe Festival and a hit in her hometown of Vancouver. DD was mentored by Fringe storytelling legends TJ Dawe and Deb Williams.

"DD's a talented performer who mixes comedy and fact together in a most cohesive way." - LA Critic for *Oh Man!*



Your Mom Kathy (aka Heather Witherden) is the matriarch of Divine Femmes Burlesque and esteemed host for the Prairie Diva shows. Kathy always finds the funny in body positivity, including in the Fringe shows Breast Friends, Stretchmarks and Chubrub Burlesque.

"It is rare for so much kindness, comic brilliance, and razzmatazz style to exist in one person." - George Toles, of her role in *The Doula*.

Moms Moms - Written & Performed by DD Brassiere & Your Mom Kathy

Winnipeg Fringe Venue #17 PTE - Colin Jackson Studio 3rd Floor, 393 Portage Avenue, Portage Place

Fri Jul 19 7:15 pm Sat Jul 20 5:30 pm Sun Jul 21 9:30 pm Mon Jul 22 5:30 pm Tue Jul 23 7:45 pm Thur Jul 25 4:30 pm Sat Jul 27 7:00 pm Sun Jul 28 1:15 pm