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Administrator
Toronto & East York Community Council
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RE: SheDot Festival Gala – Declaration of an Event of Municipal Significance

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter to respectfully request Toronto City Council to designate the closing night gala of SheDot Festival as an Event of Municipal Significance.

SheDot Festival, Toronto's festival of funny women, is Canada's only all-female comedy festival and is returning for its third year. Along with 4 days of stand up, sketch, improv, storytelling, workshops and panels featuring performers from all over Canada and the USA, SheDot Festival hosts a closing night gala at The Randolph Theatre (736 Bathurst St.) on May 1st.

Headlining the gala is one of Canada's most beloved comedic icons, Mary Walsh. In addition to creating one of Canada's most popular comedy shows, "This Hour Has 22 Minutes", Walsh has won 2 Gemini Awards for her show "Hatching, Matching and Dispatching". She was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 2000 and in 2012 she received a Governor General's Performing Arts Awards for Lifetime Artistic Achievement. Walsh's headlining performance at the Gala is complimented by opening acts including DeAnne Smith and Emma Arnold.

As with all other theatrical venues in our city, we would like to offer our patrons the opportunity to purchase both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages before the show and during the intermission of each performance. We are applying for a Special Occasion Permit for permission to sell alcohol on the premises. In order to offer this service to our patrons in the lobbies of the theatre, we have been directed to apply for a letter designating this production an Event of Municipal Significance.

The doors will open at 6:30 pm, and the show will begin at 7:30 pm and will run until 10:00 pm.

We thank you for taking the time to present this request to City Council. Should you require any further clarifications or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-859-4637 or becky@shedotfestival.com.

Sincerely,

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