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These ladies bring the funny

Laura Bartlett has organized comedy shows in McKinney for a year, but tonight's show is the first to feature an all-female cast.

Five Funny Females — held at the McKinney Performing Arts Center — will feature five local comedians, including Bartlett and Linda Stogner, who co-founded Dallas' Backdoor Comedy Club.

"I figure after a week of work, husbands and kids, there are a lot of women who could use a good laugh," Bartlett, 40, said recently in an e-mail. The McKinney resident is the mother of two boys.

Here's more on the performers:

Lesley Téllez

THE DETAILS

The Five Funny Females comedy showcase is tonight at 8 at the McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee, McKinney. $16.50 general admission. 214-544-4630. mckinneyperformingartscenter.org.

ANDREA GRIMES

Age: 23

Day Job: Columnist for the Dallas Observer

How long you've been doing stand-up: eight months

Comedic inspiration: Eddie Izzard, Bill Hicks, Dylan Moran, Jennifer Saunders

Favorite joke as a kid: "Any variation on the 'interrupting [insert animal here]' knock-knock joke."

SHERRY BELLE

Age: 34

Day job: Manager, marketing and public relations for NeoSpire, Inc.

How long you've been doing stand-up: 3 ½ years

Comedic inspiration: Brett Butler

Favorite joke as a kid: "The children were lined up in their church school cafeteria for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples with the note: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.' "

LAURA BARTLETT

Age: 40

Day job: PlainsCapital Leasing

How long you've been doing stand-up: 3 ½ years

Comedic inspiration: Kathleen Madigan, Brian Regan, Bugs Bunny's silly wit.

Favorite joke as a kid: "Not really jokes, but some of my sarcastic one-liners that come to mind are: When I reorganized my dad's medicine cabinet and my dad brushed his teeth with Icy Hot instead of toothpaste. 'You know it's working when tingles!' 'Aren't you glad I didn't reorganize the toilet paper!' Or during a dreaded family motor-home vacation. We ran out of gas on Sierra Blanca Mountain. Dad accidentally swallowed gas trying to siphon from one tank to the other. 'Nobody strike a match!' 'Wonder how many miles to the gallon Dad gets?' 'What a gas hog!' "

LINDA STOGNER

Age: My MySpace age is 99 years

Day Job: Filmmaker

How long you've been doing stand-up: Off and on, over 15 years

Comedic inspiration: Brian Regan, Eddie Izzard, Mitch Hedberg, Gilda Radner, Buster Keaton, Lucille Ball

Favorite joke as a kid: "This duck walks up to a guy selling magazines at a magazine stand and asks the guy, 'Do you have any grapes?' The guy says no, and the duck leaves. The next day, the duck returns and asks, 'Do you have any grapes?' The guy again says no, and the duck leaves. The day after that, the duck asks the guy again, 'Do you have any grapes?' The guy, losing his patience, screams at the duck, 'I told you duck, I don't have any grapes and if you ask me again I will nail your feet to the floor!' The duck looked startled and leaves. Two days later the duck returns and asks the guy, 'Do you have any nails?' The guy replied, 'No,' and the duck said, 'Good! Got any grapes?'

BREE BARTON

Age: 23

Day-job: Copy editor/waitress/writer/blogger

How long you've been doing stand-up: Three years of improv comedy and solo performance work

Comedic inspiration: "I really enjoy social satire; David Brooks is brilliant, the TV show *The Office* never fails to make me laugh. And Eddie Izzard is a comic genius – watching him do his bit on computers counts as one of the most joyous moment of my young life."

Favorite joke as a kid: "What did the daddy tomato say to the baby tomato who was trailing behind? 'You better hurry or I'll make you 'ketch up.' That joke traumatized me for years."

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