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Patti Savard Brings Comedy, Storytelling and *A Life in Transition* to Kelowna

(Kelowna, BC) - Comedian and performer Patti Savard brings her bold, hilarious one-woman show *A Life in Transition* to the Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. Joined by special guest and local favourite Michael V. Smith, the evening combines stand-up comedy, storytelling, theatrics and song in a candid and entertaining exploration of identity, growing up and finding the freedom to be yourself.

In *A Life in Transition*, Savard shares her experiences growing up as a trans woman in the 1980s and 1990s, navigating a world that didn't always make room for her true self. With razor-sharp wit and unapologetic honesty, she revisits awkward teenage moments, societal expectations and the challenges of finding belonging, turning life's difficult and sometimes absurd experiences into comedy.

Theatre Programming Director, Andrew Stauffer, says, “In times of division and misunderstanding, the arts can help break down barriers, welcome people into a cultural conversation, and address important issues with honesty and humour. Patti is thoughtful, down to earth, and downright hilarious; and I’m thrilled to have her grace the Mary Irwin Theatre stage along with Kelowna’s beloved Michael V. Smith.”

Blending stand-up with theatrical storytelling and music, Savard explores gender roles, identity and the triumphs of living authentically. The result is a funny, heartfelt and occasionally outrageous performance that finds humour in the unexpected places life takes us.

Opening the evening is Kelowna's own Michael V. Smith, an award-winning author, performer and Professor of Creative Writing at UBC Okanagan. Known for his quick wit, improvisation and playful audience interaction, Smith has been entertaining audiences for three decades. His hosting credits include Pony the Queer Cabaret, Art on the Line, the Vancouver Comedy Festival and queer arts events across Canada and beyond.

Together, Savard and Smith promise an evening of sharp comedy, queer storytelling and plenty of unexpected laughs.

For tickets and more information, visit:
https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/event/pattisavard26/

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