

Raising Funds through Laughter and Fun

On July 25th, *An Evening of Female Comics & MORE!* brought down the house with laughter and applause at Go Bananas Comedy Club. For the sixth year in a row, the show brought the audience together in fun to raise funds for Women Writing for (a) Change. Directed each year by Teri Foltz, the show evolved along with her talents and successes as a writer. The new addition into this year's show was dramatic readings of three of her Pint-Sized Plays. (Pint-Sized plays are written to be performed in pubs as an alternative to karaoke or trivia.)

This year's show took on a bit of a variety show feel. Emcee Sandy Lingo set the comic tone as she introduced the various acts ranging from poetry and song, to stand-up comedy and the play readings. In the opening act, Teri Foltz read a poem by Billy Collins, followed by her own poem *to Billy Collins*—all interjected with her humorous commentary.

Writers-turned-stand-up-comics Susan Branscome, Brittany Freudiger, Claudia Kasvin and Eva Lewandowski took the stage alternately with vocalist Annie Davis and actors Suzanne Boys, Suz Fleming and Hope Miller, performed the three Pint-Sized Plays by Teri Foltz. The short play finale, *Romance Roadshow*, featured the entire cast, plus surprise guests Randy Weeks, Jeff Smith, Tom Keller and Women Writing for (a) Change founder Mary Pierce Brosmer.

All together, moments of thoughtful drama and beautiful music mixed with comic hilarity to delight the appreciative audience. Many thanks and hats off to Teri Foltz, Sandy Lingo and all the performers, for creating such an entertaining fundraiser!