

COMEDY

Funny mummy

Mother's Day may have been last Sunday, but it's been Mother's Week at Yuk Yuk's Superclub as Kate Davis, mom of three, takes kitchen comedy centre stage through tonight.

Following a litany of genital gags that came courtesy of the male comics preceding her, Davis, 34, nominated for Best Female Stand-up in this year's Canadian Comedy Awards, opened with: "I have a penis, too. It just happens to be at home doing dishes tonight."

With only two years of professional performances under her belt, Davis proves that over and above her obligations of homework help and bedtime stories, she can compete with the best of them.

A mother not short of mettle, she fearlessly explores her own maternal shortcomings with stories about trips to the Science Centre where, when the kids in the class are asked by its science instructor to list uses for salt, hers shout out, "Tequila!"

When told at a parent-teacher meeting that her daughter is displaying remarkable reading skills, she responds with surprise, "I didn't read my first book until high school — it was called *So Now You're Pregnant*."

If you're considering a mother-daughter night out, prepare for no small amount of raunch, because Davis doesn't shrink from getting downright dirty.

Post-show, she claims the venerable Phyllis Diller as her inspiration, "Because she started out when she was 38 and had five kids." Looks as if Davis is ahead of the game.

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