



**JFL42, TORONTO'S COMEDY FESTIVAL, IS BACK FEATURING
HEADLINERS BILL BURR, JOHN MULANEY,
ALI WONG, TIM AND ERIC, MY FAVORITE MURDER
AND TOM SEGURA**

**JOINING THIS YEAR'S "42": JENNY SLATE, JAY PHAROAH, JANEANE GAROFALO, RHYS DARBY,
BRIAN POSEHN, KYLE KINANE, JEN KIRKMAN, RORY SCOVEL, SIRIUSXM TOP COMIC, ROY
WOOD JR., THE LUCAS BROTHERS, GUYS WE F&%@D PODCAST, MICHELLE WOLF, GINA
YASHERE, ANDY KINDLER, MARK NORMAND, MORGAN MURPHY, AND MORE!**

*The Sixth Edition of Toronto's Comedy Festival Returns
from September 21 – 30, 2017*

Toronto, May 30, 2017- The sixth annual JFL42 Festival, presented by Air Canada in association with SiriusXM, is returning to Toronto from September 21 – 30 with six headliners taking the stage at the Sony Center for the Performing Arts: **Bill Burr, John Mulaney, Ali Wong, Tim and Eric, My Favorite Murder,** and **Tom Segura.** This year's festival is an eclectic mix of some of comedy's biggest stars and new discoveries, while featuring a wide variety of styles that will be sure to leave sides aching and tears of laughter. Passes to JFL42 go on sale Friday, June 2 at 10:00 AM. Tickets go on sale June 9 at 10:00 AM.

ComedyCon returns to JFL42 after a successful debut at the 2016 festival. This daytime programming series will take place from September 21 to 24 and September 29 and 30 and will include *In Conversations* with Bill Burr, John Mulaney, Tim and Eric, Tom Segura, Jenny Slate, Brian Posehn and Janeane Garofalo. It will also feature *The Beaverton Live*, a televised adaptation of the infamous online satirical news site. Audiences will also be able to experience popular podcasts from Jen Kirkman, Greg Proops and more. This unique program offers comedy lovers the chance to pull back the curtain and see the inner workings of their favourite

comedians. New this year, these events are open for all passholders to experience. Stay tuned for many more announcements!

Headlining at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts:

Bill Burr (September 22 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, September 23 at 7:00 PM and 9:45 PM): Burr is one of the top comedic voices of his generation, achieving success in film and television as well as on the live stage. His *Monday Morning Podcast* is one of the most downloaded on iTunes and *F is for Family*, his hit animated Netflix series, is premiering it's second season today! Burr has multiple film and television credits to his name including the Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell film, *Daddy's Home* and *The Heat* appearing with Melissa McCarthy and Sandra Bullock. He also received rave reviews for his role as "Kuby" on the hit AMC-TV series *Breaking Bad*. The 2014 winner of Comedian Of The Year Award from JFL, Burr is not only funny, he's unapologetic, unstoppable and undeniably brilliant.

John Mulaney (September 21 at 7:00 PM and 9:45 PM): An Emmy Award winning writer and comedian, Mulaney began his career in New York's East Village and has since toured around the world. In 2008, he began writing on *Saturday Night Live* where he appeared as a *Weekend Update* correspondent and co-created characters such as "Stefon" with Bill Hader. He released his 3rd hour stand-up special *The Comeback Kid* on Netflix, which the AV Club called "the best hour of his career." He most recently starred in the Broadway hit, "Oh, Hello on Broadway" alongside Nick Kroll and will be bringing his latest stand-up tour, "John Mulaney: Kid Gorgeous" to Toronto.

Ali Wong (September 24 at 7:00 PM): Wong is an extremely popular comedian, actress and writer who received wide critical acclaim for her first stand-up special, *Baby Cobra*, filmed when she was seven months pregnant. Said The New York Times, "The special's arrival on Netflix is the sort of star-making moment that unites the tastes of the unlikeliest fans." With such a strong following it's easy to see why she sold out 3 shows at the Winter Garden Theatre in less than an hour and why she is one of the festival's hottest headliners. Wong is currently shooting the new sitcom *American Housewife* and is a writer on the groundbreaking *Fresh off the Boat*.

Tim and Eric (September 29 at 9:45 PM): After meeting as freshmen film students at Temple University, Tim and Eric worked together on short films and comedic content including the instant classic *Tom Goes to The Mayor*. This short caught the attention of the executives at Adult Swim giving them the opportunity to create various shows including the brilliantly tested sketch show *Tim And Eric's Awesome Show! Great Job!* And the insanely popular *Check it Out! with Dr. Steve Brule* which starred John C. Reilly. In 2012 the pair released their first feature film *Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie* which was produced by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay to critical acclaim. They are currently in the second season of *Tim and Eric's Bedtime Stories* and are on the road bringing their *10 Year Anniversary Awesome Tour!* to their legions of fans across North America.

My Favorite Murder (September 30 at 9:45 PM): Unlike most podcasts, this one will raise the hairs on your arms and make you want to sleep with the lights on. After meeting at a dinner party, Karen and Georgia launched their incredibly successful podcast in 2016. Ready yourself for a murder adventure hosted by Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark, two lifelong fans of true crime stories. In

each bone chilling episode the girls share their favorite tales of murder, and hear horrific hometown crime stories from friends and fans. Turn off the lights and check your fears at the door, cause Karen & Georgia are dying to discuss death. And you will be their unsuspecting victims...

Tom Segura (September 30 at 7:00 PM): Segura has an ear for comedy. When he is not performing at comedy festivals around the world or appearing on television shows such as *Conan*, *Happy Endings* and *The Late Late Show*, he is recording one of his many popular podcasts. From guest appearances on podcasts *The Joe Rogan Experience* and *WTF with Marc Marin* to the noted *Your Mom's House* which he co-hosts with his wife Christina Pazsitzky, Segura always knows how to get us laughing. Additionally, he recently released his third hour-long stand-up album which sat atop the iTunes and Billboard Comedy chart for many weeks.

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Jenny Slate: Following her award-winning film debut in the critically acclaimed *Obvious Child*, Slate has kept busy with numerous television, film and animated roles including Showtime's *House of Lies*, Comedy Central's *Kroll's Show*, and NBC's *Parks and Recreation*. She also lends her voice to FOX's *Bob's Burgers* as the voice of "Tammy." She's appeared on *Married*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *Girls*, *Bored To Death*, *Hello Ladies* and was a cast member on *Saturday Night Live*. Slate is the co-creator and voice of the internet sensation *Marcel The Shell* short films.

Jay Pharoah: Pharaoh is an actor and stand-up comedian who is best known for his uncanny celebrity impressions and characters honed during his six seasons as a cast member of *Saturday Night Live*. In 2015, he debuted his first stand-up comedy special, *Jay Pharoah: Can I Be Me?* on Showtime. He has appeared in several films such as *Ride Along* with Kevin Hart and *Top Five* with Chris Rock. Next he will star on the upcoming Showtime series *White Famous* from executive producer Jamie Foxx.

Janeane Garofalo: Actress and comedian Garofalo has been an American institution since she burst on the scene in 1992. She has had many memorable and critically acclaimed roles on both film and television including *Wet Hot American Summer*, *Reality Bites*, *The Ben Stiller Show*, *The West Wing* and *The Larry Sanders Show*. A lightning rod for controversy, Garofalo's well informed opinions and unflinching honesty have inspired laughs, as well as striking a chord with the left, right and everyone in between.

Rhys Darby: Best known as Murray from HBO's *Flight of the Conchords*, Darby is an actor and stand-up comedian from New Zealand. He is known for his many memorable roles in movies and on television including *The X Files*, *Modern Family*, *Yes Man*, *What we do in the Shadows* and *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*. He has performed at festivals around the world and has performed three stand-up specials including *This Way to Spaceship* which is based on his debut novel of the same name.

Brian Posehn: Posehn is an accomplished artist in all respects of the word. Continually touring comedy clubs around the globe, he released his first special *The Fartist* on Netflix in 2013. His numerous TV appearances include *The Big Bang Theory*, *Seinfeld*, *Everybody Loves Raymond* and

Anger Management as well as starring for 2 seasons on Comedy Central's *The Sarah Silverman Program*. He hosts the extremely popular podcast *Nerd Poker* on the Earwolf Network and has appeared in films such as Judd Apatow's *Funny People* and Rob Zombie's *The Devil's Rejects*.

Kyle Kinane: An internationally touring comedian, Kinane has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*, *Conan*, *Comedy Bang! Bang!* and many others. He is a recurring character on Netflix's *Love* and is the voice of Comedy Central and various animated programs such as *Adventure Time*, *Bob's Burgers* and *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*. Kinane can also be seen in numerous comedy specials on Comedy Central including his latest one-hour special *Kyle Kinane: Loose in Chicago*.

Jen Kirkman: Kirkman is a stand-up comedian and *New York Times* Bestseller author of *I Can Barely Take Care of Myself*. Her television stand-up appearances include *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Conan*, *John Oliver's New York Stand-Up Show* and *The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson*. She has been a writer and round table guest on *Chelsea Lately* and her stand-up special *I'm Gonna Die Alone (And I Feel Fine)* is currently streaming on Netflix.

Rory Scovel: 2017 is a busy year for Scovel! He has performed stand-up on *Conan*, *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon* and *Comedy Central*. His television appearances include the NBC series *Undatable*, ABC's *Modern Family*, F/X's *The Comedians* and the upcoming original series *Those Who Cant* for TruTV. He can also be seen in the upcoming films *The House* alongside Will Ferrell and Amy Poehler and *The Legacy of a Whitetail Deer Hunter* with Danny McBride and Josh Brolin. His new stand up special is available on Seeso.

Roy Wood Jr.: Currently a correspondent on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, Roy is also a featured comedian on *Conan*, ESPN's *SportsNation* and Comedy Central's *@Midnight*. He made his television debut on *The Late Show with David Letterman* and finished third in the 2010 season of *Last Comic Standing*. Wood has appeared on HBO's *Def Comedy Jam*, Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* and *The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson*. His first Comedy Central Stand-Up Special, *Roy Wood Jr., Father Figure* aired February 2017.

The Lucas Brothers: Keith and Kenny Lucas are known as two of the freshest, most dynamic artists in comedy. They are best known for their movie-stealing role as the twins in *22 Jump Street*. Since performing standup on *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon* in 2012, they've made appearances in FOX's *The Grinder*, Netflix's *Lady Dynamite* and *Arrested Development*, and also created and starred in TruTV's sketch comedy series *Friends of the People*. In 2014, Variety honoured them on their 10 Comics to Watch list.

Guys We F@#ked: The Anti Slut-Shaming Podcast: Co-hosted by stand up comedians Corinne Fisher and Krystyna Hutchinson, this weekly comedy podcast explores the ins and outs of human sexuality and relationships. What started out as interviews with a guy one of the girls has f@#ked, it has evolved into candid conversations with celebrities, stand-up comedians, and anyone with an interesting take on human sexuality. The show, consistently topping the iTunes charts, boasts over a million subscribers and has garnered press from Vogue, Esquire, Glamour, and The Huffington Post, to name a few.

Michelle Wolf: Wolf was selected as one of the “New Faces of Comedy” for the 2014 Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and has been included in numerous up-and-coming comedian lists. Based in New York, she was a writer for *Late Night With Seth Meyers* where she made her television debut as a comic. She has also made a number of appearances on Comedy Central’s hit late night gameshow *@Midnight* and appeared on Louis CK’s *Horace and Pete*. She is currently a writer and on air contributor for *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*.

SiriusXM Top Comic: SiriusXM Canada will be hosting the SiriusXM’s Top Comic finale at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre as part of JFL42. This year’s grand prize is three Just for Laughs festival appearances (Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto), an appearance on The Comedy Network’s *Just for Laughs All Access*, \$25,000, and the title of *SiriusXM’s Top Comic*.

Andy Kindler: Andy is a comedian who’s truly done it all. He’s returning to JFL42 for the sixth year in a row to host Festival favourite *The Alternative Show*. Kindler currently has a recurring role on Fox’s hit animated series *Bob’s Burgers* and Comedy Central’s *Tosh.0*. A frequent guest and correspondent on *The Late Show With David Letterman*, Andy also had recurring roles on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, Disney’s *Wizards of Waverly Place*, and IFC’s *Maron* and appearances on *The Daily Show*, *Conan* and *The Larry Sanders Show*. He is known for his infamous *State of the Industry Address*, delivered each year at the Just For Laughs festival in Montreal.

Gina Yashere: Hailing from the UK, Gina has appeared on several iconic British comedy shows before breaking into the American scene on *Last Comic Standing*. Following her top-10 finish, she appeared on *The Tonight Show* and has shot several stand-up specials. She has performed numerous times at the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal and Toronto and has appeared in the films *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* and *Mr. In Between*. She was named one of the top 10 rising talents by the Hollywood Reporter.

Mark Normand: A favourite of the New York comedy scene, Normand was a semi-finalist on NBC’s *Last Comic Standing*, and has appeared on *Inside Amy Schumer*, *Conan*, *John Oliver’s New York Stand Up Show* and feature film *Trainwreck*. He headlines clubs and festivals around the country and premiered his Comedy Central special *Still Got It* in 2014.

Morgan Murphy: Murphy has written for several hilarious television series including Comedy Central’s *Crank Yankers*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, where she performed twice as a stand-up comedian. She was also a writer for the hit CBS sitcom *2 Broke Girls*. She is currently writing for the new ABC comedy series *Downward Dog*. With her sharp wit and fresh perspective it’s easy to see why Rolling Stone Magazine included her in their “New Wave of Comedy.”

Rachel Feinstein: Best known for playing with gender and ethnic stereotypes, Feinstein is a comedic force to be reckoned with. She has appeared in films such as *Trainwreck* and *Top Five*. Her numerous television appearances include HBO’s *Last Week Tonight With John Oliver*, *The Nightly Show With Larry Wilmore* and *Inside Amy Schumer* as well as co-hosting on *The View*. Next she will appear in Judd Apatow’s upcoming HBO comedy *Crashing*. Currently she is touring nationally with Louis C.K.

Beth Stelling: Stelling made her late-night television debut on *Conan* and has appeared on *Chelsea Lately*, *The Pete Holmes Show* and most recently *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, after Jimmy saw her at UCB and approached her personally. After Beth's *Comedy Central ½-Hour Special* debuted, Vulture included it as one of the "Ten Best Stand-Up Specials of 2015." She is currently writing on the new Judd Apatow HBO comedy series *Crashing*.

Liza Treyger: Originally from the former Soviet Union, Liza now makes her New York her home. Her half hour special for Comedy Central debuted to great fanfare and she is known for her blend of dark and honest humor. Liza recently starred in the Comedy Central pilot *G.O.A.T.* and was featured in a recurring role on Louis CK's *Horace and Pete*. She has appeared on Comedy Central's *@Midnight*, *Adam Devine's House Party*, and *Joking Off*, and was hand-selected to perform at the opening-night gala of this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Kevin Camia: Hailing from California, Camia has performed at numerous festivals including The Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival and SF Sketchfest. He has released two comedy albums, "Kindness" and "Color," both available on Spotify and iTunes. Kevin is the co-creator and writer for *The Funny Drop*, a web series produced by Mas Mejor/Broadway Video and NBC Universal. He can be seen guest starring on TBS' *The Dress Up Gang*.

Anthony DeVito: A New York based comedian, DeVito was one of the "New Faces" at the 2012 Montreal Just for Laughs Festival. He has since made appearances on *This American Life*, AXS TV's *Gotham Comedy Live*, Seeso's *NY's Funniest* and was the 2015 winner of *Caroline's March Madness*. His television appearances include Comedy Central's *Adam Devine's House Party* and TV Land's *The Jim Gaffigan Show*.

Noah Gardenswartz: Hailing from New York, Gardenswartz was featured as one of the "New Faces" at the 2014 Montreal Just for Laughs Festival. He has performed in numerous festivals across the USA and was a contestant on NBC's *Last Comic Standing*. He most recently appeared on Comedy Central's *Adam Devine's House Party* and co-hosts *Comedy Freaknik*, a monthly show in NYC.

Ali Siddiq: After honing his unique style of stand-up behind bars, Siddiq appeared on HBO's *Def Comedy Jam* and *Live From Gotham*. In 2013 he was named *Comedy Central's #1 Comic To Watch* and released a half-hour special on Comedy Central. He is currently working on an hour-long special, which will be shot behind the walls of prison, sending Siddiq back to where it all started.

Sara Hennessey: Sara is a rising star! She is a member of the comedy troupe Laugh Sabbath and 2013 Canadian Comedy Award winner for Best Female Stand Up. Her comedy album *Trouble In Saradise* reached number one on iTunes and she has shot three All Access tapings at Montreal's Just For Laughs. She co-stars in the new CBC Comedy web-series *Terrific Women* and has written for the popular television series CITY TV's *Sunnyside* and CTV's *Spun Out*.

Mike Rita: At a young age, Rita has already become a veteran of the Canadian comedy scene after winning Second City's Tim Sims Award for best new comic, which put his career into overdrive. He

has since appeared on Much Music, CBC Radio, Just For Laughs Montreal and JFL 42. He returns to JFL42 with his unique style of ethnic, political and pot comedy.

Sandra Battaglini: A true Canadian treasure, Battaglini has performed all throughout Canada and co-hosts two of Toronto's most alternative comedy nights, *Family Slides* and *The Sal & Sandy Show*. Voted *Best Female Stand-Up* by NOW Magazine, she has also appeared in David Cronenberg's *Maps To The Stars*, CBC's sketch series *Humantown* and the medical drama *Saving Hope*. She is currently in development on original concepts, including *Knitterati* and *Family Slides*.

Chris Locke: Locke has performed stand-up all over Canada and the US in comedy clubs and festivals and has been called "One of Canada's most staggeringly original comedians" by VICE. His stand-up album garnered praise from critics and fans alike, as well as being the #1 comedy album on iTunes Canada during the first two weeks of release. You can hear his stand up regularly on SiriusXM radio.

Sophie Buddle: Sophie Buddle has been called one of Canada's fastest rising stars more than she has been called by her mother (a lot). Buddle was runner up at *SiriusXM Top Comic*, which has led to her first national tv appearance at the Just For Laughs festival in Montreal and numerous appearances around North America. She is also currently working on her comedy album debut. Not bad for a 22 year old!

Che Durena: Durena is a British Columbia native who moved to Toronto to chase the dream of being a stand-up comic. Following a runner-up appearance in *SiriusXM's Top Comic*, he has performed at JFL42 and can be seen at Just For Laughs Montreal this year in the SiriusXM Showcase.

Chris Robinson: A master of the stand-up stage, Robinson is the reigning SiriusXM Top Comic and the winner of the 2016 Second City Emerging Voices Scholarship. Now Magazine has described him as having "charisma and raw talent to burn." He is truly a star on the rise and can currently be seen on the CMT sketch series *Almost Genius*.

Eman El-Husseini: Since her comedy debut in 2006, El-Husseini has racked up an impressive list of festival appearances including Just For Laughs Montreal and the Boston Comedy Festival. She had her own extremely popular half-hour comedy special on CTV and appeared on CBC's *The Debators* and CBC'S *George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight*: "Best Joke Ever."

Soul Decision: *Soul Decision* is made up of Kevin Vidal (nice guy) and Christian Smith (cool guy). They were recently named the "Best of the Fest" for the Toronto Sketch Comedy festival and performed in the "Best of the Fest" show in the 2017 Montreal Sketch Fest. They are both alumni of Second City, Christian in their House Company and Kevin an alumni of the main stage. They currently appear in the online sketch show *Tennyson Industries*.

JFL42 is proud to be collaborating with local institutions **Yuk Yuk's**, **ALtdot Comedy Lounge**, **Comedy Bar**, **The Second City**, **Bad Dog Theatre Company**, and **Absolute Comedy** to provide additional Toronto-centric programming that will be available to all passholders. Programming details will become available at a later date.

Additional artists to be announced soon!

COMEDYCON

After an extraordinarily popular debut at last year's festival, *ComedyCon* returns to JFL42 this year with an even more enticing and hilarious line up including...

The Beaverton Live: A so-called televised adaptation of the immensely popular online satirical site TheBeaverton.com, The Beaverton puts a spin on current events of the utmost importance, informed by real events, the cultural zeitgeist, and national news media. Helmed by co-hosts Emma Hunter and Miguel Rivas, with nearly 7.5 million views in 2016 and averaging more than half a million unique visitors a month, TheBeaverton.com has become a go-to source for Canadian satire.

In Conversation delves deep into the twisted and hilariously brilliant minds of some of the festivals most popular comics and headliners including Bill Burr, John Mulaney, Tim and Eric, Jenny Slate, Tom Segura, Brian Posehn, Kenny and Spenny and Janeane Garofalo. Join the conversation and witness the off the cuff and candid exchange with these powerhouses of comedy.

Podcasts have become one of entertainments most popular and highly regarded art forms. Which is why so many brilliant comedians have taken to the platform and created some of the most interesting and innovative podcasts available for download right into your ears. This year we bring three of the funniest and most listened to podcasters and their shows to the festival including *I Seem Fun: The Diary of Jen Kirkman Podcast*, *Greg Proops – The Smartest Man In The World*, and *Good One: A Podcast about Jokes hosted by Jesse David Fox*.

More artists to be announced in the coming weeks!

JFL42 embarks on its sixth year as one of the most anticipated festivals in Toronto. This groundbreaking comedy experience created by Just For Laughs invites its fans to choose their own adventure with a flexible pass and ticketing system that allows fans to take advantage of both the traditional and new ways to enjoy stand-up comedy.

JFL42 is funded by the Government of Ontario and Heritage Canada.

TICKET DETAILS:

Passes to JFL42 go on sale Friday, June 2 at 10:00 AM. Tickets go on sale June 9 at 10:00 AM. Buy online at jfl42.com. Festival passes range from \$55 to \$299 (excluding service charges). Single tickets range from \$32.50 to \$65.50 (excluding service charges).

ABOUT JFL42

Established in 2012 and now in its sixth year, **JFL42** is a pass-based interactive comedy Festival in Toronto created by Group Just For Laughs. Developed with a mandate to celebrate the most hilarious, innovative, riveting and relevant comedy experiences in the world with Toronto audiences, JFL42's unique interactive pass-based ticketing and reservation system makes it the first comedy

festival of its kind. In addition to JFL42, Just For Laughs has produced the world's most prestigious comedy festival in Montreal for the past 35 years and in recent years has launched festivals in Sydney, Vancouver, and London, England.

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