



OFF-JFL & Zoofest presented by Vidéotron, in collaboration with Pabst Blue Ribbon, are in top shape and totally pumped for swimsuit season!

Montreal, June 6, 2017 – Slather on that sunscreen and prepare yourself for a scorching OFF-JFL lineup! In partnership with Zoofest, OFF-JFL boasts a lineup of unique shows selectively programmed for the discerning comedy-goer.

From July 6th-29th, OFF-JFL continues to play host to some of the most notorious names **on the scene as they perform in Montreal's most** intimate and alternative performance spaces. As OFF-JFL continues to expand, this year marks the announcement of a number of brand-new shows and exciting venues.

OFF-JFL PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

WICKEDLY WONDERFUL SOLO SHOWS

International comedy icons are squeezing their enormous talents into **Montreal's** most intimate, hippest venues. Making a name for himself as a TV sitcom star, Ron Funches returns to the festival to giggle his way through his one-man-show, Funch-A-Mania. **Comedian's comedian** Bryan Callen is ready to tear it up over six nights in the city. W. Kamau Bell, the singular and insightful host of **CNN's United Shades of America** brings his post-modern perspective to the OFF-JFL stage. Stand-up/ Bollywood superstar Vir Das' **Netflix special** *Abroad Understanding* is eating up internet bandwidth across the globe. He touches down in Montreal for 3 exclusive performances. The Lucas Brothers are smoking hot these days, having received critical acclaim for their FXX animated TV series and their very first comedy special. Make sure to catch these terrific twins as they share the stage for a noteworthy two-man-show. Best known for her sketch-work on SNL, Sasheer Zamata is one of the strongest, most impassioned voices on the stand-up scene. Blending confessional stories with gut-busting social **commentary**, **Zamata's solo-show** is guaranteed to be one for the books.

Additional names in the jaw-dropping solo show line-up include: Katherine Ryan, James Adomian, Jen Kirkman, Ryan Hamilton, Arj Barker, Mark Forward, Kate Berlant, Debra DiGiovanni, Orny Adams, Sabrina Jalees, Barry Rothbart, Wil Anderson, Ian Karmel, Emily Heller, David Baddiel, and many more!

MIND-BLOWING CONCEPT SHOWS

OFF-JFL delivers comedy in countless forms. Howie Mandel graces the stage with his brand spanking new Dub Wars Live! Comedians face off in the wackiest live competition, as they lend their voices to an array of video clips including nature footage, news stories, and more.

Currently a hit series on Comedy Central, The Goddamn Comedy Jam makes its triumphant return to the festival. The show features comedians performing stand-up, followed by the ultimate closer: a performance of a crowd-pleasing cover song, backed by a live band. After two hit **shows at last year's fest**, Eugene Mirman brings his Audible series Hold On back to MTL, prepared to interrupt and interrogate his comedy pals as they perform their freshest sets. Topping it all off, raw and raunchy festival favorite Big Jay Oakerson's **back** and bringing his buddies for **What's Your Fu@#ing Deal?!**

GIMME MORE! MULTI-COMIC SHOWS

OFF-JFL is committed to gifting audiences with a grab bag of hilarity, showcasing comedians from all across Canada, the USA and abroad.

OFF-JFL is upping the ante this year, introducing its newest series Fest at the Nest, in **collaboration with Montreal's legendary club** The Comedy Nest.

This year's show lineup is as stacked as always. Fest-goers will be remiss to miss Hosts With The Most, Best Of The Fest, the legendary The Alternative Show hosted by Andy Kindler, the insanely popular Midnight Surprise, and the all-new **Lil' Rel and Friends**, hosted by **Lil' Rel Howery, the breakout star of this year's smash hit film** Get Out.

100% LOCAL SHOWS

As always, **Montreal's local comedy community are in the spotlight this year.** We've joined forces with our **city's premier comedy institutions** and the ultimate alt venues, including Katacombes, Theatre Ste. Catherine, MainLine Theatre, Montreal Improv, Café Cleopatra, The Wiggle Room, and Monument-National, home to a series of bilingual shows. **This year's local line-up** includes: Ladies and Gentleman, Best of Fringe, Ladyfest, Sketch Republic, Kirsten Rasmussen: Full Time Idiot, JC Surette, Crazy Sexy 90s, Life Lessons with Keith Waterfield, and tons more!

GET OFF WITH A PASS

Boasting the most affordable passes of the fest, OFF-JFL & Zoofest offer festival-goers with the most bang for their buck, providing pass holders with access to both series. One single pass allows you to reserve your tickets in advance for all OFF-JFL and Zoofest shows! Select any 3 or 6 shows for only \$49.99 and \$89.99. And for \$119.99, pass holders receive additional perks, including the offer of up to 3 free shows per night. **Now, that's a summer sale!**

IS THIS REALLY GONNA BE THE BEST OFF-JFL AND ZOOFEEST?

Spoiler alert: of course it is! **This year's lineup is overflowing with over 200** of the boldest and brightest comedians from across the globe, shows for both Franco and Anglophiles,

storytelling events, hit musical comedies, multi-comic showcases featuring prestigious performers, the most talked about concept shows, and MTL-centric showcases celebrating local legends. **We're overwhelmed just writing about it.**

Keep your eyes and ears open! Many, many more talented names to be announced shortly!

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