

Amazon Greenlights Untitled Just for Laughs Festival Docuseries Exclusively for Prime Video

The Prime Original will follow up-and-coming comedians as they pursue their dream of being discovered at the Montreal Just for Laughs Festival

SEATTLE—June 13, 2018—Amazon today announced it has greenlit an untitled docuseries in collaboration with the prestigious Montreal Just for Laughs Festival, exclusively for Prime Video. The six-episode series will follow up-and-coming comedians in New York and Los Angeles as they compete to be selected for the *New Faces* showcase. *New Faces* is a launch pad for major comedic talent: former *New Faces* comedians include Kevin Hart, Amy Schumer, Kumail Nanjiani and Jimmy Fallon. The series will go inside the comedy clubs and into their lives, providing unprecedented access to the highs, lows, frustrations and successes that these aspiring comedians face as they juggle day jobs, relationships and hecklers in the quest for their biggest break.

The series follows the select group of talented comics as they go through the annual process to get into the *New Faces* showcase, beginning with the auditions and callbacks, through selection, and into the preparation of their comedy sets. The cameras will be with them every step of the way as they write and hone the jokes that they hope will impress the talent scouts, producers, and managers who attend Just for Laughs in Montreal each July to sign the next generation of comedy stars.

“The Montreal Just for Laughs Festival *New Faces* showcase is well known for introducing the next generation of comedy talent to the world,” said Heather Schuster, Head of Unscripted, Amazon Originals. “We are excited to collaborate with the Festival to bring Prime members an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the burgeoning careers of some future stars, which will be both very funny and very poignant.”

“The Montreal Just For Laughs Festival is synonymous with discovering the brightest rising comedians. For a comedian to get invited to showcase in can be life changing” adds Howie Mandel, comedian, producer and Just For Laughs partner.

The series was developed by Emmy-winning producer [Jimmy Fox](#) (*United Shades of America*) who will executive produce under his Main Event Media banner in conjunction with All3Media America. [Neil Berkeley](#) (*Gilbert*, *Harmontown*), [Star Price](#) (*Penn & Teller: Bullshit!*, *Active Shooter: America Under Fire*), [Bruce Hills](#) (*Funny As Hell*, *Hilarity for Charity*, *Craig Ferguson: Tickle Fight*), Just For Laughs Media and Main Event Media will also executive produce.

Founded in 1983, the Just For Laughs Group’s growth is concentrated on three major focal points: festivals (in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Sydney); television production and stand-up specials (most notably Gags, seen in 135 countries and on 100 airlines); and live shows (Canadian tour dates for Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Gaffigan, Bill Burr, Kevin Hart, Jimmy Carr, North American dates for John Cleese & Eric Idle and *Family Guy Live! to name a few*). The Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, which will celebrate its 36th edition in July 2018, is the world’s largest and most prestigious comedy event, welcoming more than 2 million people each summer.

Prime members will be able to stream the series exclusively via the Amazon Prime Video app for TVs, connected devices including Fire TV, mobile devices and online. Members can also download the series

to mobile devices for offline viewing at no additional cost to their membership. The series will be a global release and available on [PrimeVideo.com](https://www.amazon.com/primevideo) for Prime Video members in more than 200 countries and territories.

Customers who are not already Prime members can sign up for a free trial at www.amazon.com/prime. For a list of all Prime Video compatible devices, visit www.amazon.com/howtostream.

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