



**Bringing BIG laughs to Montreal this summer,
Just For Laughs reveals its first slate of programming for
the 37th edition and they're setting the bar high!**

Trevor Noah is back to rock the biggest arena in Montreal,
headlining a special concert show at the Bell Centre!

Jim Jefferies returns to host two Galas

Michael McIntyre brings his widely-successful solo show to the festival

Ever-popular Club Series returns with **The Ethnic Show** hosted by **Cristela
Alonzo** featuring **Gina Yashere** and **Dave Merheje**

The Nasty Show will have a new look with **Bobby Lee** hosting
and

Fan Fav **Brit(ish)** will be hosted by **Jimmy Carr** with special guest
Sarah Millican.

Montréal, March 13, 2019 – Just For Laughs, in association with Loto-Québec, is thrilled to reveal the first lineup of artists who will be performing at the 2019 Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal this summer. Promising to bring the funny to Montreal with laugh-out-loud Galas, concert shows, and fan-favourite club series, this year's festival will be the one to beat!

ARENA CONCERT SHOW

Comedic powerhouse and lauded political commentator, **Trevor Noah**, is back by popular demand and returning to the Just For Laughs Festival this summer. Bringing all-new material to the city's biggest venue, the Bell Centre, this celebrated comedian is known around the world for his insightful and authentic take on politics and current events. Born in South Africa during the end of apartheid, he often shares incisive social and political commentary as host of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* and through his various stand-up specials and writing. **Trevor Noah's Loud and Clear Tour 2019** will be taking over the Bell Centre for one night on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 8:00pm.

GALAS

Australian stand-up comedian, political commentator, actor and writer, **Jim Jefferies** is returning to the Just For Laughs stage to host two Gala Shows. Most widely recognized as the creator and star of FX's *Legit*, Jefferies is the host of Comedy Central's late-night comedy series, *The Jim Jefferies Show*. **The Jim Jefferies Galas** will be taking place on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00pm and 9:45pm in Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier at Place des Arts.

CONCERT SHOWS

British comic, **Michael McIntyre** is back at JFL this summer! His BBC One comedy *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* is beloved by many, and his Saturday night series *Michael McIntyre's Big Show* on BBC One is an award-winning variety and stand-up series. The last series averaged over 6.5 million viewers and won the BAFTA for Best Entertainment Performance. In 2018, he broke records becoming the highest selling artist in history of London's O2 Arena, selling over 400,000 tickets over 28 shows. **Michael McIntyre** will be performing his **Big World Tour** on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00pm at Théâtre Maisonneuve at Place des Arts.

CLUB SERIES

One of Just For Laughs' most celebrated series, **The Ethnic Show** returns to this summer with 19 shows. A wonderful blend of some of today's culturally diverse comics, this year's **The Ethnic Show** will be hosted by the hilarious Latina comedian, **Cristela Alonzo**. Alonzo has performed on many stages and late-night appearances including TBS' *Conan* and CBS' *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. She was also proudly the very first Latina woman to create, produce, write, and star in her own US primetime comedy, ABC's *Cristela*. British-Nigerian comedian **Gina Yashere** will also be joining the lineup. With numerous comedy appearances on various programs, she's most notably recognized as the British correspondent on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*. Lebanese-Canadian comedian **Dave Merheje** continues to blow up on the comedy scene with numerous tours and appearances including an upcoming TV comedy series on Hulu. He returns to JFL off the heels of his highly-successful Netflix special filmed at the festival last year as part of *Comedians of the World*. **The Ethnic Show** will be running from Wednesday, July 10, 2019 to Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Club Soda and MTELUS.

**Additional acts on The Ethnic Show will be announced in the coming weeks.*

Back by popular demand, **Brit(ish)** is making its way to Canada again this summer, hosted by the inimitable and clever **Jimmy Carr** with witty and utterly hilarious special guest, **Sarah Millican**. Carr, who's widely appreciated by the comedy community for his deadpan delivery of dark humour will return to Montreal as master of ceremonies, while Sarah Millican, who's fresh off the heels of her Just For Laughs tour, will be one of the brilliant comics featured on the lineup that will be bigger and better than ever. **Brit(ish)** will be taking place on Friday, July 26, 2019 and Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 7:00pm at MTELUS.

**Additional acts on Brit(ish) will be announced in the coming weeks.*

The raunchiest and most foul series, **The Nasty Show** is back for another year of down-right dirty humour with 11 shows. This year's edition will be hosted by the quick and absolutely crude **Bobby Lee** who will be making his first-ever appearance at Just For Laughs. Best known for his roles on MADtv, Lee currently stars in ABC's *Splitting Up Together*. **The Nasty Show** runs from Wednesday, July 17, 2019 to Saturday, July 27, 2019 at MTELUS.

**Additional acts on The Nasty Show will be announced in the coming weeks.*

Pre-sale tickets will be available starting today, Wednesday March 13, 2019 as of 11:00 am at www.hahaha.com

Tickets will be available to the public starting Friday, March 15, 2019 as of 11:00 am at www.hahaha.com

Looking for the best way to experience the Just For Laughs Festival? Get a JFLMTL Pass! Passes available include: the JFL 2-Show Pass for \$99.99, 3-Show Pass for \$139.99 and 5-Show Pass for \$215. Each pass includes one free ticket every day from July 24 to July 27 (some restrictions apply).

The Just For Laughs Festival, in association with Loto-Québec, runs from July 10 - 28, 2019 in Montréal, Canada.

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**For tickets by phone, online or in person:
The Just For Laughs Box Office, 514-845-2322, hahaha.com**

About Just For Laughs

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, Jeremy Hotz, Amy Schumer, Danny Bhoj, and *Family Guy Live! to name a few*). The Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, which will celebrate its 37th edition in 2019, is the world's largest and most prestigious comedy event, welcoming more than 2 million people each summer.

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