



Just For Laughs Honours Judd Apatow With 2016 Generation Award

**Apatow Joins Award Winners Aziz Ansari, Sebastian Maniscalco,
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Montreal, PQ [July 18, 2016] – Writer, director and producer **Judd Apatow** is to be honoured with the 2016 Generation Award at the Just For Laughs Awards presented by Air Canada. A longtime friend of the festival, Apatow is being honoured as one of the most important comedic minds of his generation. His career achievements include highly successful films, television series as well as a career in stand-up, which have inspired many in the industry.

Apatow joins a list that includes **Aziz Ansari** (Comedy Person of the Year), **Sebastian Maniscalco** (Stand-Up Comedian of the Year), **Maria Bamford** (Breakout Comedy Star of the Year), and **Mike Judge** and **Alec Berg** (Comedy Writers of the Year). Awards will be handed out on Friday, July 29 at 4:30 pm at the Grand Salon Opera, Hyatt Regency Montreal.

Judd Apatow wrote and directed the films *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* (co-written with Steve Carell), *Knocked Up*, *Funny People*, and *This is 40*. He also directed last summer's *Trainwreck*. His producing credits include *Superbad*, *Bridesmaids*, and *Anchorman*. Apatow is the executive producer of HBO's *Girls* and the co-creator of *Love* on Netflix. He was also the executive producer of *Freaks and Geeks*. Most recently, he produced the films *Pee-wee's Big Holiday* and *Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping*, and is currently producing the HBO series *Crashing*, starring Pete Holmes. After a 20-year hiatus, Apatow recently returned to the stand-up stage, performing on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon* and at Carnegie Hall.

The Just For Laughs Awards Show presented by Air Canada will be preceded by a red carpet that includes the recipients, host **JB Smoove** and awards presenters **Nick Kroll, Pete Correale, Jackie Kashian** and **Andy Dick**.

The Just For Laughs Festival presented by Videotron in association with Loto-Quebec runs from July 13 to August 1, 2016 in Montreal, Canada. Just For Laughs ComedyPRO runs from July 27-30, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Montreal, Canada.

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