



JFL42, TORONTO'S COMEDY FESTIVAL HAS STRUCK GOLD THIS FALL!

**FEATURING SPECIAL EVENT,
CAROL BURNETT: AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER AND REFLECTION**

**HEADLINERS: JOHN MULANEY AND PETE DAVIDSON, JONATHAN VAN
NESS, GABRIEL IGLESIAS, HOW DID THIS GET MADE?, NICK KROLL,
MARC MARON, AND ERIC ANDRE**

**JOINING THIS YEAR'S "42": MICHELLE WOLF, STEVE-O, CRISTELA ALONZO, MICHAEL
RAPAPORT, ROY WOOD JR., NICOLE BYER, NATE BARGATZE, RON FUNCHES, RONNY
CHIENG, JON DORE, VIR DAS, TODD BARRY, TRUE CRIME OBSESSED, DAN SODER, KATE
BERLANT, JEN KIRKMAN, DAVE MERHEJE, ANDY KINDLER, ANDREW SANTINO, JOEL
KIM BOOSTER, SEAN CULLEN, GRAHAM KAY, AISHA BROWN, SAM MORRIL, CHANTY
MAROSTICA, RICKY VELEZ, BYRON BOWERS, JARRETT CAMPBELL, NORE DAVIS,
ROSEBUD BAKER AND CORRINE FISHER, TOM HENRY, DANIEL VAN KIRK, ADAM
CHRISTIE, THE EL-SALOMONS, SOPHIE BUDDLE, NICK REYNOLDSON,
SIRIUSXM TOP COMIC with HEADLINER DEANNE SMITH, AND MORE!**

*The Eighth Edition of Toronto's Comedy Festival Returns
from September 19 – 29, 2019*

TORONTO, June 5 2019 - The eighth annual JFL42 Festival, presented by SiriusXM, is bringing the funny back to Toronto this fall, running from September 19-29. Announcing the first slate of confirmed performers, JFL42 is already setting itself up to be the Toronto comedy event of the year. This year's special event will feature the fabulously hilarious and legendary, **Carol Burnett**, returning to Toronto with her massively popular Q&A show at Sony Centre (soon to be Meridian Hall). The larger-than-life headliners performing will include **John Mulaney & Pete Davidson, Jonathan Van Ness, Gabriel Iglesias, How Did This Get Made?, Nick Kroll, Marc**

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Maron, and Eric Andre. Featuring the perfect combination of established comics and rising stars, JFL42's 2019 all-encompassing lineup will be one for the books. Passes go on sale Friday, June 7 at 10:00 AM. Tickets go on sale Friday, June 14 at 10:00 AM.

Celebrating its fourth anniversary this September, **ComedyCon** is back for more fun and games at this year's JFL42, with an unrivaled slate of daytime programming that is guaranteed to knock your socks off. From September 20 to 22 and September 27 to 29, ComedyCon will feature even more *In Conversations* with some of today's top comedic masterminds, as well as incredible cast panels, hilarious live podcasts, and so much more. All ComedyCon events are available to JFL42 pass holders.

Special Event at Sony Centre (soon to be Meridian Hall)

Carol Burnett: An Evening of Laughter and Reflection (Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 PM):

During *An Evening of Laughter and Reflection*, TV comedy icon, award-winning actress and best-selling author, Carol Burnett is bringing back her revered Q&A show to Toronto where she will be taking audience questions and showing video clips from her shows in a format that harkens back to the legendary openings of *The Carol Burnett Show*. This one-night-only event will give a lucky audience an unfiltered opportunity to engage with Carol, to ask questions and receive spontaneous answers. "I love the spontaneity of these evenings," said Carol. "I never know what anyone is going to ask, or say, or do, so it keeps me on my toes!"

Headlining at Sony Centre (soon to be Meridian Hall)

John Mulaney and Pete Davidson (Sunday, September 22 at 7:00 PM and 9:30 PM): Emmy-winning comedian, actor, writer and producer, John Mulaney is joining forces with real life BFF, fellow-comedian and actor, Pete Davidson for 2 unbeatable shows of stand-up comedy. Mulaney, who is best known for his Emmy-winning stand up and his work as a writer on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, is also part of the comedy duo show, *Oh, Hello* which had a successful run on Broadway, as well as the lead voice in the Netflix smash hit, *Big Mouth*. Pete Davidson, star of NBC's *Saturday Night Live* has performed on a handful of celebrity Comedy Central *Roasts*, and recently starred in Netflix's *The Dirt*, as well as American High's feature film, *Big Time Adolescence* with a performance that received critical acclaim at Sundance. After performing a handful of shows together in the US to rave reviews, this will be the pair's first joint Canadian performance!

Jonathan Van Ness (Thursday, September 19 at 9:45 PM): Emmy-nominated television personality, comedian, podcaster, and expert hairstylist, Jonathan Van Ness is the star of Netflix's *Queer Eye*. Host of the podcast, *Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness*, this megastar is also known for his hit web series parody, *Gay of Thrones*. Jonathan is currently on his first worldwide comedy tour, *Jonathan Van Ness: Road to Beijing* where he is going for comedy gold!

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Gabriel Iglesias (Saturday, September 28 at 7:00 PM): One of America's most successful stand-up comedians, Gabriel Iglesias' globally appealing comedy stays mostly clean and his non-controversial material appeals to audiences of all ages and walks of life. Iglesias had the distinct honor of being one of the few to headline and sell-out Madison Square Garden, Staples Center and The Sydney Opera House. Iglesias starred and created *Fluffy's Food Adventures* on Fuse TV, and guest starred on ABC's *Modern Family*. He is currently in production as star and Executive Producer of the upcoming multi-cam comedy series for Netflix, *Mr. Iglesias* set to premiere this month, along with two more Netflix specials in the pipeline.

How Did This Get Made - Live (Saturday, September 28 at 9:45 PM): Have you ever seen a movie so bad that it's good? Paul Scheer (*Black Monday, The League, Veep*), Jason Mantzoukas (*The Good Place, The League*) and June Diane Raphael (*Long Shot, Grace & Frankie*) are experts in the best of the worst of cinema. On each episode of their award-winning podcast, *How Did This Get Made?* they gather with their funniest friends and subject themselves to a cinematic nightmare and report back to you with the results. Come join a live recording of *How Did This Get Made?*

Marc Maron (Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 PM): Comedian, podcast host, actor and author, Marc Maron, has been writing and performing raw, honest and thought-provoking comedy for over 20 years. In September 2009, Maron changed the podcast landscape when he started *WTF with Marc Maron*, featuring revelatory conversations with iconic personalities such as Conan O'Brien, Robin Williams, Ben Stiller, President Barack Obama and more. Currently starring on Netflix's *GLOW*, Maron has several comedy albums and specials as well as a self-titled IFC comedy series under his belt.

Nick Kroll (Friday, September 20 at 9:45 PM): Actor, writer and producer, Nick Kroll, recently co-created and voiced numerous roles on the Netflix animated series *Big Mouth*, which has been heralded by the Hollywood Reporter as "sweet, progressive and breathtakingly filthy." In January 2017, Kroll wrapped his Broadway debut with the critically acclaimed *Oh, Hello* on Broadway. Nick had his own Comedy Central sketch show *Kroll Show* and starred as Ruxin in the hit FX show *The League*. Next up, Nick can be heard in Universal Pictures' upcoming animated film, *Secret Life of Pets 2*, and MGM's upcoming *The Addams Family*.

Eric Andre (Thursday, September 26 at 9:45 PM): Actor, comedian and television host, Eric Andre, is the creator and host of the Adult Swim's hit series *The Eric Andre Show*. He is also a writer and executive producer of the network's new late-night comedy *Mostly 4 Millennials*. He is also widely recognized for his role on FXX's *Man Seeking Woman*. Andre co-starred on ABC's *Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23*, as well as guest starred on Fox's *2 Broke Girls*. He can be seen on the silver screen this summer, voicing the hyena "Azizi", in Disney's reimagining of *The Lion King* and this fall in the prank comedy *Bad Trip*, alongside Lil Rel Howery.

More headliners will be announced shortly.

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Michelle Wolf: Michelle Wolf is a writer, actor, television host and standup comedian, recognized for her work as a contributor and writer for Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*. Prior to joining *The Daily Show* team, Wolf was a writing supervisor and performer on NBC's *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, where she made her debut as a comic in July 2014. In 2017, Wolf released her HBO Original Special, *Michelle Wolf: Nice Lady*, and that following year made news headlines after delivering a rather controversial speech as the featured performer at the 2018 White House Correspondents' Dinner. Wolf then went on to be the executive producer and host Netflix's weekly talk show, *The Break with Michelle Wolf*, available to stream today.

Steve-O: Steve-O, (a.k.a. Stephen Glover) was willing to do whatever it took to become famous, so he began to pitch his ridiculous home videos to various film producers. Eventually, his videos made it into the hands of *Jackass* creator, director and producer, Jeff Tremaine, who was working with the infamous Johnny Knoxville to create a stunt-based reality show, MTV's *Jackass*. The rest is history. As a New York Times bestselling author for his memoir *Professional Idiot*, Steve-O has established himself as a force in the world of stand up. His first hour special, *Guilty as Charged* aired on Showtime to positive reviews. Steve-O is now performing on his *Bucket List Tour*, a multimedia comedy experience that includes screening footage of some of his most elusive and outlandish stunts.

Nate Bargatze: Rising stand-up comedian Nate Bargatze is selling out shows across America. His 2015 debut special *Full Time Magic* led to his half-hour special on Netflix's *The Standups* in 2017 followed by his most recent hour-long Netflix special, *Tennessee Kid*, which aired earlier this year. With many TV credits under his belt, including NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, and TBS' *Conan*, Bargatze is currently developing his own television series with ABC.

Cristela Alonzo: Latina writer, actress, and comedian, Cristela Alonzo, has performed on many stages across the world. No stranger to the late-night TV circuit, Alonzo has had stand-out performances on programs including TBS' *Conan* and CBS' *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. Being the very first Latina to star in a Disney Pixar movie with her role in *Cars 3*, Alonzo was also the first Latina woman to create, produce, write, and star in her own US primetime comedy, ABC's *Cristela*. Her special 2017 special, *Lower Classy*, is currently streaming on Netflix.

Michael Rapaport: American actor and comedian, Michael Rapaport, has appeared in over sixty films since the early 1990s, and starred in Fox's sitcom *The War at Home*. He also appeared in *Boston Public*, *Friends*, *Prison Break*, *Justified*, and *Atypical*. Some of his notable film roles include *True Romance*, *Deep Blue Sea*, *Dr. Dolittle 2*, and *The Heat*. He also directed the award-winning documentary *Beats, Rhymes & Life: The Travels of a Tribe Called Quest*, and is the host of the extremely popular *I AM RAPAPORT: STEREO PODCAST*.

Roy Wood Jr.: Comedian Roy Wood Jr., correspondent on Comedy Central's Emmy-winning *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, has been named one of the hosts of the network's hit storytelling series *This is Not Happening*. His first one hour special, *Father Figure* premiered in 2017 to rave reviews, and was

quickly followed by his second special that premiered this past January, *Roy Wood Jr.: No One Loves You*.

Nicole Byer: Actress, comedian and writer, Nicole Byer, is the host of Netflix's smash baking show *Nailed It*, as well as the star of the sitcom loosely based on her life, *Loosely Exactly Nicole*, now streaming on Facebook Watch. Byer's additional TV credits include MTV's *Girl Code*, NBC's *30 Rock*, 20th Century Fox's *Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates*, Comedy Central's *@Midnight*, Cartoon Network's *Adult Swim*, and more. Nicole hosts a podcast called *Why Won't You Date Me*, which will be recording live from JFL42 as part of ComedyCon.

Ron Funches: Comedian, actor and writer, Ron Funches has been featured in many recognizable TV shows and films including HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, ABC's *Black*ish*, Fox's *New Girl*, and Amazon's *Transparent*. He has lent his voice to many animated projects including DreamWorks' *Trolls*, Fox's *Bob's Burgers*, and Cartoon Network's *Adventure Time*, and has performed stand-up on many late-night shows including TBS' *Conan*, NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*, and more. He currently has a one-hour comedy special, Comedy Central's *Ron Funches' Giggle Fit*, as well as hosts the podcast, *Gettin' Better with Ron Funches* which will be recording live from JFL42 as part of ComedyCon!

Ronny Chieng: Malaysian-born Chinese stand-up comedian and actor, Ronny Chieng was named one of *Variety's 10 Comics to Watch* in 2016. He co-created *Ronny Chieng: International Student*, which can be viewed on Comedy Central's streaming platform, and more recently appeared in the critically acclaimed Warner Bros. Production, *Crazy Rich Asians*. Chieng currently stars on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah* as a senior correspondent.

Jon Dore: Canadian writer and actor, Jon Dore, has infused his comedic abilities into numerous hit television shows and films. In addition to his new one-hour Comedy Central stand-up special *Big Questions, Huge Answers with Jon Dore*, he was the series lead in the CBS' *The Half of It*. With many guest roles on various hit TV series, including CBS' *How I Met Your Mother*, and ABC's *How To Live With Your Parents*. Dore has made appearances on TBS' *Conan*, IFC's *Baroness Von Sketch Show*, as well as Comedy Central's *@midnight* and *Inside Amy Schumer*. Dore's writing/performing credits include The Comedy Network's *The Jon Dore Show*, and HBO's *Funny as Hell*.

Vir Das: Comedian, actor and musician, Vir Das, has a career that traverses Bollywood, music, and comedy. With the experience of a lifetime in the entertainment industry under his belt, Das was the first Indian comedian to have a Netflix special, with his 2017 hour, *Abroad Understanding*. Fresh off a global stand-up tour encompassing 20 countries on six continents, Das is bringing his show to Toronto.

Todd Barry: Comedian, actor and podcast host, Todd Barry, is widely recognized for his roles in HBO's *Flight of the Conchords* and the 2009 Oscar winning film, *The Wrestler*. Barry is renowned throughout the entertainment industry for his nuanced, measured, and thoroughly original approach to stand-up. Boasting two *Comedy Central Presents* specials, Todd's resume also includes such hit TV shows as *Louie*, *Delocated*, *Bored to Death*, *Tim and Eric*, *Chappelle's Show*, *Sex and the City*, and even *Sesame*

Street. Todd's albums *Medium Energy*, *Falling Off the Bone*, and *From Heaven* are available from Comedy Central Records, Amazon and iTunes.

Dan Soder: Comedian and actor, Dan Soder, is best recognized as co-host on SiriusXM's *The Bonfire* and for his role on Showtime's *Billions*, he currently has a half-hour special on Netflix's *The Standups*. In 2016, his first hour-long stand-up special, *Not Special*, premiered on Comedy Central. Other credits include Comedy Central's *Inside Amy Schumer*, and *@midnight*.

Kate Berlant: Writer, performer and comic Kate Berlant has performed at festivals across the globe including a sold out run at the *2018 Edinburgh Fringe Festival*, *Montreal Just For Laughs Festival*, *New York Comedy Festival*, *Festival Supreme*, *Treasure Island*, *Sasquatch*, and *Moontower*. Her performances have been commissioned by The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, and she has been described by The New York Times as a "magnetic improvisational comic" at the forefront of experimental comedy. Kate most recently appeared in Boots Riley's breakout Sundance film *Sorry to Bother You*, as well as James Franco's *The Disaster Artist*. Kate recently wrapped production on Sony Pictures' *Men In Black: International*. Berlant also wrote, executive produced and starred in her own episode of *Netflix Presents: The Characters*.

Jen Kirkman: Standup comedian, author, screenwriter, podcaster and actress, Jen Kirkman, is most widely recognized for her appearances on E!'s *Chelsea Lately*, Comedy Central's *@midnight*, TBS' *Conan*. Her first book, *I Can Barely Take Care of Myself: Tales From a Happy Life Without Kids* is a NYT Bestseller. Most recently, Jen contributed as a writer, consultant and producer for Amazon's Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning series *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, providing many of the jokes for the main character's stand-up routines. Her Netflix specials, *I'm Gonna Die Alone* and *Just Keep Livin'?* have been praised by many, as has her podcast *Having Funlessness with Jen Kirkman*, which will be recording live from JFL42's ComedyCon.

Dave Merheje: Lebanese-Canadian comedian Dave Merheje continues to blow up on the comedy scene and he has no plans of slowing down. 2019 has already been a landmark year for Merheje first, having won the Juno Award for *Comedy Album of the Year*, and now starring in the new Hulu series, *Ramy*. He returns to Toronto off the heels of his highly-successful Netflix special filmed at the Montreal JFL festival last year as part of *Comedians of the World*.

Andy Kindler: Comedian and actor, Andy Kindler, has appeared on Fox's hit animation series, *Bob's Burgers*, Showtime's *I'm Dying Up Here*, Comedy Central's *Tosh. O.* Andy was the host of Season 4 and 5 of Hulu's standup series, *Coming to the Stage* as well as a series judge on the seventh season of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, the star of two half-hour *Comedy Central Presents* specials and was a frequent guest and correspondent on *The Late Show with David Letterman* with over 40 appearances. He has previously recurred on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, Disney's *Wizards of Waverly Place*, and IFC's *Maron*. In addition to hosting the Alternative Show at JFL42 for the past 7 years, every year Andy delivers his infamous State of the Industry Address at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal.

Andrew Santino: Comedian and actor, Andrew Santino, starred in Showtime's *I'm Dying Up Here*,

executively produced by Jim Carrey and directed by Jonathan Levine. He also appeared in Netflix's *Game Over, Man*, as well as ABC's comedy *Mixology*. His Showtime hour-long stand up special *Home-Field Advantage* debuted in 2017 and his Comedy Central Half-Hour stand-up special was released alongside his debut album *Say No More* on Comedy Central Records. This fall, Andrew will be starring in an FX series alongside Lil' Dicky. Andrew is the host of his popular podcast *Whiskey Ginger* which you can see at JFL42 as part of ComedyCon.

Joel Kim Booster: South Korea born comedian, established stand-up, writer, and playwright, Joel Kim Booster has credits including Hulu's *Shrill*, Comedy Central's *The Meltdown with Jonah and Kumail*, Bravo's *Then and Now*, and TruTV's *Comedy Knockout*. Since being announced as a New Face of Comedy at the Just For Laughs Festival in 2016, Booster has released his own Comedy Central Presents stand-up special, in addition to writing credits on Comedy Central's *Problematic W/ Moshe Kasher*. His latest comedy album *Model Minority* is available everywhere.

Sean Cullen: Multiple Gemini/Canadian Screen Award/Canadian Comedy Award-winner Sean Cullen has been entertaining audiences for decades. A fixture on the comedy circuit, Cullen's musical talents, uproarious improv, and uncanny mimicry give him a style all his own. Cullen has starred in his own television series, *The Seán Cullen Show*, with appearances on *Murdoch Mysteries*, *Anne: Fire & Fury*, *Dark Matter*, *Carter* current seasons of *Little Dog* and *Workin' Moms* to name but a few. He was a finalist on NBC's *The Last Comic Standing*, and he has appeared on shows such as *Ellen*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, and *The Late Late Show*. He has a number of comedy specials under his belt including *Comedy Central Presents... Seán Cullen* and CTV/ The Comedy Network's Gemini-nominated *Sean Cullen's Wood, Cheese & Children!* Sean is also an accomplished theatre actor, has leant his voice and writing talents to numerous children's animated series, and is an award winning novelist.

Graham Kay: Award-winning stand-up comic, actor and TV writer, Graham Kay's credits include *Much Music's Video On Trial*, as well as a writer for the popular CTV sitcom *Spun Out* starring Dave Foley. In 2013, Graham won the Homegrown Comic Competition at Just For Laughs in Montreal, and was nominated for Best Male Stand Up at the 2016 Canadian Comedy Awards. In 2018 Graham made his film debut in *Broken Lizard's Super Trooper's 2*, and he recently performed on the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert*.

Aisha Brown: Canadian stand-up comedian, Aisha Brown, is a featured host on the web series *Make Me Read* and is a writer for CBC Comedy. Part of *Runnin' at The Mouth*, a hip-hop comedy collective, the group recently released their first comedy album through Comedy Records, *Wit My Woes*. Brown is no stranger to the Festival stage, having performed at many comedy festivals across Canada.

Sam Morril: Stand-up comedian, Sam Morril, was named one of Comedy Central's *Comics to Watch* in 2011 after winning the Laughing Skull Comedy Festival in Atlanta. Since then, he has released his first *Comedy Central Half-Hour Special*, and his debut album *Class Act* on Comedy Central records reached #1 on iTunes Comedy. Morril has appeared on *Fox News' Red Eye*, and has appeared on Comedy Central's *Adam Devine's House Party*, *@Midnight*, *Inside Amy Schumer*, *NBC's Last Comic Standing* and *America's Got Talent*.

Chanty Marostica: Known for their unique brand of high energy physical comedy, Chanty Marostica brings their jokes to life through a combination of storytelling, impressions, and spot on timing. They are proudly the creator and producer of Canada's Touring LGBTQ Comedy Showcase(s) *Queer* and *Present Danger*, the first ever LGBTQ weekly mic QAPD Collective, and Toronto's longest running LGBTQ+ Showcase *Church Street Comedy*. Chanty is an award-winning comic, most recently named *SiriusXM's Top Comic 2018* and their debut album *The Chanty Show* was nominated for *Comedy Album of the Year* at the 2019 Juno Awards.

Byron Bowers: Comedian, writer, actor, and passionate fashionista, Byron Bowers has made his way through the talk show circuits, with appearances on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Adam Devine's House Party*, *The Pete Holmes Show* and more. Bowers' acting career has allowed him to explore different areas, including a role in the horror comedy film *Kuso*, to a recurring role on Showtime's *The Chi*, and a performance in the anticipated independent feature film *Honey Boy* coming out in this winter.

Ricky Velez: Stand-up comedian and actor, Ricky Velez, was a correspondent on Comedy Central's *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, and has appeared on shows including Netflix's *Master of None* and Comedy Central's *This Week at the Comedy Cellar*.

Jarrett Campbell: Toronto-based comic, Jarrett Campbell stormed onto the comedy circuit, quickly becoming one of the fastest rising talents in Canadian comedy. With early appearances on MTV and NXNE, he became a staple on the Dark Comedy Tour. From New York to Vancouver, Jarrett has been on stages all across North America and continues to tour regularly with Yuk Yuk's. He recently performed at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and can be seen on the Comedy Network and CraveTV. His unique storytelling ability, mixed with hilarious social commentary, has Campbell making his mark with comedy fans everywhere.

Nore Davis: Stand-up comedian, Nore Davis, always delivers an energetic performance filled with witty quips and sharp punch lines. Davis' style displays the perfect balance between observational and anecdotal humor as he takes ordinary situations and transforms them into personal, relatable, cackle-inducing stories. His first *Comedy Central Half Hour* will air this Fall, but Davis' first-ever recorded special *You Guys Are Dope* was released last year on Amazon Prime. Davis has been featured on HBO's *2 Dope Queens*, as well as Comedy Central's *Thank You*, *Goodnight* and *Inside Amy Schumer*. His new show, *Nore Davis: Emotionally Attached* is powered by naked and honest emotions about himself he struggles to understand.

Rosebud Baker and Corinne Fisher: Stand-up comedians, writers, podcasters and actors, Rosebud Baker and Corinne Fisher are making their co-headlining debut at JFL42. Recently selected as a *New Face* at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal, Rosebud Baker has toured with some of the biggest names in comedy including Michael Che and Amy Schumer. Corinne Fisher has quickly become a national headliner as both a singular stand-up comedian and as half of her hugely popular comedy duo with Krystyna Hutchinson *Sorry About Last Night...* who created and cohosted *Guys We Fucked: The Anti Slut-Shaming Podcast* which boasts over a million listeners worldwide. Fisher and Baker currently co-host the podcast *Two Less Lonely Girls*, which will be recording live from JFL42 as part of

ComedyCon.

Tom Henry: Toronto-based comic Tom Henry has appeared in festivals such as Just for Laughs, San Francisco Sketchfest and Bridgetown (Portland). He's opened for comics such as Tim Meadows, Nikki Glaser and Moshe Kasher. He was named as one of LA Riot Fest's Comics to Watch in 2017 and was nominated for a Canadian Comedy Award for Best Stand-Up Newcomer in 2012.

Daniel Van Kirk: Named a 2016 *Comic to Watch* by Comedy Central, Daniel Van Kirk is a comedian and actor that you might know from *Bob's Burgers*, *Comedy Central*, and *The NFL Network*. He has also written projects for Comedy Central, Warner Bros., CW Seed and more. You can hear Daniel every week on the hit podcasts, *Dumb People Town* with the Sklar Brothers and *Pen Pals* along with Rory Scovel! As a stand-up comic, Daniel tours the continent headlining at comedy clubs and festivals.

Adam Christie: Canadian stand-up comic and writer, Adam Christie has worked on many acclaimed television shows such as IFC's *Baroness Von Sketch Show*, CBC's *Schitt's Creek* and *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*. Adam is the former host of YTV's *The Zone* and *The Zone Weekend*, where he once beat a 12-year-old girl in a free throw shooting competition. Fresh from finishing up a 24-date tour across Canada, Christie also recently taped an episode of LOL on CBC Radio, and will perform on Andy Kindler's *Particular Show* in Calgary later this year.

Sophie Buddle: Sophie Buddle has been called one of Canada's fastest rising stars, and was a runner up at SiriusXM's *Top Comic* which has lead to her first national TV appearance at the Just For Laughs festival in Montreal. *Barely Legal*, the monthly Vancouver show she runs with her roommate, was a featured show at JFL NorthWest and she's since performed at some of the coolest shows in LA. Buddle occasionally writes for CBC's comedy website. She's also the host of the *Obsessed with Sophie Buddle* podcast which will be recorded live from JFL42 as part of ComedyCon.

Nick Reynoldson: Canadian stand-up comic, Nick Reynoldson has a unique view of the world. Sharp, smart and energetic, this young comic is quickly on the rise. A 2018 Runner Up at SiriusXM's *Top Comic Competition*, Nick has appeared at major festivals including Just For Laughs, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival, NXNE and as part of the New Faces Showcase at JFL42.

The El-Salmons: The El-Salmons take the motto 'make love not war' very personally. Jess Salomon (hilarious comic) and Eman El-Husseini (also hilarious comic) met and fell in love at a comedy club in Montreal nearly a decade ago when a friend of theirs suggested, "you two broads should kiss". Jess is Jewish and Eman is Palestinian (basically enemies), one is a Taurus and one is a Leo (ENEMIES!!), but they somehow make it work. It's probably the hummus. Jess and Eman got married and left Canada for America right before the last election. They are famous for their love, their stand up and their ability to make really REALLY fantastic life choices.

SiriusXM Top Comic with Headliner DeAnne Smith: SiriusXM Canada will once again be hosting the *SiriusXM's Top Comic* finale as part of JFL42. This year's grand prize is four Just for Laughs festival appearances (Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto and Sydney, Australia), an appearance on a JFL TV taping airing on a Bell property network, \$25,000, and the title of *SiriusXM's Top Comic*. The finale show will

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be headlined by Canadian comedy award winner, DeAnne Smith, who is currently developing a new sitcom for CBC, with her latest half-hour comedy special, *Gentleman Elf* streaming on Netflix.

JFL42 is proud to be collaborating with local institutions including **Yuk Yuk's, Comedy Bar, The Second City,** and **Absolute Comedy** as well as notable established Toronto comedy shows like **ALDdot COMedy Lounge,** to provide additional Toronto-centric programming that will be available to all pass holders. Programming details will become available at a later date.

Additional artists to be announced shortly.

COMEDYCON

ComedyCon has something for every comedy enthusiast who wants to know a bit more about the artist beyond their standup routine, television show, or podcast. For its fourth edition, **ComedyCon** will be uniting some of today's top comedy podcasters on one festival lineup, as part of the daytime series of JFL42. Giving audiences an inside look to the comedy industry, fans have the chance to be in the room where it happens, Q&As, cast panels and listening and watching their favourite podcasts record live from Toronto!

In Conversations:

Have you ever been curious about the inner-workings of today's top comedic minds? ComedyCon's ***In Conversation*** series delves deep with some of JFL42's most revered comedians. Learn what inspires, infuriates, and excites **Nick Kroll, Michael Rapaport, Steve-O** and **Cristela Alonzo** through this unique intimate program that invites fans to sit in on candid conversations with comedy's best.

Podcasts:

I AM RAPAPORT: STEREO PODCAST: Actor/director, Michael Rapaport, shares his strong, funny & offensive points of view on life, sports, music, film & everything in between on the *I AM RAPAPORT: STEREO PODCAST*.

True Crime Obsessed: True Crime Obsessed is the true crime/comedy podcast you need in your life! Each week, hosts **Gillian Pensavalle** and **Patrick Hinds** recap true crime documentaries with humor, sass, heart, and just the right amount of snark. In their live show, Gillian and Patrick bring their hilarious take on the absurdities of true crime characters and storylines to the stage, tearing into one of your favorite true crime documentaries using video clips, music, and their signature garbage bell.

Two Less Lonely Girls: **Rosebud Baker** and **Corinne Fisher** teamed up to create the *Two Less Lonely Girls Podcast*, a twisted exploration of celebrity worship inspired by their mutual obsessive desire to stalk Justin Bieber, who they successfully tracked down in 15 episodes, and followed through the streets of New York City. Since then, the podcast has become a hysterical examination of insane celebrity worship, Hollywood conspiracy theories, and the bloodlust of the pop-culture fan base.

Having Funlessness with Jen Kirkman: Comedian and author **Jen Kirkman** does a solo podcast – a mostly improvised, stream of consciousness monologue that weaves random small observations into sometimes bigger stories about her past, her present and just unfiltered thoughts about anything from her life to what’s happening in the world.

Why Won’t You Date Me?: Comedian **Nicole Byer** is single and has been for decades. She’s smart, funny, has a fat ass and loves giving blow jobs. So, the question is why is she perpetually single? This podcast is a quest to find that answer.

Gettin’ Better With Ron Funches: Actor, comedian, writer, **Ron Funches** sits down every week to talk about his life, passions, hobbies, and how he is on a constant journey to better himself. This is *Gettin’ Better with Ron Funches*.

Obsessed with Sophie Buddle: Award-winning comedian and writer Sophie Buddle interviews guests about their obsessions. From Beyoncé, to American politics, to checking if the door is locked, to revenge, tune in every week to find out more about hilarious people’s obsessions.

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