



## JUST FOR LAUGHS REVEALS LINEUPS FOR THEIR GALAS AND ADDITIONAL TV TAPINGS, ALONG WITH NEW ARTISTS ADDED TO OFF-JFL, COMEDYPRO and SOLO SHOWS!

Just For Laughs is thrilled to share additional artists coming to JFL, OFF-JFL and ComedyPRO. Guaranteeing roaring laughs across the city this July, the festival continues to grow with appearances by **Cameron Esposito** and **Piff The Magic Dragon** to name a few.

**Montreal, July 5 2018** – Just For Laughs, presented by Bell in collaboration with Loto-Québec, is ecstatic to announce that all nine Gala presentations, each of the six episodes of *The Stand Up Show with Katherine Ryan*, *Homegrown Comics*, and many more shows will be taped for television, set to air throughout the 2018-2019 season. A furiously funny combination of today's top comics will be delivering premium comedy content live in Montreal for future broadcast and streaming services on screens across the globe.

### TAPED FOR TV GALAS

In true Just For Laughs fashion, the world renowned comedy festival promises to deliver larger-than-life lineups for each of the televised Galas, featuring a brilliant mixture of some of comedy's best on a singular bill.

***The Will Forte Gala*** will feature **Maria Bamford, Michael Ian Black, Dylan Moran, Cameron Esposito, Trent McClellan, Mario Joyner, and Adam Christie**. *The Will Forte Gala*, taped for CBC, will take place on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

***The Howie Mandel All-Star Comedy Gala***, will feature **Lil Rel Howery, Maz Jobrani, Neal Brennan, Roy Wood Jr., Amanda Seales, Melissa Villaseñor, Gary Gulman, Laurie Kilmartin** and more. *The Howie Mandel All-Star Comedy Gala*, taped for CW, will take place on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

***The Ken Jeong Gala*** will feature **Jim Breuer, Orny Adams, Sara Pascoe, Jess Salomon, Francisco Ramos, Matt Wright, and Amir K**. *The Ken Jeong Gala*, taped for CBC, will take place on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:45pm at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

***The Jeff Dunham Galas*** offer two different lineups. The 7:00pm Gala includes **Brad Williams, Mamrie Hart, Brent Butt, Robert Kelly, Joel Creasey, Sterling Scott, Pat McGann**, and more; while the 9:45pm show has **Tom Papa, Godfrey, Matt Braunger, Loni Love, Dave Hughes, DJ Demers** and more. *The Jeff Dunham Galas*, taped for The Comedy Network, will take place on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm and 9:45pm at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

***The Trevor Noah Galas*** offers two different lineups. The 6:00pm show features **Jim Norton, Aparna Nancherla, Hannah Gadsby, Anthony Atamanuik, Baron Vaughn, Aisha Alfa** and more. The 8:30pm performance will feature **Moshe Kasher, Dulcé Sloan, Alonzo Bodden, DeAnne Smith, Sabrina Jalees, David Angelo** and more. *The Trevor Noah Galas*, taped for CTV's The Comedy Network will take place on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm and 8:30pm at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

***The Tiffany Haddish Gala*** will feature **Lil Rel Howery, Fortune Feimster, Mae Martin, Derek Seguin, Tony Rock, Nath Valvo** and more. *The Tiffany Haddish Gala*, taped for CBC, will take place on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00pm at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

***The William H. Macy Gala*** will feature **Josh Blue, Paul Chowdhry, Piff the Magic Dragon, Nile Seguin, Nour Hadidi** and more. *The William H. Macy Gala*, taped for CBC, will take place on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

*All lineups are subject to change without notice.*

### ***THE STAND UP SHOW with KATHERINE RYAN***

Just For Laughs is proudly introducing a brand-new comedy series, ***The Stand Up Show with Katherine Ryan***, set to air on CTV Comedy this year. The provocative and stylish **Katherine Ryan** will play host for a total of six shows across three nights, with a different roster of first-rate comics set for each taping.

**Nick Thune, Andy Kindler, Ms. Pat, Mike Britt, Tim Dillon, Aisha Brown, Steph Tolev**, and more will be part of the lineup on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at L'Astral.

**Colin Quinn, Liza Treyger, Sara Schaefer, Janelle James, Dave Merheje, Graham Chittenden, Chris Redd, Jo Firestone**, and more will be performing on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00pm at L'Astral.

**The Cooties, Rebecca Kohler, Alex Edelman, Mark Forward, Rhys Nicholson, Chad Daniels, Rose Matafeo**, and more are slotted for Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at L'Astral.

**Nish Kumar, Zainab Johnson, Joel Dommett, Ivan Decker, Lauren Pattison, Joel Kim Booster**, and more are part of the roster on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00pm at L'Astral.

**Garfunkel and Oates, Big Jay Oakerson, Graham Clark, Todd Glass, Mike O'Brien, Chris Distefano, Courtney Gilmour**, and more will be performing on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at L'Astral.

**Chris Gethard, Tony Hinchcliffe, Mark Little, Julio Torres, Matteo Lane, Ed Gamble, Scott Thompson, Sara Hennessey**, and more compose the lineup for the show on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00pm at L'Astral.

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### ***HOMEGROWN COMICS***

One of the stars of the Crave TV's hit series, *Letterkenny*, **K. Trevor Wilson** returns to Just For Laughs this summer to host a celebration of Canadian comics and stand-up comedy at this year's 20<sup>th</sup> edition of ***Homegrown Comics***. A staple Canadian series at JFL, *Homegrown Comics* will be taped for The Comedy Network, marking its very first time this show will be taped for broadcast in its 20-year history at the festival. **Adrienne Fish, Brandon Ash Mohammed, Cara Connors**,

**Gavin Matts, Hoodo Hersi, Jarrett Campbell, Kyle Brownrigg, Nick Nemeroff, Pat Purtscher and Paul Rabliauskas** will be performing live on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00pm at L'Astral.

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## **NEW ARTIST JUST ADDED!**

Returning to Just For Laughs this year is **Piff the Magic Dragon**. With over 100 million views online, sold out shows across North America, a hit appearance on *America's Got Talent*, and residencies in Las Vegas, Piff the Magic Dragon is ready to dazzle Montreal this summer with his show *Piff the Magic Dragon & The Dog Who Knows* on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at the Monument-National.

## **GIMME ME MORE OFF-JFL!**

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Representing Italians on this year's *The Ethnic Show*, **Matteo Lane** is also bringing his cabaret ode to Babs, *Streisand at the Bon Soir*, to OFF JFL this summer. Lane has starred on MTV's *Girl Code* and MTV2's *Guy Code*, as well as host and star of Snapchat's latest series *Ghost Hunt*. Returning to JFL since being a New Face in 2014, Matteo will perform *Streisand at the Bon Soir* on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30pm at Café Cleopatra.

Comedians **Nath Valvo, Dave Hughes, Rhys Nicholson** and **Rose Matafeo**, will showcase the best of Aussie & Kiwi talent on *Late Nite Down Under* over two nights in OFF-JFL. Valvo hosts *Late Nite Down Under* on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30pm at MainLine Theatre.

Comedians **Joel Kim Booster** and **Jo Firestone** are teaming up to co-headline *Double Threat: Jo Firestone & Joel Kim Booster*. Recently announced as one of *Variety's 10 Comics To Watch* in 2018, comedian Joel Kim Booster is an established stand-up, writer, and playwright. Comedian and writer Jo Firestone's work can be seen on NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* and consulting producer on TruTV's *The Chris Gethard Show*. *Double Threat: Jo Firestone & Joel Kim Booster* will take place on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30pm at Montreal Improv – Theatre B.

Don't miss your chance to experience two amazing comedians performing extended sets for (at least) double the laughs, with *Double Threat: SURPRISE!*, 6 shows with different co-headliners each night from Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30pm (only on July 24<sup>th</sup>) and 10:00pm at Montreal Improv – Theatre B.

We love him so much, a 3<sup>rd</sup> show has been added for **Chris Distefano** now on Friday, July 27 at 8:30pm.

Improvise, storyteller, lip-syncher and air-guitar player, **Joshua Budman** is bringing his show *Best of Fringe: What The Hell Happened to my Patio Furniture* to OFF-JFL after a sold-out run at the 2018 Montreal Fringe Festival. His show recounts when Josh, a listless loner, comes home to discover his patio furniture has mysteriously disappeared from his sixteenth-floor apartment. Inspired by a true story. *Best of Fringe: What The Hell Happened to my Patio Furniture* will take place on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00pm at MainLine Theatre.

## **JFL COMEDYPRO CONTINUES TO WOW!**

**Mitch Moffit** and **Greg Brown** of *AsapSCIENCE* set out to reignite the flame of curiosity and learning in all of us. Their educational podcast takes the underpinnings of biology, chemistry, physics, and other sciences, and applies them to everyday life through quirky and relatable examples. *AsapSCIENCE* has amassed a YouTube following of over eight

million subscribers and over one billion views. Their podcast presentation of *Sidenote*, presented by Studio71, will take place on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm in the Ovation room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

Actor, standup comedian and writer, **Cameron Esposito** returns to Just For Laughs this year with a candid *In Conversation with Cameron Esposito: Rape Jokes and Resilience*. In addition to touring nationally, Esposito, a past JFL New Face, recently released her newest one-hour special *Rape Jokes* online, for free. She has been incredibly vocal regarding her support of the #MeToo movement, encouraging fans to donate to RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. *In Conversation with Cameron Esposito: Rape Jokes and Resilience* will take place on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:45pm. in the Ovation room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

**Erin Gibson** and **Bryan Safi** are the co-hosts and co-creators of the *Throwing Shade* podcast, their international touring live show, Funny or Die web series, and late-night show on TV Land. Every week Erin and Bryan give their fresh takes on pop culture, women's issues, and LGBT issues with hilarity and vulgarity. *Throwing Shade*, presented by Earwolf, will take place on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm in the Ovation room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

Host and interviewer, **Zain Meghji** is bringing his podcast *Chaotic Creative with Zain Meghji* to ComedyPRO. Meghji interviews performing artists as they navigate their creative career in the entertainment industry, from inspiration to ideation to execution, and the internal and external challenges that go along with 'making it until you make it'. *Chaotic Creative with Zain Meghji* will take place on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm in the Ovation room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

**For tickets to the Montreal festival:**

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

Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival runs from July 11-29, 2018 in Montréal, Canada.

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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 25-July 28, 2018 (some restrictions apply).

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**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, Jim Gaffigan, Bill Burr, Kevin Hart, Jimmy Carr, Danny Bhoj, 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 2018, is the world's largest and most prestigious comedy event, welcoming more than 2 million people each summer.

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