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JIMMY CARR AND GAD ELMALEH TO PERFORM AT THE JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL THIS SUMMER!

Montreal, April 4, 2016 – The Just For Laughs Festival, presented by Videotron in association with Loto-Québec is thrilled to welcome international superstars **Jimmy Carr** and **Gad Elmaleh** to the 34th annual festival to perform a run of shows at Le Gesù as part of our National Bank Solo Show series.

THE MASTER OF DEADPAN-ONE LINERS!

Among the most respected and best-loved comedians working in Britain today, **Jimmy Carr** is one of the biggest selling live acts in UK comedy and could be seen recently on Showtime's special *The Nasty Show*, recorded last summer in Montreal. Jimmy was the first UK comedian to sign a stand-up special deal with Netflix and his comedy special was released this past March. The master of deadpan one-liners brings his international tour and all-new stand-up show, *Funny Business*, which has seen him perform to over 300,000 people worldwide, to Le Gesù from July 25-30 with 5 performances.

OH MY GAD!

Often referred to as the "Jerry Seinfeld of French Comedy", **Gad Elmaleh** is arguably the biggest and most loved comedic star in France. Born in Casablanca, Morocco, he speaks Moroccan Arabic, French, English and Hebrew. Gad transcends cultural boundaries with his wry observations and colourful characterizations and in recent years has performed to sold-out audiences in Miami, Los Angeles and New York. *Oh My Gad*, his new stand-up show entirely in English, builds upon the jokes that made him famous overseas and includes new observations from his life in America. Don't miss Gad's 4 performances at Le Gesù from July 26-29.

**The presale for each show begins today at 10am at hahaha.com, presale password: JFLMTL
The public onsale starts Wednesday, April 6 at 10am at hahaha.com.**

BEST OFFER OF THE FEST!

With all new benefits, including free tickets and exclusive pass holder zones on site, the best offer of the festival returns with the Just For Laughs Festival Passes. Grab the 2-Show Pass for only \$99.99, the 3-Show Pass for \$139.99, the 5-Show Pass for \$215 or the new VIP festival pass for \$300.

ALREADY ANNOUNCED BUT NOT TO BE MISSED!

After breakout English performances at last summer's Festival, one of Quebec's biggest stars **Rachid Badouri**, is primed to take over *The Ethnic Show*, as part of the 2016 National Bank Club Series. Badouri is one of the most passionate, enthusiastic comedians, selling over 750,000 tickets during his career and becoming one of the most sought-after performers in the world. Included in *The Ethnic Show* is a gathering of some of the most diverse comedians with unique backgrounds and perspectives including; Nigerian-American **Godfrey**, Greek-American **Yannis Pappas**, from the Bronx, Puerto Rican **Gina Brillon**, Jewish-American **Jessica Kirson** and special guest and Festival favourite, Italian-American **Dom Irrera**. The *Ethnic Show* will take place at Club Soda and Metropolis with 19 performances from July 13-28.

Following a triumphant debut as Master of Offense and receiving critical success, **Mike Ward**, the Celine Dion of dick jokes, will return to host *The Nasty Show* for a second time. Ward is an award winning French comedy mega-star whose last tour grossed over 5 million dollars in Quebec alone. He has appeared on *JFL XXX*, which aired on HBO Canada and his performance last summer was recorded for Showtime USA's special *The Nasty Show*. Joining Ward on stage will be none other than special guest **Bobby Slayton** a.k.a. the Pitbull of Comedy, **Brad Williams**, who achieved four standing-ovation performances at the *Neil Patrick Harris: Circus Awesomeus* Gala in 2015, star of *The Carmichael Show*, **Tiffany Haddish** and one of the most in-demand touring comedians, **Ralphie May**. The *Nasty Show* will take place exclusively at Metropolis with 13 performances from July 20-30.

The Just For Laughs Festival runs from July 13- 31, 2016 in Montreal, Canada.

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About the Just For Laughs Group

Founded in 1983, the Just For Laughs Group has had but one goal in its 30-plus years of operation: Make People Happy. To achieve this goal, the Just For Laughs Group has focused on four major products: Festivals in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Sydney; television production including Gags seen in over 130 countries and on over 75 airlines and stand-up specials; live shows, such as Canadian tour dates for Jerry Seinfeld, Louis C.K., Jim Gaffigan and the Just For Laughs Comedy Tour; and talent management. The Just For Laughs Montreal Comedy Festival is the world's largest and most prestigious comedy event welcoming on average 1.35 million visitors to Montreal each summer and generating approximately \$80 million for the city's economy. The Group has offices in Montreal, Paris, Los Angeles, Toronto, London and they are all connected to each other via internet.