



***Just For Laughs announces its final two Gala hosts
and a slew of new artists and podcasts joining this year's
36th edition***

New artists include **Jeff Dunham, William H. Macy, Lil Rel Howery, Jacksepticeye, Tony Rock, Mamrie Hart, Brent Butt**, more podcasts, and more artists joining the OFF JFL lineup!

Montreal, June 28, 2018 – Just For Laughs, in association with Loto-Québec, continues to raise the bar on all things comedy by securing even more of the brightest stars for this year's highly-anticipated summer festival.

GALAS

Returning to Just For Laughs after 22 years, **Jeff Dunham**, a top grossing comedian, will make his way back to the festival this summer. Dunham holds the Guinness World Record for “most tickets sold for a stand-up comedy tour”, with some of the most top-rated comedy specials to ever air on Comedy Central in the US and The Comedy Network in Canada. With YouTube videos surpassing over one billion views, Jeff Dunham will return to Montreal to be the master of ceremonies of two multi-comic galas, ***The Jeff Dunham Galas*** on Friday, July 27 at 7:00PM and 9:45PM at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

Academy-award nominee and Emmy-award winning actor, **William H. Macy**, will host his first Just For Laughs gala this summer. The critically-acclaimed actor has received multiple award nominations for such films as *Boogie Nights*, *Fargo*, and *Magnolia*; and is most recently recognized for his role as Frank Gallagher in SHOWTIME's award-winning comedy-drama series *Shameless*. William H. Macy will steal the stage as host of the multi-comic gala, ***The William H. Macy Gala*** on Sunday, July 29 at 7:00PM at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in the Place des Arts.

MORE SHOWS

Lil Rel Howery returns to Just For Laughs for the second time to host hit stand-up show ***Lil Rel and Friends***. Star of FOX's upcoming sitcom *REL*, based on his life, Lil Rel Howery is most widely recognized for his breakout role in Jordan Peele's Academy-award winning film, *Get Out*. His standup special *RELevent* premiered on Comedy Central and was produced by Kevin Hart, who he recently opened for on his American tour. The special was named one of the 10 best stand-up specials of 2015 by Vulture.com, and has become a favourite of fans and comedy heavyweights. ***Lil Rel and Friends*** takes place on Saturday, July 28 at 7:00PM at Cinquième Salle in the Place des Arts.

With 19 million YouTube subscribers, **Jacksepticeye** defines what it means to be a viral sensation. The massively popular YouTuber is an Irish video game commentator and voice actor who uploads gaming videos and vlogs. On top of taking over phone and computer screens around the globe, Jacksepticeye still finds time to tour with his show *Jacksepticeye: How Did We Get Here?* in front of sold out audiences. Catch him live at the festival on Thursday, July 26 at 8:00PM at L'Olympia.

A Just For Laughs regular for many years, fan favourite **Brent Butt** returns to Montreal as he continues to tour the country performing standup coast to coast. Butt discovered early that being funny was a good way to get attention. His natural comedic skills parlayed him into being of Canada's beloved comedians, becoming a household name as the creator and star of Canada's #1 TV Comedy, *Corner Gas*, which became an instant hit with unprecedented ratings and numerous accolades including an International Emmy nomination. Butt has also starred in two feature films, the comedic mystery *No Clue* and the long-awaited *Corner Gas: The Movie*. He continues to tour the country performing stand up as often as he can. This year, *Corner Gas Animated* - an all new animated version of the iconic comedy franchise re-imagined by Butt - has been a smash hit for The Comedy Network with the recent announcement that it's been renewed for a second season. Audiences can see him in Montreal when he performs on Saturday, July 28 at 9:30pm at Maison Theatre.

OFF-JFL SHOWS

Dulcé Sloan, Liza Treyger, Alonzo Bodden, Mamrie Hart, and Matt Braunger have been crowned emcees of OFF-JFL's *Hosts with the Most*, where every night, a new host presents a fresh new lineup. Don't miss some of the best comedians in the world from Tuesday, July 24 - Saturday, July 28 at 7:30PM and 9:45PM at Theatre Ste-Catherine.

Eliot Glazer, a renowned comedy writer, will be raising the roof with his live musical-comedy show, *Eliot Glazer's Haunting Renditions*. With many writing credits from all your favourite comedy shows including Comedy Central's *Broad City*, TV Land's *Younger*, Fox's *New Girl* and Comedy Central's *Time Traveling Bong*, Glazer has contributed all

things funny both on- and off- screen. His OFF-JFL show, *Eliot Glazer's Haunting Renditions*, will take place on Saturday, July 28 at 11:59PM at Katacombes.

Liza Treyger returns to Just For Laughs with her self-titled show, *Liza Treyger*. In 2012, Liza was deemed one of Comedy Central's "Comics to Watch," after which she went on to release her first half-hour comedy special and her first album with the network. Most recently, Treyger filmed a Netflix half-hour of stand-up as part of the new series, *The Degenerates*. Liza will perform on Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28 at 7:00PM at La Chapelle.

Mamrie Hart is an actress, comedian and New York Times bestselling author who established a stand-out presence in the Pop Culture zeitgeist with her popular YouTube Channel, *You Deserve a Drink*. Reaching over 3 million followers across her social media channels, her influence as a creator earned her a coveted position on The Hollywood Reporter's 2017 *Power List* and Variety's 2016 list of *Hollywood's New Leaders*. Mamrie can be seen on the daily YouTube show she hosts with fellow comic Grace Helbig, *This Might Get...*. Come see her live in her new stand-up show *How Dare You* on Thursday, July 26 and Saturday, July 28 at 11:30PM at La Chapelle.

Andrew Schulz is known for his hilarious and unapologetic comedy. Schulz challenges conventional wisdom with a NYC tone that is often idiotic, at times brilliant, but always hysterical. His debut album *5:5:1* launched as the #1 comedy album and #19 album across all genres on iTunes. He recently starred in IFC's *Benders* now on Netflix, Amazon's *Sneaky Pete*, and the new season of HBO's *Crashing*. In the podcast realm, Schulz can be heard on the wildly popular *The Brilliant Idiots*, co-hosted by nationally syndicated radio and television personality Charlamagne tha God -- the hilarious sports commentary podcast *FLAGRANT 2*, and the film and TV analysis podcast *WESTERBROS*. Audiences can catch him live in OFF JFL on Friday, July 27 at 11:30PM at La Chapelle.

Tony Rock & Friends is a hilarious, hip hop infused, jump up on your feet comedy show that gives you exactly what you expect from the Rock Family comedy brand! Captained by the host of HBO's All Def Comedy and the CBS Sitcom *Living Biblically*, you can expect Tony and his comic friends to bring the heat. This room is not for the laid back or the sensitive but if you're a fan of Def Comedy humor then show up and be guaranteed to laugh your ass off! It'll feel like you laughed and partied the whole night without ever leaving your seat. Montreal will definitely get some Brooklyn flavour this year when **Tony Rock & Friends** on Saturday, July 28 at 10:00PM at Katacombes.

Due to popular demand, we are adding yet another show of **Mike Ward's Infamous** taking place on Saturday, July 28, at 10:00PM, at Salle Claude-Léveillée in the Place des Arts.

PODCASTS

Zach Reino and Jessica McKenna have joined the JFL ComedyPRO roster, bringing their praised, improvised musical podcast, as Earwolf presents **Off Book: The Improvised Musical**. In addition to writing musical sketches for Party Over Here, BuzzFeed, Funny Or Die, Nickelodeon, these popular podcasters created and starred in ABC's digital series, *Serious Music*. Experience them in the flesh on Saturday, July 28 at 1:30PM in the Ovation Room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

Hosts Dave Holmes and Matt McConkey come to town with their hit podcast, **Homophilia**, in which they grill LGBT celebrities on what they're loving, and who they're loving. This self-proclaimed queer comedy party celebrates pop culture obsessions and interrogates guests on their personal experiences with dating, sex and love. Recent guests include: Margaret Cho, Todd Glass, Samantha Ronson, Lena Waithe, Wilson Cruz, Trixie Mattel, and many more. Find out who their next guest will be when Earwolf presents: **Homophilia** on Saturday, July 28 at 12:00PM in the Ovation Room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

Las Culturistas is a weekly podcast hosted by Matt Rogers and Bowen Yang. It has been called "addictively bitchy" by Time Out New York and "an unstoppable force of charisma" by The A.V. Club. Las Culturistas was also named one of Esquire's "Top 10 Podcasts of 2017" and Time Out New York's #1 Comedy Podcast. In the words of comedian Guy Branum: "Bowen Yang and Matt Rogers are f***** culture warriors and we don't deserve them." We beg to differ and will deliver them to you on Saturday, July 28 at 4:30PM in the Ovation Room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

Mike Ward and Pantelis are two halves of the buzz-worthy, Montreal podcasting duo serving up **2 Drink Minimum**. Mike is an award winning bilingual comedian who has not only performed to packed houses around the world, but has a French-language podcast that just celebrated its 12 millionth download, making it the most popular French-language comedy podcast in history. Across the table is his podcast partner Pantelis; known for his cadence and quality of writing, there's no subject that he won't tackle. Get a taste of these guys on Wednesday, July 25 at 3:00PM in the Ovation Room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

In the podcast **Sh*t They Don't Tell You**, Nikki Limo and Steve Greene do a deep dive into common relatable topics that either they or their guests wish someone would have told them more about before they had to learn it the hard way. These subjects can cover just about anything (relationships, finances, travel, mental health, etc.), and really dig into society's expectation versus the reality of it all. Each episode offers a balance of comedic insight, opinions and theories, as well as some researched material to bounce off of. Check out their podcast live when Studio 71 presents **Sh*t They Don't Tell You** on Wednesday, July 25 at 1:30PM in the Ovation Room at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

THE ETHNIC SHOW

After receiving rave reviews at both the Sydney and Melbourne International Comedy Festivals, as well as touring his critically-acclaimed show *Unlearning*, comedian **Loyiso Gola** joins the 10th annual Ethnic Show lineup. The high-profile South African correspondent on Australian ABC's *The Weekly* and two-time, International Emmy award nominee joins the previously announced **Gina Brillon, Matteo Lane, Francisco Ramos, Orny Adams**, and host **Maz Jobrani**. Gola will be filling the spot of Arthur Simeon, who will no longer be taking the stage. Don't miss this coalition of comedians who will poke fun at traditions, customs, and cultures in the most hilarious ways, running from Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00PM to Saturday, July 21 at 7:00PM and 9:30PM at Club Soda, and from Tuesday, July 24 to Thursday, July 26 at 7:00PM at MTelus.

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. 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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