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**JFL NORTHWEST, VANCOUVER’S JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL,
REVEALS THE FIRST PART OF ITS 2019 FESTIVAL LINE UP
INCLUDING,**

GABRIEL IGLESIAS - HOWIE MANDEL - AZIZ ANSARI - KEN JEONG - WHITNEY CUMMINGS - MARC EVAN JACKSON & PAUL F. TOMPKINS - NICK SWARDSON - MICHELLE WOLF - NATE BARGATZE - RORY SCOVEL - NICOLE BYER - FORTUNE FEIMSTER - STEVE RANNAZZISI - TODD GLASS - DULCÉ SLOAN - MICHELLE BUTEAU - MORGAN MURPHY - MATTEO LANE - LIZA TREYGER - LAS CULTURISTAS - CHRIS FLEMING - SAM JAY - AND THAT’S WHY WE DRINK - WATCH WHAT CRAPPENS - GIRLS GOTTA EAT - STOP PODCASTING YOURSELF - IVAN DECKER - KURT METZGER - ALTERNATIVE SHOW WITH ANDY KINDLER - SIRIUSXM TOP COMIC AND MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, A 2nd AZIZ ANSARI: ROAD TO NOWHERE SHOW HAS BEEN ADDED AND NOW ON SALE!

Best of the West presented by SiriusXM, is Back For More!

JFL NorthWest, presented in association with SiriusXM can’t wait to welcome back “Best of the West”, an exciting series highlighting B.C.’s local talent. This year’s lineup includes: 10 SPEED, Angry & Afraid, Barely Legal, Best of Blind Tiger, Brunch Comedy, Cords Comedy, Fox Hole Comedy, Hip.Bang!, Jokes Please!, Komedy At Kino, Little Mountain Improv, Nasty Women Comedy, SAD Comedy, Slide Show, The Lady Show, The Outsiders Comedy, The Ryan & Amy Show, Tinder Tales, Tom & Amy, We Know Nothing About Art, and Weird Owl Karaoke.

The Fourth Edition of JFL NorthWest, Vancouver’s Just For Laughs Festival Returns from February 14 – 23, 2019

Tickets & Passes on sale Friday, December 7 at 10:00am PST at JFLNorthWest.com

Vancouver, December 4, 2018 – For its fourth consecutive year, **JFL NorthWest**, presented in association with SiriusXM, promises to deliver larger-than-life laughs as it unites today's funniest comedy stars from February 14 – 23, 2019.

This year's festival will provide Vancouverites and guests to the city with top-of-the-line comedy content, ranging from stand-up performances, to live podcast recordings, to improv, to sketch and breakout performances from the SiriusXM's Best of the West series! For the second time at **JFL NorthWest**, the Vancouver Just For Laughs Film Festival is back with even more film screenings, red carpets, shorts, and panels. But wait... the fun doesn't end there! The fan-favourite, multi-day Block Party, will be the outdoor hub of this year's Festival, featuring games, live music, food trucks and many more surprises. To get in on all the action, single tickets and 3-show passes for **JFL NorthWest** will go on sale Friday, December 7 at 10:00am PST at JFLNorthWest.com.

Performing at JFL NorthWest,

Gabriel Iglesias – Monday, February, 18 | Queen Elizabeth Theatre | 7:00pm

Spend Family Day with Gabriel Iglesias, one of America's most successful stand-up comedians who performs to sold-out audiences around the world. Unlike many in the stand-up world, Iglesias' globally appealing comedy stays mostly clean and his non-controversial material appeals to audiences of all ages and walks of life. Iglesias has also 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*. Iglesias is currently in production as star and Executive Producer of the upcoming multi-cam comedy series for Netflix, *Mr. Iglesias* set to premiere in 2019, along with 2 more Netflix specials in the pipeline.

Howie Mandel & Friends – Thursday, February, 14 | Orpheum | 7:00pm

Join Howie as he hosts a fun-filled evening of laughs featuring some of the most talented comics in the game. Howie Mandel has remained a constant force in show business for over 30 years. Mandel is executive producer of many shows, including NBC's *Take It All* and *Howie Do It*, TBS' *Deal With It*, FOX's *Mobbed* and more. Currently on NBC's *America's Got Talent*, Howie, alongside ICM acquired Montreal's Just For Laughs Group. Mandel will also be next seen hosting the reboot of CNBC's *Deal or New Deal*. Howie has done countless comedy specials both on cable and network television. He has also hosted his own syndicated talk show, *The Howie Mandel Show*, and continues to be a mainstay on the talk-show circuit. Howie also continues to perform as many as 200 concerts a year throughout the US and Canada.

Aziz Ansari (ROAD TO NOWHERE) - Friday, February, 15 | Queen Elizabeth Theatre | 7:00pm, and a 2nd show just added at 9:30pm! Tickets now available.

Comedian, actor, writer, producer and director, Aziz Ansari, got his start in the beloved television series, NBC's *Parks and Recreation*. In 2015, he became one of the only headlining comedians to ever sell out New York City's Madison Square Garden. His two sold-out performances at the legendary arena were filmed for his fourth comedy special, AZIZ ANSARI: LIVE AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, which was released on Netflix in March 2015 to rave reviews. Ansari has appeared in many critically-acclaimed films, including Columbia Pictures' *This Is The End*, Universal Pictures' *Funny People* and *Get Him To The Greek*, and more. Most notably and recently, this comedy heavyweight has starred,

written and directed the multi-award-winning Netflix original comedy, *Master of None*. With its second season available to stream today, Ansari is returning to the stand-up stage with his new tour, AZIZ ANSARI – ROAD TO NOWHERE.

Ken Jeong – Tuesday, February, 19 | Orpheum | 7:00pm

Actor, producer, and writer, Ken Jeong, best known for his iconic performance in Warner Bros. Pictures' *The Hangover*, has established himself as one of today's top comedic stars. Jeong first earned a medical degree at the University of North Carolina, then completed a residency in New Orleans – all while working on his comedy routine. With credits including Universal Pictures' *Role Models*, *Knocked Up*, Columbia Pictures' *Pineapple Express* and *Step Brothers*. Jeong stole scenes as a series regular on NBC's critically acclaimed *Community*. Jeong mostly recently created, wrote, executive produced and starred in ABC's *Dr. Ken*, and starred in the smash hit, Warner Bros. Pictures' *Crazy Rich Asians*. This Winter, Jeong will be seen in the Fox celebrity reality show *The Masked Singer*. Most recently, Jeong filmed his first stand-up comedy special to stream on Netflix.

Whitney Cummings – Saturday, February 16 | Vogue | 7:00pm

Whitney Cummings is a comedian, writer, and actress who has performed in stand-up specials for both HBO and Comedy Central. Best known for creating and starring in the NBC series *Whitney*, Whitney was also the co-creator and co-writer of the Emmy-nominated CBS comedy series *2 Broke Girls* and is an executive producer on the ABC revival of *Roseanne*. Her first book "I'm Fine and Other Lies" is available wherever books are sold and her film directorial debut *The Female Brain* is available for streaming.

Mr. Jackson & Mr. Tompkins (Marc Evan Jackson & Paul F. Tompkins) - Sunday, February 17 | Vogue | 7:00pm

See TWO AMERICAN GENTLEMEN Enact FALSE STORIES For A Duration Of ONE FULL HOUR And Perhaps TEN ADDITIONAL MINUTES.

Nick Swardson: Fart Party - Thursday, February 21 | Vogue | 7:00pm

The road to success has been a steady climb for Swardson, from writing for Warner Brothers to catching the attention of Happy Madison Productions where he quickly became a fixture in the company writing or co-writing and producing films like *Grandma's Boy*, *Benchwarmers*, and *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry*. Swardson not only wrote and produced, but starred in *That's My Boy*, *Blades of Glory*, *30 Minutes or Less*, and *Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star*. His first CD/DVD, *Party*, on Comedy Central Records went platinum, after which he followed it up in 2010 with his first one-hour stand-up special *Seriously Who Farted* and then *Taste It!* which premiered last April. Next year Swardson will be seen in the feature film, *The Buddy Games*, alongside Josh Duhamel and Olivia Munn.

Michelle Wolf – Saturday, February 23 | Vogue | 7:00pm

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 latest weekly talk show, *The Break with Michelle Wolf*, available to stream today.

Nate Bargatze – Sunday, February 17 & Monday, February 18 | Rio | 7:00pm

Rising stand-up comedian Nate Bargatze is selling out shows across America. Nate followed in the showbiz footsteps of his dad, a former clown turned world class magician, whose influence is seen on Nate's 2015 debut special 'Full Time Magic' and his debut album "Yelled at By a Clown." Nate's half-hour Netflix Special "The Standups" premiered in 2017 to rave reviews. In addition to touring the country as a headliner, Nate toured in arenas with Chris Rock on his 2017 Total Blackout Tour. He currently has a deal with 20th Century Fox to develop his own TV show. Nate has appeared on NBC's *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* and TBS' *Conan* many times. Nate was featured as one of Esquire's 'Best New Comedians' by Jim Gaffigan, one of Marc Maron's 'Comedians to Watch' in Rolling Stone, one of Variety's "10 Comics to Watch" for 2015.

Rory Scovel – Thursday, February 21 & Friday, February 22 | Rio | 7:00pm

Rory Scovel's Netflix special *Rory Scovel Tries Stand-Up for the First Time* premiered to rave reviews. He co-starred in Amy Schumer's *I Feel Pretty* and appeared in New Line feature *The House*, alongside Will Ferrell and Amy Poehler, as well as *The Legacy of a Whitetail Deer Hunter* for director Jody Hill alongside Danny McBride and Josh Brolin. Some of his television credits include the TBS series' *Ground Floor* as well as the NBC series *Undateable*, ABC's *Modern Family*, FX's *The Comedians* and TruTV's *Those Who Can't*. Rory's stand up has been featured on Comedy Central, TBS' *Conan*, and NBC's *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*. His second album, RORY SCOVEL LIVE AT THIRD MAN RECORDS, was released in 2013 and was recorded live at their studios in Nashville.

Nicole Byer – Saturday, February 23 | Rio | 7:00pm

Nicole Byer is an actress, comedian and writer. Nicole hosts the baking show *Nailed It* currently streaming on Netflix and has a sitcom loosely based on her life streaming on Facebook Watch called *Loosely Exactly Nicole*. She also hosts a podcast called *Why Won't You Date Me*. She recently starred on the short-lived FOX sketch show *Party Over Here*. You've also seen her on 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. She co-wrote and starred in the Pursuit of Sexiness which Variety named a web series to watch. Nicole was featured as a Time Out LA comic to watch in 2015, and Refinery29 says she's a female comic to look out for.

Fortune Feimster – Friday, February 15 (8:00pm & 10:30pm) & Saturday, February 16 (7:00pm & 9:30pm) | Yuk Yuk's

Fortune first made a name for herself as a performer and writer on E's *Chelsea Lately*. She went on to NBC's *Champions* as a series regular, as well as Hulu's *The Mindy Project*. Fortune has a recurring role on CBS' *Life in Pieces* and many guest appearances including *Idiotsitter*, *Workaholics*, *Drunk History*, *@midnight*. You can also catch her in *Office Christmas Party*. She has performed stand-up on TBS's *Conan*, and has her own Comedy Central half hour special. Fortune now headlines the best comedy clubs across the country and is one of comedy's fastest rising stars.

Steve Rannazzisi – Thursday, February 21 (8:00pm), Friday, February 22 & Saturday, February 23 (7:00pm & 9:00pm) | Yuk Yuk's

For over 13 years, from the stage to the silver screen, Steve Rannazzisi has made audiences laugh. Widely recognized for starring and writing in FX's critically acclaimed comedy series, *The League*. His one-hour special *Breaking Dad* aired on Comedy Central, following his 2013 special *Steve Rannazzisi: Manchild*. Getting his start on MTV's *Punk'd*, Rannazzisi has had roles in various comedy films and continues to tour with his stand-up.

Todd Glass – solo show: Wednesday, February 20 (7:00pm) at Rio
+ Podcast, "The Todd Glass Show": Thursday, February 21 (7:00pm) at Fox Cabaret

Growing up in Philadelphia, Todd Glass started his comedic career at the age of 16 and has since been seen on multiple tours, comedy specials, and late-night shows. He has appeared on Hulu's *Sarah Silverman – I Love You America*, Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*, TBS' *Conan*, and ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* You can catch Glass on Netflix with his 2018 special.

Dulcé Sloan – Saturday, February 23 | Biltmore | 6:00pm

Dulcé Sloan is the latest full-time correspondent to join Comedy Central's "Best F#@king News Team" on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*. This past year, Dulcé was named by *Rolling Stone* as one of the "10 Comedians You Need To Know" and was hailed by *TimeoutLA* as a "2017 Comedian to Watch." She has also been honoured as the 2016 NBC Stand Up Showcase Winner, a Montreal Just For Laughs New Face, and as a "Comedian to Watch" on *The Steve Harvey Show*. Most recently, she was cast in the FOX pilot *Type-A* opposite Eva Longoria and the Amy Poehler project *Dumb Prince* on NBC. She has also appeared on MTV's *Acting Out*, Comedy Central's *@Midnight*, Tru TV's *Comedy Knockout*, and made her stand-up debut on TBS' *Conan*.

Michelle Buteau – Thursday, February 21 | Biltmore | 7:00pm

Born in New Jersey to Caribbean parents, actress/comedian Michelle Buteau brings her unique perspective and big personality to stage and screen. Michelle's television credits include THE TICK on Amazon, BROAD CITY and KEY & PEELE on Comedy Central, and ENLISTED on FOX. She has had a stand-up special on Comedy Central, as well as an album called SHUT UP!, which was released on their label. She was a featured comedian on the 2 DOPE QUEENS special for HBO and is currently producing and hosting LATE NIGHT WHENEVER, a talk show podcast for WNYC. She recently had a special released on Netflix as part of THE COMEDY LINEUP series, and wrapped ALWAYS BE MY MAYBE with Ali Wong and Randall Park which will also be released on Netflix. She also just wrapped on the TALES OF THE CITY series for Netflix and is currently shooting FIRST WIVES CLUB for Paramount Network.

Morgan Murphy – Thursday, February 14 | Biltmore | 7:00pm

Emmy nominated writer/comedian, Morgan Murphy was born in Portland, OR and moved around frequently before settling down in Los Angeles. At 18, Morgan started doing stand-up at coffee houses, youth hostels, and laundromats. She landed a writing job on Comedy Central's *Crank Yankers*, which led her to become a writer on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* where she has performed twice as a stand-up. Variety named Morgan a Top 10 Comic to Watch in 2010. In September of 2011, Rolling Stone

Magazine included her in their “New Wave of Comedy”. She moved to New York in 2009 to become a writer on NBC’s *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* where she spent two years and was nominated for an Emmy. In 2011, she moved back to Los Angeles and became a writer and consulting producer on the hit CBS’ *2 Broke Girls*. She was a co-executive producer on ABC’s *Downward Dog*, and created and executive produced ABC’s pilot presentation, *El Barlito* starring George Lopez.

Matteo Lane (Matteo Lane: Streisand at the Bon Soir) – Friday, February 15 | Biltmore | 9:00pm

Matteo Lane is a New York-based comedian, originally from Chicago, whose quarter hour stand up special is out now on Netflix’s *The Comedy Lineup*. Matteo is currently developing a half hour pilot with Comedy Central, amongst numerous TV appearances on the late-night talk show circuit. He hosts a series for Snapchat called *Ghost Hunt*, where he tracks down exes who have “ghosted” their former partners. Matteo is bringing his cabaret-style show, *Matteo Lane: Streisand at the Bon Soir* to JFL NorthWest. In this performance, Lane recreates the magic of 19-year-old Barbra Streisand’s famous jazz set at Bon Soir with his own updated flavor and stylings. Henry Koperski joins him on keys, and together they’ll flood you with musical magic from the early 1960s.

Liza Treyger – Wednesday, February 20 | Biltmore | 9:00pm

Liza Treyger is a Chicago-bred stand-up comic who now resides in NYC. Treyger’s stars in an episode of Netflix’s comedy special *The Degenerates* is available to stream now. In 2015, Treyger released her first half-hour comedy special in addition to her first album with Comedy Central. She has performed at comedy festivals such as Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal, Clusterfest in San Francisco, and Moontower in Austin, Texas. Treyger has appeared on television series such as Comedy Central’s *Adam Devine’s House Party*, *E!’s Chelsea Lately* and was a cast member on MTV’s *Joking Off*. She was also a part of the 2012 New York Comedy Festival as one of Comedy Central’s ‘Comics to Watch’. Check out her super cool web series *How Many Questions*.

Las Culturistas – Thursday, February 21 | Biltmore | 9:00pm

Las Culturistas, hosted by **Matt Rogers** and **Bowen Yang** are bringing their weekly podcast and live show, **I Don’t Think So Honey** to JFL NorthWest. 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 named one of *Esquire’s* “Top 10 Podcasts of 2017” and *Time Out New York’s* #1 Comedy Podcast. Their live format, *I Don’t Think So Honey* – featuring several (not sure we’re actually gonna book 50 comics for the Vancouver show) comedians doing one-minute rants on any pop culture pest of their choosing – has been featured at Just For Laughs in Montreal, the New York Comedy Festival and the Brooklyn Podcast Festival and we also did it at JFL42 in Toronto this past fall.

Chris Fleming – Tuesday, February 19 | Rio | 7:00pm

Garnering over 2 million views, Fleming is most known for his YouTube series *Gayle*, in which he stars as the titular high-strung suburban mom Gayle Waters. He’s currently wrapping up a cross-country standup tour, with his rising popularity on YouTube with *Gayle*, and music videos like *I’m Afraid to Talk to Men* and monologues like *Teens Who Drink Coffee*.

Sam Jay – Wednesday, February 20 | Biltmore | 7:00pm

Originally from Boston, stand-up comic Sam Jay is an Emmy Nominated Writer most known for her

writing and sketches on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*. 2018 has been an incredible year for Sam Jay. Making her Netflix debut on *The Comedy Lineup*, she also recently released her debut album "Donna's Daughter." With writing credits including MTV's 2018 *MTV Movie & TV Awards*, she was also recognized as one of Variety's 10 Comics to Watch. After breaking out as one of the Just For Laughs' New Faces in 2017, Jay went on to make her late-night television debut on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* And filmed her hour special for Comedy Central *Stand-Up Presents*. Jay can also be seen as the host of *Ricking Morty*, the *Rick and Morty* post-show on Adult Swim.

And That's Why We Drink Podcast – Thursday, February 21 | Rio | 9:30pm

And That's Why We Drink is a paranormal and true crime podcast hosted by Christine Schiefer, Em Schulz, and boxed wine. Join them every Sunday for some chilling ghost stories and downright terrifying true crime stories. The world's a scary place. And that's why they drink! (can we say something about how now u can see them live as they bring their show to Vancouver?)

Watch What Crappens – Friday, February 22 | Biltmore | 6:00pm

Watch What Crappens is the top daily podcast about Bravo TV, earning over 1.4 million listens per month. Now, hosts Ben Mandelker and Ronnie Karam are taking their show to JFL NorthWest for a night of recapping, chatter, and ridiculous impersonations. Find out firsthand why everyone from BuzzFeed to the Huffington Post is writing about Crappens.

Girls Gotta Eat - Friday, February 15 | Biltmore | 7:00pm

Girls Gotta Eat Podcast is coming in hot for a live show where Ashley, Rayna, and special guests will answer all those burning questions about sex, dating, and relationships in a one-of-a-kind, interactive experience. No one leaves without a fresh outlook on dating and at least one new ab from laughing. Girls Gotta Eat Podcast is an uncensored podcast from Ashley Hesselstine and Rayna Greenberg (the ladies behind Instagram sensations @BrosBeingBasic and OneHungryJew) who dive into all topics, including; why do guys just want to f*ck you once then watch your Instagram stories until the end of time? How do you get over a breakup when you feel like you're gonna die? When should you give it up? My boyfriend takes morning baths: IS THIS WEIRD? These are all questions answered on Girls Gotta Eat, a top comedy podcast on iTunes, with thousands of listeners, and live shows selling out across the US.

Stop Podcasting Yourself - Sunday, February 17 | Rio | 9:30pm

Hosted by Graham Clark and Dave Shumka, Stop Podcasting Yourself is a 3-time Canadian Comedy Award winning podcast based out of Vancouver, BC. The weekly free form comedy podcast, which features a different guest each week, has fans around the world and is the only Canadian podcast featured on the Maximum Fun network. Stop Podcasting Yourself has been around since 2008, recorded over 400 episodes and has been voted best podcast in Vancouver by both the Georgia Straight and the Westender. Past guests include Paul F Tompkins, John Hodgman, Jen Kirkman, Jon Dore, Brent Butt, Nikki Glaser, Jimmy Pardo, and Debra DiGiovanni.

Ivan Decker - Friday, February 15 & Saturday, February 16 | The Comedy Mix | 8:00pm & 10:30pm

Ivan Decker, originally from Vancouver, now Los Angeles- based, is a writer, standup comic and actor, known for his sharp, polished, and multi-layered observational comedy. Ivan has had numerous television performances filmed at the Just for Laughs Montreal festival, the Winnipeg

and Halifax Comedy festivals for CBC Television and can be heard across North-America on Sirius XM radio. Ivan can also be seen and heard on the popular CBC radio program *The Debaters*. Most recently, Ivan was named a “Comic To Watch” by TBS at the New York Comedy Festival, and subsequently made his American television debut on *Conan*. Ivan’s debut comedy album “I Wanted to be a Dinosaur” was the recipient of the 2018 JUNO award for “Comedy Album of the Year” which can be heard on all major streaming platforms, including iTunes.

Kurt Metzger- Friday, February 22 & Saturday, February 23 | The Comedy Mix | 8:00pm & 10:30pm

Kurt Metzger is an Emmy and Peabody Award winning writer and producer. He is best known for his work on *Inside Amy Schumer* where he earned two Emmy nominations and one win. He recently worked as a producer/writer on Sacha Baron Cohen’s new Showtime series, *Who Is America?* He also wrote for Chappelle’s Show, *The Jim Norton Show*, *Dave’s Old Porn*, *Ugly Americans*, the Comedy Central Roasts, and numerous award shows including the MTV Movie Awards and the Spike TV Video Game Awards. His hour special, *White Precious* is available on Comedy Central. He has written and produced pilots for himself and Patrice O’Neal. Kurt has appeared on Comedy Central’s Roast Battle II and III, *@Midnight*, *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, *This Is Not Happening*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, *Comedy Knockout*, *What’s Your F@#King Deal!?!*, *The Approval Matrix*, and more. Kurt Metzger was recently a series regular alongside Alan Alda, Jessica Lange, Steve Buscemi, and Edie Falco on Louis C.K.’s *Horace and Pete*. He also guest starred on *Inside Amy Schumer*, IFC’s *Benders*, and FX’s *Louie* and voiced the lead role on Comedy Central’s *Ugly Americans* and can be heard on *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*.

The Alternative Show with Andy Kindler – Thursday, February 21, Friday, February 22, Saturday, February 23 | Yuk Yuks | 10pm (Thursday), 11pm (Friday and Saturday)

Andy Kindler has appeared on Fox’s hit animation, *Bob’s Burgers*, Showtime’s *I’m Dying Up Here*, Comedy Central’s *Tosh. O* and is a regular on the critically-praised web series, *But I’m Chris Jericho* (for which he is nominated as Best Supporting Actor by L.A. Webfest 2018). 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*. Every year Andy delivers his infamous State of the Industry Address each year at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal. Kindler hosts the popular “Alternative Show” for three nights of alternative comedy anarchy. Off-the-wall and totally unpredictable, audiences won’t know what to expect. The only guarantee is that Andy will bring the house down with an all-star lineup of alt-comedy favourites.

SiriusXM Top Comic Showcase – Wednesday, February 20 & Thursday February 21 | Comedy Mix | 8:30pm

SiriusXM’s Top Comic scours the country each year, searching for the funniest comedians in Canada – it’s a tough job but someone has to do it. Check out this year’s winner, runners-up and past year’s alumni! Plus, it’s all hosted by Ben Miner, comedian and host of SiriusXM’s Canada Laughs (ch. 168).

Vancouver Just For Laughs Film Festival Returns!

After a highly successful inaugural year, JFL NorthWest is excited to reveal that the **Vancouver Just For Laughs Film Festival** will be returning to Vancouver from February 14-23, 2019. Programming for this year's film festival will include exciting short and feature film screenings, premieres, riveting industry speakers, panels, In-Conversations and more. Programming announcement will roll out second week in January so stay tuned!

Ain't no party like a JFL NorthWest Block Party!

Back by popular demand is the JFL NorthWest Block Party, a free multi-day event taking place in the hub of the Festival; the heart of downtown Vancouver. Providing a space for comedy lovers to unite, enjoy and connect, the JFL NorthWest Block Party will feature Just For Laughs Gags on the big screen, games, live music, food trucks, and maybe some surprise guests?!

JFL NorthWest is proud to welcome its partners SiriusXM, The Government of British Columbia through the Tourism Events Program, Tourism Vancouver, Donnelly Group, Bomber Brewing, Downtown Vancouver BIA, Civic Theatres, Evo Car Share and The Georgia Straight to its 2019 event.

To download high-resolution images of festival artists, [click here](#)

FESTIVAL TICKET DETAILS:

Tickets and passes for JFL NorthWest can be purchased at JFLNorthWest.com

About JFL NorthWest

In 2016, NorthWest ComedyFest and Just For Laughs joined forces to present JFL NorthWest, Vancouver's comedy festival, a blend of the best in stand-up, sketch, and improv. The 2019 Festival will be a winter highlight, taking place February 14 – 23, 2019 at multiple venues throughout Vancouver. Founded in 1983, the Just For Laughs' 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, Carol Burnett, Kathy Griffin, Bill Burr, Jimmy Carr, Trevor Noah and Steve Martin & Martin Short). The Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, which will celebrate its 37th edition in July 2019, is the world's largest and most prestigious comedy event, welcoming more than 2 million people each summer.

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