



Just For Laughs is serving up more comedy favourites with major additions to the 37th Festival lineup!

Just For Laughs is coming in hot this July! The largest comedy festival in the world is adding even more talent to the 2019 lineup with **Wanda Sykes, Blake Griffin, Nick Kroll, Fred Armisen, Ronny Chieng, Shaun Majumder, Steve O, She The People, Jeff Ross's *The Roastmaster's Invitational*, *How Did This Get Made?*** and so much more,
including **Margaret Trudeau!**

These new names are joining the previously announced all-star lineup of some of today's top comics, including **Adam Sandler, Aziz Ansari, Trevor Noah, Jim Jefferies, Jonathan Van Ness, Howie Mandel, Hasan Minhaj, Rachel Bloom**, and so many more!

We're still nowhere near done yet! More names will be announced in the coming weeks.

Montréal, May 22, 2019 – Just For Laughs, in association with Loto-Québec, is thrilled to share a new slew of artists being added to this summer's Just For Laughs festival in Montreal. Joining the esteemed lineup of previously announced artists, these additions are taking the JFL Montreal Festival to new heights, making Montreal the number one destination this July!

THESE JFL GALAS ARE NO JOKE!

Multi-award-winning actress, producer, and comic, **Wanda Sykes** has recently appeared on ABC's *Black-ish*, Comedy Central's *Broad City*, and HBO's iconic *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Her first and second HBO stand up specials *Wanda Sykes; Sick and Tired* and *I'ma Be Me* were nominated for Primetime Emmy awards. Sykes went on to star and produce the Comedy Central show *Wanda Does It*, and her own late-night talk show on FOX, *The Wanda Sykes Show*; not to mention 5 years as part of HBO's critically acclaimed *Chris Rock Show*. Wanda Sykes will be returning to the JFL stage this summer to host **The Wanda Sykes Gala** taking place on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 7:00pm, at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier at Place des Arts.

CONCERTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS THAT CAN'T BE MISSED

All-Star Blake Griffin, is returning to the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal this summer as host and curator of the stand-up show, **comedy.by blake**. By working with long standing partner Red Bull, Blake raises funds for the Team Griffin Foundation, an organization committed to young men and women - providing them the best opportunities to develop and showcase their skills and learn essential lessons of life, competition and hard work. "Just for Laughs is my favorite comedy festival and it holds a lot of special memories for me," said Griffin. "I'm so appreciative that comedy. By Blake has been added to the summer roster. Hopefully we don't screw it up" **comedy. By blake** produced by Red Bull, will be taking place on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00pm at L'Olympia.

Actor, comedian, voice artist, screenwriter, producer, singer and musician, **Fred Armisen**, best recognized as a cast member on NBC's *Saturday Night Live* from 2002 through 2013, which won him an esteemed Peabody Award, will make his Montreal JFL debut this summer. As co-creator and co-star of IFC's famed sketch comedy series *Portlandia*, Armisen was nominated for an Emmy Award in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Armisen's film and television career features many small but memorable roles, including characters in Netflix's *Big Mouth*, *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, *Eurotrip*, *Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny* and many more. **Fred Armisen's Comedy For Musicians but Everyone is Welcome** will be taking place on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at 7:00pm at L'Olympia.

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*. **Nick Kroll** will be performing standup for one night only on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 9:30pm at L'Olympia.

Stand-up comedian and stunt-performer, **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 the 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 bringing his **Bucket List Tour**, a multimedia comedy experience that includes screening footage of some of his most elusive and outlandish stunts, to Montreal on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 9:30pm at L'Olympia.

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. Live recording of **How Did This Get Made?** will be taking place on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 9:30pm at L'Olympia.

AMAZING CLUB AND THEATRE SHOWS MAKING THEIR WAY TO MONTREAL

The *Club Shows* presented by Tangerine will be stacked with amazing, hilarious, and female-forward theatre productions, solo hours, and the return of one of the hottest, most-talked-about concept shows in the past 5 years.

Mother of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Canadian icon and international mental health advocate **Margaret Trudeau**, will be bringing her critically-acclaimed, candid conversation *Certain Woman of an Age* to Just For Laughs this summer. The Second City proudly brings this one-of-a-kind engagement which is currently still in development, produced by Diane Alexander, directed by Kimberly Senior and co-written with Alix Sobler. Ms. Trudeau's autobiographical one-woman show will feature an intimate conversation that follows her startlingly candid accounts of her wild child days, an isolated life as the prime minister's wife, the tragic family events, and ultimately embracing a mental illness diagnosis are as surprisingly universal as they are extraordinary. This is an empowering opportunity to be part of living history that audiences of every generation will fall in love with. **Margaret Trudeau's *Certain Woman of An Age*** will have a 3-night run at JFL this summer, on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00pm, Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:30pm, and Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 9:30pm at Gesù.

Fresh off their Helen Hayes award for Outstanding Visiting Production, the ladies of Second City Toronto are descending upon JFL in Montreal this summer, with the smash-hit touring production of **She The People**, a sketch show entirely created, designed, and performed by fearlessly funny women! This mimosa-and-madness-fueled foray roasts the patriarchy, taking on everything from having it all...to having that sick feeling your government is trying to send you back to the Middle Ages. **She The People** will take place at the Centaur Theatre from Monday, July 22, 2019 to Thursday July 25, 2019 at 9:30pm, and on Friday July 26, 2019 and Saturday July 27, 2019 at 7:00pm, and 10:00pm.

Jeff Ross and Just For Laughs present the return of **The Roastmaster's Invitational**, a 4-night elimination-style, winner-takes-all, ultimate roasting competition, helmed by the Roastmaster himself, **Jeff Ross**. This series was a massive hit in 2015, we had no choice but to bring it back for this year's festival! **Jeff Ross & Just For Laughs Present: The Return of the Roastmaster's Invitational** from Wednesday, July 24, 2019 to Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 11:59pm at Club Soda.

Malaysian-born Chinese stand-up comedian and actor, **Ronny Chieng** is returning to JFL this summer after being 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. **Ronny Chieng** will be performing 3 nights of his latest show **Tone Issues** from Tuesday, July 23, 2019 to Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 9:30pm at Gesù.

Host and Gemini award-winning actor and comedian, **Shaun Majumder** was a regular on CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* for 17 years! He also starred in the Farrelly Brothers' FOX Comedy *Unhitched* in 2008 before his *Comedy Central Presents Special* debuted. His documentary series *Majumder Manor* told the story of his dream to transform his home town into a high-end sustainable tourist destination and ran for two seasons on the W Network. **Shaun Majumder** is bringing his new **HATE** tour to Montreal on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 7:00pm at Cinquième Salle at Place des Arts.

Actor, comic and podcaster, **Bryan Callen**, most widely recognized for his role on ABC's *The Goldbergs*, performs in comedy clubs and theatres all over North America. Callen is the co-host of the wildly popular podcast, *The Fighter & The Kid*, and he is currently preparing for the release of his latest one-hour special *Never Grow Up*. Callen got his start in comedy in 1995 as an original cast member of *MADtv*

before going on to do many TV shows such as HBO's *Entourage*, *Sex & the City* and Showtime's *Californication*, not to mention his iconic film role in Warner Bros.' *The Hangover*. **Bryan Callen** will be performing on Friday, July 26, 2019, at 7:00pm in Cinquième Salle at Place des Arts. Hang over

Take a hilarious look at what it means to be Canadian as **Comedy Night in Canada** welcomes the top comedians from across our home and native land! These comedians may eat ketchup chips and poutine, use the metric system, and spell colour with a "u" but they all speak the universal language of funny. **Comedy Night in Canada** will be taking place on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 7:00pm at Club Soda.

Comedian, writer, cartoonist, podcast host, and author, **Pete Holmes** is hosting a multi-comic show as part of JFL this summer. Holmes' wildly popular podcast *You Made It Weird* is a comedic exploration of the meaning of life, with guests ranging from Deepak Chopra and Elizabeth Gilbert to Seth Rogen and Garry Shandling. Pete also created and starred in the semi-autobiographical HBO show *Crashing*, which he executive produced alongside Judd Apatow. Join **Pete Holmes & Friends** in a one-night-only event on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 7:00pm at Club Soda.

Black Thought Presents: Delirious is the exciting new comedy series created and curated by the MC of the legendary Roots crew. Featuring the hottest new comedians, the series will look at popular culture and society through a humorous, yet poignant lens. **Black Thought Presents: Delirious** will be taking place on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:30pm at Club Soda.

We're adding to the cultural melting pot of comedy at JFL this summer! Joining the previously announced **Cristela Alonzo**, **Gina Yashere** and **Dave Merheje** on this year's **The Ethnic Show** lineup is Emmy Award winning American-Canadian Jewish comic, **Robby Hoffman**, fresh from taping her CraveTV special *Robby Hoffman: I'm Nervous* available to stream now, Italian-American comedian **Anthony DeVito**, whose credits include CBS' *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* and *Comedy Central's Stand Up Presents: Anthony DeVito*, and Brazilian comic **Rafinha "Rafi" Bastos**, whose YouTube videos have garnered over 250 million views worldwide, with his third stand-up special *Ultimatum* is available to stream on Netflix. **The Ethnic Show** will be running from Wednesday, July 10, 2019 to Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Club Soda and MTELUS.

This year's **The Nasty Show** is only getting nastier! In addition to **Bobby Lee**, fans will experience the downright dirty humour of JFL-favourite, **Big Jay Oakerson** who shot his half hour special as part of Netflix's *The Degenerates*, **Andrew Schulz** of MTV2's *Guy Code*, *The Brilliant Idiots* podcast, and the Amazon original series *Sneaky Pete*, **Jessimae Peluso** of MTV's *Girl Code* and *Safe Word*, E!'s *Chelsea Lately*, and Comedy Central's *@midnight*, as well as Canadian-American comic **Bonnie McFarlane** of NBC's *Last Comic Standing* and host of the funny comedy podcast *My Wife Hates Me*. **The Nasty Show** will be running from Wednesday, July 17, 2019 to Saturday, July 27, 2019 at MTELUS.

We're gobsmacked by these **Brit(ish)** lineup additions! Joining the previously announced host **Jimmy Carr** and special guest **Sarah Millican** are **Jamali Maddix** of Vice Network's *Hate Thy Neighbour* and *The Breakdown* podcast, **Mawaan Rizwan** who has written for Netflix's *Sex Education* and has over 18 million views on his YouTube channel, **Fin Taylor** who has made a name for himself as one of the most talked about comics in the UK with many TV appearances under his belt, and British musical comedy duo, **Flo & Joan**. **Brit(ish)** will be taking place on Friday, July 26, 2019 and Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 7:00pm at MTELUS.

LIVE, FROM MONTREAL!

Presented by Crave, and filming for the first time at Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival, come 4 all-new Crave Original stand-up specials headlined by rising Canadian comedians. These hour-long specials "Live

from *L'Astral*" will showcase Canada's own **Aisha Brown** and **Graham Kay**, with 2 additional comics to be announced in the coming weeks. Writer, actor and occasional satirical rapper, **Aisha Brown**, has performed on Kevin Hart's *LOL Network* and The Comedy Network's *All Access Special*, as well as written and performed on IFC's *Baroness Von Sketch*, CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and CTV's *The Beaverton*. 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. These new original stand-up comedy specials, made exclusively for Crave, will be taped in front of a live audience on Monday, July 22, 2019 and Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:00pm and 9:00pm at L'Astral.

Presented by The Comedy Network, **The Stand-Up Show** is back, and this time it will feature the incomparable **Jon Dore**! Filmed in front of a live audience, Canadian-American comic **Jon Dore** who has infused his comedic abilities into numerous hit television shows and films will be hosting the series. In addition to his new one-hour Comedy Central stand-up special *Big Questions, Huge Answers with Jon Dore*, Dore was the series lead in the CBS' *The Half of It*. Joining our host will be a roster of cutting-edge talent, performing their very best material as part of **The Stand-Up Show with Jon Dore** from Thursday, July 25, 2019 through Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 7:00pm and 10:00pm at L'Astral.

OFF-JFL IS VERY MUCH "ON" THIS YEAR!

Featuring over sixty different shows spread across Montreal's most intimate rooms, OFF-JFL is a festival highlight for all comedy lovers, offering full-length performances of some of today's most sought-after comics in the industry.

This year's OFF-JFL lineup is just getting started, featuring as always the best in solo, concept and late night shows with the likes of **Cameron Esposito, Sasheer Zamata, Dan Soder, Mark Watson, Adam Conover, Mark Forward, the Lucas Brothers, Nicole Byer, Ron Funches, Pete Correale, Kurt Braunohler, Nish Kumar, Emma Willmann & Matteo Lane, and Beth Stelling.**

Fan favourites *Best of the Fest, Fest at the Nest, Hosts with the Most, Midnight Surprise* and the world-famous *The Alternative Show* hosted by **Andy Kindler**, are also all back by popular demand!

TOMORROW'S STARS MADE TODAY

Just For Laughs' *New Faces* has been the launch pad for so many of today's top comedy superstars, including Kevin Hart, Amy Schumer, Ali Wong, Hannibal Buress, and more. Be in the room where it happens this year, when a rising comic breaks the mold to become the newest and hottest name in the industry! The **New Faces** shows, will take place on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 7:00pm and 9:30pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at Monument-National, the **New Faces: Characters** and **New Faces: Unrepped** will take place on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7:00pm and 9:30pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at Monument-National. **New Faces: Creators** is set to take place on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 12:30pm in the Grand Salon Opera at the DoubleTree By Hilton Montreal.

Just For Laughs is excited to launch a brand-new branch of the prestigious New Faces program this year, with **New Faces: Canada**. Providing up and coming Canadian talent with a unique platform to showcase their best work, **New Faces: Canada** will be making its festival debut this year. They're funny. They're Canadian. They're the homegrown rising stars you need to know now! **New Faces: Canada** will take place on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 7:00pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at Monument-National.

Showcasing an eclectic group of talent in all forms of comedy, from stand-up, to sketch and web content, **Variety's "10 Comics to Watch" Showcase** exposes audiences to the artists making waves in

the comedy industry. The 2019 showcase is set to take place on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:30pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at Monument-National.

BE AN INDUSTRY PRO WITH COMEDYPRO

Come hear the state of the Canadian comedy industry featuring candid commentary from **Mark Forward** (*LetterKenny, Fargo, Cupcake and Dino*) and **Courtney Gilmour** (*The Beaverton, CBC's The Debaters*). These two will take you on a journey of their home and native land, and answer some very important questions. Such as, if a punchline is delivered in a Canadian comedy club, but everyone has left for America, who will laugh? The answer? You will. Join us for **Mark Forward and Courtney Gilmour's "Oh Comedy!" A Canadian Perspective**. Don't miss this on Wednesday, July 24 at 1:15pm, in the Inspiration Room at the DoubleTree By Hilton Montreal.

BEST OF THE BEST PODCAST RECORDINGS LIVE FROM MONTREAL

Podcasts are continuing to take over the world, molding the way we view our everyday lives, as well as changing the way we consume content. It seems like everyone's got a podcast – so JFL has curated a lineup featuring some of the best of the best comedy-related content for your listening pleasure!

Recording live from the Just For Laughs festival in Montreal this summer, Michael Rapaport's **I am Rapaport: Stereo Podcast**, Pete Holmes' **You Made it Weird with Pete Holmes**, Rayna Greenberg and Ashley Hesseltine's **Girls Gotta Eat**, Nicole Byer's **Why Won't You Date Me? With Nicole Byer**, Andrew Santino's **Whiskey Ginger**, Ron Funches' **Gettin' Better with Ron Funches**, Fortune Feimster's **Sincerely Fortune**, Dave Shumka and Graham Clark's **Stop Podcasting Yourself**, Mike Ward and Pantelis' **2 Drink Minimum**, Jeremy Taggart and Jonathan Torrens' **Taggart and Torrens Podcast**, and Stuart Goldsmith's **The Comedians' Comedian with Stuart Goldsmith**.

Starburns Audio presents Esther Povitsky and Caroline Goldfarb's **Glowing Up with Esther and Caroline**, Adam Conover's **Humans Who Make Games with Adam Conover**, Emma Willmann and Matteo Lane's **Inside the Closet with Matteo Lane and Emma Willmann**, and Kyle Ayers' **Never Seen It with Kyle Ayers**.

As we mentioned, there's still more programming announcements in the coming weeks!

Media accreditation for the 2019 Festival is now open! [Apply here!](#)

Pre-sale tickets will be available starting tomorrow, Thursday, May 23 2019 as of 10:00am at www.hahaha.com

Tickets will be available to the public starting Friday, May 24 2019 at 10:00am www.hahaha.com

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 24 to July 27 (some restrictions apply).

The Just For Laughs Festival, in association with Loto-Québec, runs from July 10 - 28, 2019 in Montréal, Canada.

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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, Jeremy Hotz, Amy Schumer, Danny Bhoj, and *Family Guy Live! to name a few*). The Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, which will celebrate its 37th edition in 2019, is the world's largest and most prestigious comedy event, welcoming more than 2 million people each summer.

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