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**Just For Laughs welcomes P.K. Subban,
Sebastian Maniscalco, Russell Peters,
Oh, Hello starring Nick Kroll and John Mulaney,
SNL's Jay Pharoah and over 35 more shows
to an already stellar lineup!**

Montreal, May 18, 2016 – The Just For Laughs Festival, presented by Videotron in association with Loto-Québec, continues to roll out more of the biggest names in comedy with over 50 shows already announced and now more than 35 shows just added as part of their second big announcement. With even more shows still to come, it's no surprise why this is the biggest, most anticipated comedy festival in the world!

THE STARS ALIGN FOR OUR VIDEOTRON GALAS PRESENTED BY AIR CANADA

Just For Laughs is honoured to team up with one of Montreal's biggest stars and most commendable citizens, **P.K. Subban**, for a night of hilarious comedy for a great cause. P.K. Subban is an all-star NHL defenseman for the Montreal Canadiens, and doubles as a philanthropist, entrepreneur and style icon. As founder of P.K.S.S. Management, Subban has become one of Montreal's most followed athletes, with a reach of over two million people across his social media platforms. Don't miss your chance to see *P.K. Subban's All-Star Comedy Gala*, featuring a lineup of hilarious comedians, which will take place on August 1, 7 pm, at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in Place des Arts. All proceeds raised by the *P.K. Subban Foundation* for this charity gala will be donated to the *Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation*.

Following 11 sold-out performances at last year's Just For Laughs Festival, Montreal favourite **Sebastian Maniscalco** is back to host his very own gala! Sebastian's specialty has always been to say what we're all thinking, except he's got a knack for making it hysterically funny. His unique physical comedy draws in crowds across North America, who inevitably become fans for life. Sebastian recently filmed his upcoming Showtime special, *Why Would You Do That?* at the historic Beacon Theatre, which is slated to air in early fall 2016, and has sold out over a dozen shows in New York City in the last year alone, including seven sold out shows at the Beacon Theatre. Sebastian's televised multi-comic gala, *Sebastian Maniscalco Are You Serious?!? Gala*, will be one of

the hottest tickets of the summer and will take place on July 29, 9:45 pm, at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in Place Des Arts.

OH, HELLO

New York's (America's) finest thespians, **Gil Faizon** (Nick Kroll) and **George St. Geegland** (John Mulaney) will bring *OH, HELLO* to Montreal July 28-30, 9:30 pm, at Le Gesù as part of the National Bank Theatre Shows. The duo that has captivated American audiences with their hit prank show *Too Much Tuna* and the sold-out tour of *OH, HELLO* on (off) Broadway will take Canada by storm with three performances during JFL. *OH, HELLO* is a critical darling and a *NEW YORK TIMES* Critic's Pick – Ben Brantley says fans will be “blind drunk on their own laughter” – while the *NEW YORK POST* declares, “To say it's the funniest show of the year is selling it short.” Gil and George have fond memories of seeking illegal refuge in Canada during the late 1960s, or as they like to call it, their service in the Vietnam War. Due to Faizon's lack of a social security number and St. Geegland's vast criminal record, neither star has been permitted to travel internationally in many years, so they very much look forward to performing for their fans in Montreal, Canada this summer.

NOTORIOUSLY FUNNY

Russell Peters has no shortage of accolades. In 2010, he performed *The Green Card Tour Live from the O2 Arena*, which went on to set a UK attendance record for a one-off comedy show with over 16,000 fans in attendance. And in 2013, he became the first comedian to create a Netflix Original Comedy Special, *Notorious*, which became a global success. Russell joins **Howie Mandel** as a special guest on The CW network's *Howie Mandel Gala*, Friday July 29, 6:30 pm, at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier in Place Des Arts. Tickets are selling fast to this incredible multi-comic Videotron Gala presented by Air Canada, so get yours today!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Jay Pharoah is an actor and stand-up comedian currently starring in his sixth season as a cast member of NBC's *Saturday Night Live*. Pharoah is best known for his wide array of uncanny celebrity impressions including President Barack Obama, Will Smith and Denzel Washington. Catch the master of impersonations as he hosts a lineup of special guests at *JFL All Access Live*, July 27, with performances at 7 pm and 10 pm at Club Soda, presented as part of the National Bank Club Shows.

I AM CANADIAN!

Not only does Canada have the sexiest Prime Minister in the world, we also export some of the best comedians! Don't miss your chance to see the next generation of Canadian comics as they strut their stuff in a showcase of the best talent hand-picked from across

The Great White North hosted by *The Kids in the Hall's* **Scott Thompson**. The 18th edition of *Homegrown Comics* presented by Sirius XM takes place at 5^e Salle in Place Des Arts on July 29 at 7 pm presented as part of National Bank Club Shows.

WE'RE UP ALL NIGHT TO GET NASTY

Just when you thought we couldn't get any nastier, *The Nasty Girls* are back at JFL! Hosted by **Tiffany Haddish**, the hilariously sassy star of the recent Key & Peele movie *Keanu*, this raunchy, anything-goes, all-female lineup is a perfect way to kick-off your Saturday night. Prepare to bear witness to the most raw, shocking and foul-mouthed ladies of the Fest. Full lineup of *The Nasty Girls* to be announced shortly. This one-night-only event will take place July 30, 7 pm, at Metropolis.

THERE ARE EVEN MORE WAYS TO GET OFF THIS JULY AT OFF-JFL WITH OVER 25 SHOWS ALREADY ANNOUNCED AND AN ADDITIONAL 18 JUST ADDED WITH MORE STILL TO COME!

Well known to fans as a member of the famed sketch comedy troupe *The Kids in the Hall*, **Scott Thompson** is anything but your average comedic talent in *Scott Thompson: That Trigger's Crazy*. **Josh Adam Meyers** and rock band **Elemenopy** return to host the smash underground comedy event **The Goddamn Comedy Jam** (#GDCJ) featuring comedians doing a stand-up set and then performing their favourite cover song with a live band. The show proves every comedian secretly dreams of being a rock star. Master impressionists **Anthony Atamanuik** and **James Adomian** engage in a politically polarized, improvised debate in their show, **Trump vs. Bernie**. Stand-up comic, actor and writer **Cameron Esposito** is "Damn near unstoppable" according to LA Weekly. Esposito stops in Montreal with *GOLD* between the release of her first hour-long special, *Marriage Material*, and the debut of her first TV show, *Take My Wife*, coming Aug. 11 to SeeSo. Winner of the 2015 Sirius XM's Top Comic competition, **Derek Seguin** is hosting his solo show, *Derek Seguin 43.0*. In the brand new show, *Katherine Ryan: Kathbum*, our very own nation's sweetheart, **Katherine Ryan**, reflects on what she left behind in search of her inner Kathbum. Appearing on *Conan*, *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* and *@midnight*, catch UK comedian **Daniel Sloss** live in Montreal with his show *Daniel Sloss: Dark*.

THE JFL PASSES CONTINUE TO BE THE BEST OFFER OF THE FESTIVAL

With all new benefits, including free tickets and exclusive pass holder zones onsite, 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.

Just For Laughs' edgier sibling, OFF-JFL has combined this year with Zoofest creating the inaugural Zoofest & OFF-JFL festival! Choose any 3 shows of OFF-JFL or Zoofest as part

of your ZOØFF pass for only \$49.99!

JFL COMEDYPRO CONTINUES TO BE THE BUZZ OF THE INDUSTRY

LOVE PODCASTS?

Scott Aukerman's popular podcast and television show *Comedy Bang! Bang!* is coming to JFL ComedyPRO with a live performance that will feature Scott and just announced guest **Paul F. Tompkins** doing a totally improvised program with plenty of character drop-ins. The live podcast taping will take place July 29, 12:30 pm, at the Hyatt Grand Salon.

*CAN'T SCRATCH YOUR PODCAST ITCH?
WE HAVE SOME AMAZING LIVE RECORDINGS TAKING PLACE
IN THE HYATT REGENCY OVATION ROOM!*

Todd Barry's funny, and so are his friends. Join him for a live taping of ***The Todd Barry Podcast!*** July 28 at 3:15 pm.

The Dork Forest is a safe space for dork-on-dork dialog with **Jackie Kashian** interviewing anyone and everyone about what they LOVE to talk and think about. July 29 at 2 pm.

The Comedian's Comedian Podcast with Stuart Goldsmith shines light on the most furtive creative secrets of your favourite comics while exploring their joke writing process in depth. July 30 at 2 pm.

Join **Iliza Shlesinger** and her friends as they talk about all the things that bother them on her podcast, ***Truth and Iliza!*** July 30 at 3:15 pm.

Guys We F*d: The Anti Slut-Shaming Podcast*** is a weekly comedic discussion, hosted by **Krystyna Hutchinson** and **Corrine Fisher**, about human sexuality, relationships and taboos that has garnered an absurdly large and loyal following. July 30 at 4:30 pm.

JFL / THRULINE TELEVISION STAGED READINGS

Comedies are undergoing a remarkable resurgence and Just For Laughs, in partnership with **Thruline Television**, is looking to find the next big hit! At the JFL/Thruline Television Staged Readings, some of the best unproduced and unencumbered scripts from both the US and Canada will be brought to life by a selection of actors and comedians under the direction of Hollywood director **Jeremy Garelick** (*The Wedding Ringer, The Breakup*) and actor, director, writer **Jay Baruchel** (*Goon: Last of the Enforcers, Man Seeking Woman, This is the End*). Who knows... there may be the next *Veep* just waiting to be picked up! July 28 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

WHO'S VARIETY GOING TO PICK THIS YEAR?

One of the biggest events in the comedy world each year is *Variety's* unveiling of their annual "10 Comics To Watch" feature, usually released during the final week of the Just For Laughs Festival. Catch the best and brightest "10 Comics To Watch" as they hit the stage and show you why they made the 2016 list, on July 29, 9:30 pm, at Monument National.

PYPO PRESENTS OUR JFL NEW FACES OF COMEDY!

Want to see the best new talent before they're playing sold-out theatres across the continent? Stand-up superstars are born at Just For Laughs' *New Faces of Comedy*, which includes former alumnus Amy Schumer, Hannibal Buress, Demetri Martin and Kevin Hart! Catch the show that never disappoints on July 27 at Monument National, with shows at 7 pm and 9:30 pm. And don't miss the best new sketch comics in town at *New Faces of Comedy: Characters* on July 28, 7 pm at Monument National and the hottest names tearing up the underground comedy scene at *New Faces of Comedy: Unrepped* on July 28, 11 pm, at 5^e Salle in Place Des Arts.

Early Bird prices are now in effect for industry members (you know who you are) until June 17, 2016: <http://comedypro.hahaha.com/>

**Presale for each show begins today at 10 am at hahaha.com
Public onsale starts Thursday, May 19 at 10 am at hahaha.com**

AND BY THE WAY...

To keep up with the demand for Montreal's love for the master of deadpan one-liners, **Jimmy Carr's** Thursday performance of his all-new stand-up show, *Funny Business*, will move to the larger Monument National on July 28 at 9:30 pm. Catch his other four performances, July 25-27 and 30, at Le Gesù, presented as part of the National Bank Solo Shows.

Selling out his solo show performances at the Edinburgh Festival in 2010, 2012 and 2013, **Daniel Sloss** is primed to join the Commonwealth's sharpest comedic talents at this year's *Brit(ish)* along with **Tiff Stevenson**, stand-up comedian, actor and writer, best known for her honest material and instantly likeable disposition. They will join already announced host **Mark Watson**, **Russell Kane**, **Joe Lycett** and special guest **Sarah Millican**. *Brit(ish)* will take place with 2 shows on July 26 at Club Soda at 7 pm and 9:30 pm and a third show at 5^e Salle in Place Des Arts on July 27 at 7 pm, presented as part of the National Bank Club Series.

This year, OFF-JFL features a slew of homegrown programming and Montreal's vibrant comedy community will be well represented with acclaimed shows such as: *Ladies and*

Gentlemen, winners of the Just For Laughs Award at Montreal Sketchfest; *Sainte Céline - A Dion Cabaret* co-created and hosted by Thomas Leblanc and Tranna Wintour; The Brunch Club's *Arts and Laughs* crafts and comedy show; Steve Patrick Adams' *Baby Put Me In a Corner*; *50/50*, a partially-scripted/partially-improvised live comedy show featuring the best improvisers from Montreal Improv; *The Sketch Republic presents Sadie Hawkins Day* from NYC's Matt Barats and John Reynolds, *Best of Fringe*, *Life Lessons with Keith Waterfield and Leighland Beckman*; Montreal's only true storytelling show *Confabulation*; *The Montreal Show* and *Stand up Guide to Montreal*. More Canadian delights highlighted by the festival this year include acclaimed comedian Ali Hassan's one-person show *Muslim Interrupted* and sketch troupe *Easy Action & Friends* with member Mark little, acclaimed comedy darling.

**OVER 50+ ARTISTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED AND
ARE READY TO TAKE OVER MONTREAL THIS JULY**

The 34th edition of the Just For Laughs Festival will also include some amazing performers: **Julia Louis-Dreyfus, David Cross, Lewis Black, Jeff Ross presents Roast Battle, Howie Mandel, Hannibal Buress, Jeremy Hotz, Brian Regan, Maria Bamford, Gad Elmaleh, Jimmy Carr, Russell Howard, Iliza Shlesinger, Kathleen Madigan, Nikki Glaser, Scott Aukerman, Sarah Millican, Mark Watson, Russell Kane, Joe Lycett, Rachid Badouri, Dom Irrera, Godfrey, Jessica Kirson, Gina Brillon, Yannis Pappas, Mike Ward, Bobby Slayton, Brad Williams, Ralphie May, Tiffany Haddish, Tony Hale, Timothy Simons, David Mandel, Alan Carr, Tom Green, Janeane Garofalo, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Adam Hills, Tommy Johnagin, Nick Thune, Steve Rannazzisi, Kurt Metzger, Big Jay Oakerson, Barry Crimmins, Louie Anderson, Emo Philips, Piff The Magic Dragon, Beth Stelling, Michelle Wolf, Todd Barry, Aparna Nancherla, Jermaine Fowler, Jackie Kashian, Mark Normand, Matt Braunger, Ari Shaffir and Andy Kindler!**

The Just For Laughs Festival runs from July 13 to August 1, 2016 in Montreal, Canada.

OFF-JFL runs from July 21-30, 2016 in Montreal, Canada and is presented in collaboration with Pabst Blue Ribbon.

JFL ComedyPRO runs from July 27-30, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency 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.