



JUST FOR LAUGHS UNVEILS ITS NEW FACES OF 2018

Montreal, July 23, 2018 – Just For Laughs, in partnership with Amazon’s Prime Video, is thrilled to reveal the 2018 lineup of Just For Laughs *New Faces*, a series conceived to launch the careers of tomorrow’s top comedic talent. The pinnacle series, fueled by fresh-faced comics set to break the future of comedy’s glass ceiling, has been a Just For Laughs Festival highlight since 1996. With four distinct showcases – *New Faces of Comedy*, *New Faces: Characters*, *New Faces: Unrepped*, and *New Faces: Creators*, this series promises to introduce the world to the next group of comedic brilliance.

“The New Faces showcase at Just For Laughs has catapulted the careers of so many of today’s most celebrated comedians,” shares **Bruce Hills, President of Just For Laughs**. “For more than twenty years, we have offered the brightest comedy stars of tomorrow an unparalleled opportunity to showcase their talents in front of industry tastemakers and the most influential people in the comedy business.”

Just For Laughs *New Faces* is responsible for propelling the careers of many world-renowned artists, including: **Jimmy Fallon** (1996), **Gabriel Iglesias** (1999), **Kevin Hart** (2001), **Hannibal Buress** (2006), **Amy Schumer** (2007), **Chris D’Elia** (2009), **Jerrod Carmichael** (2011), **Ali Wong** (2011), **The Lucas Brothers** (2012), **Pete Davidson** (2013) and **Michelle Wolf** (2014).

New Faces of Comedy

Rosebud Baker
Emmy Blotnick
Joel Boyd
JC Currais
Rocky Dale Davis
Robert Dean
Kenny DeForest
Kellen Erskine
Jourdain Fisher
Simon Gibson
Mekki Leeper

Zach Noe Towers
Erica Rhodes
Paris Sashay
Usama Siddiquee
Daphinique Springs
Nina Tarr
Ron Taylor
Jordan Temple
Jeremiah Watkins

For short bios of each of our 2018 New Faces participants, [click here](#)
For images, [click here](#)

The New Faces of Comedy showcases will take place at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at the Monument National on July 25, 2018 at 7:00 and 9:30 pm.

New Faces: Characters

Sheila Carrasco
Chloe Fineman
Katie Hartman
Michael Hartney
Andrew Leeds
Matt Richards
Becky Robinson
Sarah Shook
Sarah Smallwood Parsons
James III

For short bios of each of our 2018 New Faces: Characters participants, [click here](#)
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New Faces: Characters will take place at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at the Monument National on July 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

New Faces: Unrepped

LeClerc Andre
Vincent Bryant
Katie Hannigan
Joe McMahan
Avery Moore
Dan Perlman
David Rodriguez

Amy Silverberg
Dusty Slay
Caitlin Weierhauser
Ashton Womack

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New Faces: Unrepped will take place at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at the Monument National on July 26, 2018 at 9:30 pm.

New Faces: Creators

Abby Feldman
Anwar Jibawi
Sydney Marquez and Alan Wagner
Manon Mathews
Frankie Quiñones
Josh Ruben
Molly Schreiber

For short bios of each of our 2018 New Faces: Creators participants, [click here](#)
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New Faces: Creators will take place in the Grand Salon Opera at the Hyatt Regency Montreal on July 26, 2018 at 12:30 pm.

Just For Laughs and Main Event Media recently announced that Amazon has greenlit a six-episode untitled docuseries, exclusively for Prime Video, that will follow up-and-coming comedians in New York and Los Angeles as they go through the annual process of being selected for the *New Faces* showcase, beginning with the auditions and callbacks, through selection, and into the preparation of their comedy sets. Viewers will receive unprecedented behind-the-scenes access as the cameras will be with the comics every step of the way as they write and hone the jokes that they hope will impress the talent scouts, producers, and managers who attend Just For Laughs in Montreal each July.

The series was developed by Emmy-winning producer [Jimmy Fox](#) (*United Shades of America*) who will executive produce under his Main Event Media banner in conjunction with All3Media America. [Neil Berkeley](#) (*Gilbert, Harmontown*), [Star Price](#) (*Penn & Teller: Bullshit!*, *Active Shooter: America Under Fire*), [Bruce Hills](#) (*Funny As Hell*, *Hilarity for Charity*, *Craig Ferguson: Tickle Fight*), Just For Laughs Media and Main Event Media will also executive produce.

Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival runs from July 11-29, 2018 in Montréal, Canada.

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For tickets to the Montreal festival:

By phone, online or in person: The Just For Laughs Box Office, 514-845-2322, website: hahaha.com

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, 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 July 2018, is the world's largest and most prestigious comedy event, welcoming more than 2 million people each summer.

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