



Just For Laughs delivers  
even more humour

## Description

# The world's largest comedy festival ads new names to its 37th talent line-up

**Just For Laughs**, the largest comedy festival in the world, is adding even more talent to its 2019 line-up 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!**



Trevor Noah

These new names are joining the previously announced all-star line-up 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!

### **These JFL galas are no joke!**

Multi-award-winning actress, producer, and comic, **Wanda Sykes** will be returning to the JFL stage this summer to host ***The Wanda Sykes Gala*** taking place on **Friday, July 26** at 7 pm, at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier at Place des Arts.

### **Concerts and special events not to be missed**

All-Star **Blake Griffin**, is returning to JFL as host and curator of the stand-up show, ***comedy.by blake***, taking place on **Thursday, July 25** at 7 pm 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, will make his Montreal JFL debut this summer. His ***Comedy For Musicians but Everyone is Welcome*** will take place on **Saturday, July 27** at 7 pm 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". Kroll will be performing stand-up for one night only on **Thursday, July 25** at 9:30 pm at L'Olympia.



Fred Armisen

Stand-up comedian and stunt-performer **Steve-O** has established himself as a force in the world of stand up. His ***Bucket List Tour***, a multimedia comedy experience that includes screening footage of some of his most elusive and outlandish stunts, comes to Montreal on **Wednesday, July 24** at 9:30 pm at L'Olympia.

**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** at 9:30 pm 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.



Margaret Trudeau

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. 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. *Certain Woman of An Age* will have a 3-night run at JFL this summer, on **Thursday, July 25** at 7 pm, **Friday, July 26** at 9:30 pm, and **Saturday, July 27**, at 9:30 pm at Gesù.

The ladies of **Second City Toronto** are descending upon JFL with the smash-hit touring production of ***She The People***, a sketch show entirely created, designed, and performed by fearlessly funny women! *She The People* will take place at the Centaur Theatre from **Monday, July 22 to Thursday, July 25** at 9:30 pm, and on **Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27** at 7 pm, and 10 pm.

**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. *Jeff Ross & Just For Laughs Present: The Return of the Roastmaster's Invitational* from **Wednesday, July 24 to Saturday, July 27** at 11:59 pm at Club Soda.

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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. Ronny Chieng will be performing three nights of his latest show ***Tone Issues*** from **Tuesday, July 23 to Thursday, July 25** at 9:30 pm at Gesù.

Host and Gemini award-winning actor and comedian, **Shaun Majumder**, a regular on CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* for 17 years, is bringing his new ***HATE tour*** to Montreal on **Saturday, July 27** at 7 pm at Cinquième Salle at Place des Arts.





She The People

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. He will appear on **Friday, July 26** at 7 pm in the Cinquième Salle at Place des Arts.

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** at 7 pm 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. Join **Pete Holmes & Friends** in a one-night-only event on **Friday, July 26** at 7 pm at Club Soda.



Shaun Majumder

***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** at 9:30 pm at Club Soda.

JFL will be adding to the cultural melting pot of comedy this summer. Joining the previously announced **Cristela Alonzo, Gina Yashere and Dave Merheje** on this year's ***The Ethnic Show*** line-up is Emmy Award winning American-Canadian Jewish comic, **Robby Hoffman**, Italian-American comedian **Anthony DeVito**, and Brazilian comic **Rafinha "Rafi" Bastos**. The *Ethnic Show* will be running from **Wednesday, July 10 to Thursday, July 25** 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, Andrew Schulz, Jessimae Peluso, Chelsea Lately**, and **Bonnie McFarlane**. *The Nasty Show* will be running from **Wednesday, July 17 to Saturday, July 27** at MTELUS.

And now for some gobsmacking ***Brit(ish)*** line-up additions! Joining the previously announced host **Jimmy Carr** and special guest **Sarah Millican**, are **Jamali Maddix, Mawaan Rizwan, Fin Taylor**, and musical comedy duo, **Flo & Joan**. *Brit(ish)* will be taking place on **Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27** at 7 pm at MTELUS.



## Live, from Montreal!

Presented by Crave, and filming for the first time at Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival, come four 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. They will be taped in front of a live audience on **Monday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 23** at 7 pm and 9 pm at L'Astral.

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Presented by **The Comedy Network** and filmed in front of a live audience, **The Stand-Up Show** is back, and this time it will feature the incomparable **Jon Dore**. Joining him 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 through Saturday, July 27** at 7 pm and 10 pm at L'Astral.

**OFF-JFL is very much "on" this year!**





Pete Holmes

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 line-up will feature 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 mould to become the newest and hottest name in the industry!

The ***New Faces*** shows, will take place on **Wednesday, July 24** at 7 pm and 9:30 pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at Monument-National.

The ***New Faces: Characters and New Faces: Unrepped*** will take place on **Thursday, July 25** at 7 pm and 9:30 pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at Monument-National.



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**New Faces: Creators** is set to take place on **Thursday, July 25** at 12:30 pm 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 take place on **Friday, July 26** at 7 pm 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** at 9:30 pm at Salle Ludger-Duvernay at Monument-National.

## Be an industry pro with ComedyPRO



Steve-O

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*). *Mark Forward and Courtney Gilmour's "Oh Comedy!" A Canadian Perspective* will take place **Wednesday, July 24** at 1:15 pm, in the Inspiration Room at the DoubleTree By Hilton Montreal.



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## Best of the Best podcast recordings live from Montreal

JFL has curated a line-up 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***.

The Just For Laughs Festival runs from July 10 to July 28, 2019.

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welcoming more than 2 million people each summer.



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