



Irish shows at
Just For Laughs

Description

JFL presents some of the best of Irish comedians

By **Byron Toben**

The world wide Irish Diaspora numbers over 80 million persons who claim Irish as their primary ethnicity. This dwarfs the population of 4,8 million back in the “Auld Sod”. It also guarantees a core audience for travelling Irish shows.

The **2018 Just For Laughs Comedy Festival** is no exception. Here is a non-exhaustive list of a half dozen such presentations:

[Jimmy Carr](#), a frequent visitor here, tops the list. On his ***Best Of, Ultimate Gold, Greatest Hits Tour***, he appears at the Gesu for 5 shows all at 9:30 pm, from **July 24 to 28**.

[Dylan Moran](#), whom French fans have dubbed “the greatest comedian in the world” appears in ***Crumbling Mustard*** at the Maison Theatre twice, **July 26 and 28**, both at 7 pm.



Katherine Ryan

[Catherine Ryan](#), popular in the USA, hosts other comics in a special at L'Astral two nights **July 25 and 27**, with a double bill at 7 and 10 pm each night.

[Colin Quinn](#) expounds on ***One In Every Crowd*** at La Chapelle on four nights **July 23 to 26** at 7 pm.

The young [Mike O'Brien](#) is nevertheless a veteran, as he explains in ***I've Been Doing Stand-Up My Whole Life*** at the intimate Montreal Improv Theatre twice on **July 26 and 28**, both at 10:30 pm.



Neal Brennan

[Neal Brennan](#) gets a much larger venue, at the Place des Arts Salle Claude Lavalee for his **Here We Go Tour** for four nights on **July 24 to 27**, each at 10 pm,

The Irish Diaspora came out in numbers for the female boxer M'Cushla in Clint Eastwoods award winning film *Million Dollar Baby*. Will the same prove true for these and others I may have missed? Let us know. We love your feedback.

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