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***JUST BECAUSE WE CAN'T ALL PHYSICALLY BE TOGETHER YET,  
DOESN'T MEAN WE AREN'T GOING ALL OUT....***

**JUST FOR LAUGHS MONTRÉAL REVEALS THEIR  
ABSOLUTELY STACKED COMEDY LINEUP  
FOR THEIR 2021 HYBRID FESTIVAL  
RUNNING FROM JULY 26-31, 2021**

**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FESTIVAL HISTORY,  
THE REVERED JFL AWARDS SHOW  
AND  
STAND-UP SHOWS IN MONTRÉAL, LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK  
WILL STREAM FOR FREE**

**KEVIN HART'S GLOBAL COMEDY BRAND, *LAUGH OUT LOUD (LOL!)*  
RETURNS AS FESTIVAL PROGRAMMING PARTNER BRINGING THEIR  
SPECIAL CURATED SHOWS TO THE FEST**

**WITH PERFORMANCES AND APPEARANCES BY,**

**DAVE CHAPPELLE - KEVIN HART - KRISTEN WIIG & ANNIE MUMOLO  
- BERT KREISCHER - JASON SUDEIKIS and BILL LAWRENCE,  
CO-CREATORS OF *TED LASSO* -  
- PATTON OSWALT - BOWEN YANG  
- GINA YASHERE - MARIA BAMFORD - PETE HOLMES  
- MAZ JOBRANI - BRIAN POSEHN - SABRINA JALEES  
- DULCÉ SLOAN - DONNELL RAWLINGS - JON DORE**

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**- RACHEL FEINSTEIN - BIG JAY OAKERSON - JEREMY HOTZ  
- DAVE MERHEJE - MICHAEL KOSTA  
- CHRIS AND VANESSA SPENCER - EARTHQUAKE  
- ALONZO BODDEN - TODD BARRY - LIZA TREYGER  
- ANDY KINDLER - LAURIE KILMARTIN- MARINA FRANKLIN  
- DEREK SEGUIN - ROSEBUD BAKER - ROBERT KELLY  
- ALI HASSAN - ARTHUR SIMEON - YAMANEIKA SAUNDERS  
- COURTNEY GILMOUR - NIGEL GRINSTEAD - PARIS SASHAY  
- JEN GRANT - RODNEY RAMSEY - JASMIN “WACHJAZZY” BROWN  
- CASSIE CAO - MARITO LOPEZ - BRITTANY LYSENG  
- KYLE BROWNRIGG**

**Montréal, June 29, 2021 - Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL** presented by Beneva born from the coming together of La Capitale and SSQ Insurance, in collaboration with Loto-Québec is back this summer with an all-new hybrid festival, taking place July 26-31, 2021. Featuring performances and appearances from some of the world’s most influential names in comedy, this year’s festival will combine online and in-person shows live from Montréal, New York City and Los Angeles.

In order to adhere to travel restrictions without compromising the quality of Just For Laughs’ world-class programming, the festival has confirmed that in addition to the stellar Canadian stand-up shows offered live in Montréal this summer, for the first time in the festival’s history, stand-up performances featuring all-star American and international comedians will also be taking place in New York City and Los Angeles. All performances including for the first time, the prestigious **Just For Laughs Awards Show** will be made available to stream online, accessible for free, for anyone who wishes to tune in from the comfort of their own homes.

The 2021 hybrid Just For Laughs Montréal Festival will also feature classic fest highlights like The Nasty Show, The Alternative Show, Comedy Night in Canada presented by SiriusXM Canada in collaboration with Tangerine, and special shows programmed by **Laugh Out Loud (LOL!)**, comedy heavyweight **Kevin Hart**’s global comedy brand and multi-platform entertainment company.

The renowned industry conference, ComedyPRO, will also return in a 100% digital format this year, with a conference platform powered by BuzzCast. Returning are programming favourites including, the coveted New Faces showcases, Variety’s 10 Comics to Watch presented by Cohen Gardner LLP, Eat My Shorts competition, pitch panels, and more.

### **JUST FOR LAUGHS AWARDS SHOW**

The biggest players in comedy join us for a very special virtual celebration at the 2021 Just For Laughs Awards Show! Don't miss this unfiltered appreciation of the people who shone brightest this year, honoured by the people who know them best ... their friends, colleagues, fellow comics, and some special surprise guests.

This year, for the first time in its 13-year history, comedy fans worldwide will be able to watch this industry-insider event online for free. In a year that saw many hardships, JFL and friends

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pay tribute to these very deserving honorees who made a significant impact in the world of comedy.

We're so proud of this year's Award Show as we're starting to come out of what was a really hard time for our comedy community", say **Bruce Hills, President of Just For Laughs**. "We're honoring comedy storytellers who entertained and inspired us through this challenging past year. We're thrilled that for the first time, we are able to invite audiences to join us online. It's going to be a really great celebration."

Announced today are the first of four of this year's coveted award recipients:

**Dave Chappelle** is an award-winning American comedian, screenwriter, television and film producer, and actor is being honoured with the **Comedy Person of the Year Award**. Recognized as one of the greatest comedians of all time, Chappelle has yet again blazed a new trail in the comedy industry in 2020-2021. In 2019, he was the recipient of the prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. Chappelle's work has earned him more than 30 nominations and awards in television and film for projects that include his groundbreaking sketch comedy television series *Chappelle's Show*, in which he won the rights back in 2020. In the same year, we saw him return in 2020 to host *Saturday Night Live* for the second time. He also earned his third and fourth Emmy Awards for his comedy special *Sticks & Stones* in 2020. Chappelle won the Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album, this marks winning three years in a row, 2018 through 2020. His poignant *8:16* special was released in June 2020 on YouTube and smashed an all-time record for views. In May 2021, Dave Chappelle collaborated with Talib Kweli and Yasiin Bey to host their *The Midnight Miracle*, a thought-provoking podcast that uniquely blends the salon and variety show traditions while providing a glimpse into the inner lives of the hosts; and his new documentary film closed the Tribeca Film Festival, packing Radio City Music Hall, marking its official reopening. It's indisputable Chappelle is our Comedy Person of the Year.

Actress, comedian and writer **Kristen Wiig** and actress, screenwriter, comedian, and producer **Annie Mumolo** are being honoured with the **Comedy Writers of the Year Award** for their hilarious comedy hit, *Barb and Star Go to Vista Del Mar*. **Wiig** joined the cast of NBC's *Saturday Night Live* in 2005, before appearing in a series of comedy films including Universal Pictures' *Knocked Up* and Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures' *Adventureland*. In 2011, she starred and co-wrote the screenplay for the comedy film *Bridesmaids*, which earned her a Golden Globe Award nomination for best actress - musical or comedy, as well as an Academy Award nomination for best original screenplay. **Mumolo**, who co-wrote *Bridesmaids* with Wiig, has been seen in Universal Pictures' *This is 40* and STX Entertainment's *Bad Moms*.

The writers and cast of Warner Bros. Television's acclaimed comedy ***Ted Lasso*** are being honoured with this year's **Comedy Series of the Year Award**. The multi-award-winning series returns for its highly anticipated second season July 23 on Apple TV+, the week of the JFL Awards Show. The show follows American football coach Ted Lasso, who is hired to coach a professional soccer team in England despite having no experience coaching the sport. *Ted Lasso* co-creator **Bill Lawrence** and co-creator/star **Jason Sudeikis** will be accepting this JFL Award on behalf of the extraordinary creative team and cast.

Comedian, actor, and writer, **Bowen Yang** is being honoured with the **Breakout Comedy Star of the Year Award** at this year's JFL Awards. Yang is currently a featured player on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, where he wrote for one season before moving on-screen. He can also be seen recurring on Comedy Central's *Awkwafina Is Nora From Queens*. Yang co-hosts the popular podcast *Las Culturistas* with comedian Matt Rogers, which has been featured in The

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New York Times, New York Magazine, Splitsider and Time Out New York. As one of the most talked-about comedy sensations of this past year, Yang leaves an indelible mark as a breakout star.

**The JFL Awards Show** will air online for free at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Wednesday, July 28.

### **LAUGH OUT LOUD (LOL!)**

**Comedy Gold Minds with Kevin Hart:** Dive into the minds of some of the world's funniest people with **Kevin Hart** in his show, *Comedy Gold Minds*. From rising stars to comedy legends, Kevin pairs with comedic tastemakers for "ear-opening" dialogue that takes listeners on a wild and crazy ride through some of the world's top comedic minds. From chronicling their comedy club experiences to a sneak peek of their latest material, each episode is packed with punchlines, anecdotes, and inside jokes. Previous guests include Jerry Seinfeld, Eddie Murphy, Tiffany Haddish, Sarah Silverman, Steve Harvey, Amy Schumer, Nick Kroll, Hasan Minhaj, and more. **This show will air online for free at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com)**

**Date Night with Chris & Vanessa:** *Date Night with Chris & Vanessa* invites couples (and sometimes single folks) on a fun date to unpack issues everyone faces in relationships and family life. A cross between *Red Table Talk* and *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee* (but with far less PG topics), *Date Night* combines comedy and expert insight to dive deep into the complexities of relationships, as well as newsworthy issues, thought provoking ideas, and comedy with a purpose. Hosted by comedy writer, producer, actor and performer **Chris Spencer** and casting director, **Vanessa Spencer**. **This show will air online for free at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com)**

**Quake's House with Earthquake:** *Quake's House* features legendary stand-up comedian, **Earthquake**, at his most authentic with recurring segments, celebrity guests, and some of the funniest emerging comics around. From hilarious "Mancave" revelations to his on-air Fantasy Football updates and "All Women Wednesdays," Quake's signature humor is always on full display. **This show will air online for free at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com)**

**The Ladies Room with Jazzy:** Throughout each episode, online sensation **Jasmin "Jazzy" Brown** and four of her favorite (and most hilarious) girlfriends — **Natalie Friedman, Briana Lawrence, Renita Woodland, and Kiya Roberts** — gather to spill tea, kiki, and disagree about every issue under the sun from a fully female perspective where no topic is off-limits and nothing is censored. These are the conversations that women have been dying to share (and men can finally eavesdrop on). Each coming from different walks of life, these five funny women are having the ultimate meeting in *The Ladies Room*, and you don't want to miss it! **This show will air online for free at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com)**

### **IN CONVERSATION WITH BERT KREISCHER** **Presented by Variety**

After a 20+ year career in comedy, including 6 television series, 4 comedy specials, 3 massive fan-driven podcasts and a slew of record-breaking comedy tours, Variety magazine is honoring **Bert Kreischer** with their highest achievement in comedy. The larger-than-life stand-up comic dubbed "The Machine" for his insatiable appetite for partying, is set to receive Variety's prestigious "Creative Impact in Comedy Award" on July 27<sup>th</sup> in recognition of his achievements in comedy over the last two decades and placing him in rare company with fellow comic Chris

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Rock, the only other comedian to receive such an award. Furthermore, his ingenuity and innovation in touring, live entertainment and social media marketing has helped him reach new heights during an unprecedented global pandemic. While all indoor venues were closed due to Covid 19, Bert performed 59 shows to sold out crowds on his “Hot Summer Nights Tour” as a socially distanced outdoor spectacle spanning 35+ cities across 18 states to an audience of 80,000+ fans. His star continues to rise as he picks up where he left off pre-quarantine with his Bert Boy Relapse Tour selling out theaters across the country on the back of shooting his first full length feature film entitled THE MACHINE. The film, set up at Legendary Entertainment, is based on his viral true story of accidentally joining the Russian mob as a college student on a class field trip, solidifying his namesake not only for his unrelenting partying but now for his tireless work ethic.

In a special event which will take place in L.A. on Tuesday, July 27 at the Hollywood Improv, then air for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Friday, July 30.

**JUST FOR LAUGHS LIVE IN MONTRÉAL**  
**Presented by SiriusXM Canada in collaboration with Tangerine**

Just For Laughs is live in Montréal, hosted by Canadian writer, actor and comedian, **Jon Dore**. Dore has appeared on many series from The Comedy Network’s *The Jon Dore Show*, CRAVE’s *The Stand up Show with Jon Dore*, CBS’ *The Half of It*, CBS’ *How I Met Your Mother*, and recently co-wrote and starred in CBC’s *Humour Resources*. Dore is joined by **Jen Grant, Nigel Grinstead, Cassie Cao, Marito Lopez, Rodney Ramsey**, and more. This show will be performed in front of a live audience in Montreal and then aired for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Friday, July 30.

**JUST FOR LAUGHS LIVE IN L.A.**

Just For Laughs is live in Los Angeles with host **Sabrina Jalees**, Canadian comedian, actor, producer, and story editor. Jalees starred in CBS’ *Carol’s Second Act*, and is a writer and consulting producer on Netflix’s *Big Mouth* and upcoming spin-off, *Human Resources*. Jalees hosts this series, alongside an all-star lineup of festival favourites, featuring **Maz Jobrani, Gina Yashere, Alonzo Bodden, Jeremy Hotz, Liza Treyger**, and **Rachel Feinstein!** This show will be performed in front of a live audience in L.A. and then aired for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Thursday, July 29.

**JUST FOR LAUGHS LIVE IN N.Y.**

Just For Laughs is live in New York with host **Dulcé Sloan**, stand-up comedian, actress, writer and correspondent for *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah* on Comedy Central. Dulcé hits the Just For Laughs stage joined by an amazing lineup of JFL alums, including **Todd Barry, Michael Kosta, Marina Franklin**, and more! This show will be performed in front of a live audience in N.Y. and then aired for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Wednesday, July 28,

**THE NASTY SHOW**

*The Nasty Show* is back and will hands-down be the filthiest, most shocking and taboo show of the festival. This iconic JFL brand pushes the boundaries and encourages audiences to check their political correctness at the door... let go and laugh! Prepare yourself for a special edition of one of the festival’s longest-running shows, shot live from New York! Hosted by **Big Jay Oakerson**, dubbed “Master of the Dirty Joke” by the New York Times and co-host of *The*

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*Bonfire with Big Jay Oakerson and Dan Soder* on SiriusXM, this year's *The Nasty Show* will also feature **Donnell Rawlings, Rosebud Baker, Robert Kelly, Yamaneika Saunders, Paris Sashay**, and more! This show will be performed in front of a live audience in N.Y. and then aired for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Wednesday, July 28.

### **THE ALTERNATIVE SHOW**

The quintessential comic's comic takes you off the beaten path of mainstream comedy and into the chaotic wilderness. Hosted by **Andy Kindler**, who currently recurs on Fox's *Bob's Burgers* and Comedy Central's *Tosh.O*, this year's special LA edition will also feature **Patton Oswalt, Maria Bamford, Brian Posehn, Laurie Kilmartin** and more still to be announced! This show will be performed in front of a live audience in L.A. and then aired for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Thursday, July 29.

### **COMEDY NIGHT IN CANADA**

**Presented by SiriusXM Canada in collaboration with Tangerine**

Hosted by Canadian comedian, actor, and host of CBC's hit stand-up comedy show, *Laugh Out Loud*, **Ali Hassan** will take a hilarious look at what it means to be Canadian as *Comedy Night in Canada* welcomes top comedians from coast to coast! 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! The lineup will include Canadian comedians, **Arthur Simeon, Kyle Brownrigg, Brittany Lyseng, Derek Seguin, Courtney Gilmour**, and more! This show will be performed in front of a live audience in Montreal and then aired for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Friday, July 30.

### **NEW FACES**

*New Faces* has been an unmissable part of the Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL since 1996, where the freshest comedians in the game gear up to take the microphone and change the face of comedy. Past cohorts have included Kevin Hart, Amy Schumer, Ali Wong, Mike Birbiglia, Jo Koy, Hannibal Burress, Nikki Glaser, Hasan Minhaj, The Lucas Brothers, Fortune Feimster, Michelle Wolf, and so many more.

The discoverability of this series is what makes these showcases so sought after, and despite all of the global challenges faced this year, JFL is committed to finding new rising talent.

The 2021 cohort will be announced on Monday, July 26. For the first time ever, this year's *New Faces* shows will take place live and online, in Montreal and Los Angeles.

### **NEW FACES OF COMEDY HOSTED BY PETE HOLMES**

Come see the genuinely thrilling moment a young comedian steps up and becomes a star! Hosted by comedian, actor, writer, producer, and podcaster, **Pete Holmes**, creator and executive producer of HBO's comedy-drama *Crashing*. Drawing on his own experience as alumni of the 2009 cohort, Holmes returns to be the master of ceremonies for this year's series. *New Faces* shows will be filmed for a live audience in L.A. and will be available to view online with the purchase of a ComedyPRO pass.

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## **NEW FACES: CHARACTERS**

Catch the best new solo sketch comics before your only option is to see them “Live, from New York...” New Faces shows will be filmed for a live audience in LA and will be available to view online with the purchase of a ComedyPRO pass.

### **NEW FACES: CANADA HOSTED BY DAVE MERHEJE Presented by SiriusXM Canada in collaboration with Tangerine**

Come see the freshest Canadian comedians in the game gear up to take the microphone and change the face of comedy. Hosted by Juno-award winning comedian and actor, **Dave Merheje**, who currently stars on Hulu’s *Ramy*. New Faces shows will be filmed for a live audience in Montreal and will be available to view online with the purchase of a ComedyPRO pass.

## **CTV COMEDY AND CRAVE TV TAPINGS**

CTV Comedy is returning to Just For Laughs this summer to tape a handful of brand new, original comedy specials, in the Canadian city that does comedy best. These stand-up specials, filmed in front of a live audience in Montreal this summer, will feature some of the country’s best working comedians right now, and air on CTV Comedy at a later date.

Taping at this year’s festival, includes **Dave Merheje** (Juno Award winning comedian, star on HBO’s *Ramy*), **DeAnne Smith** (Canadian Comedy Award winner, Netflix comedy special *Gentleman Elf*), **Chris Robinson** (winner of SiriusXM’s Top Comic competition in 2016), **Sophie Buddle** (Juno Award winning comedian, can be seen on CBC’s *This Hour has 22 Minutes*, and *Humour Resources*), **Paul Rabliauskas** (CBC’s *The New Wave of Stand Up*), **Kyle Brownrigg** (named ‘Best Breakout Artist’ at the 2019 Canadian Comedy Awards, JFL42 New Face), and **Chris Locke** (award winning stand-up comedian, can be seen on CBC’s *Baroness Von Sketch Show*, *Workin’ Moms*, *Mr. D*, and *Tallboyz*).

### **VARIETY HAS SELECTED ITS 10 COMICS TO WATCH 2021 Presented by Cohen Gardner LLP**

This year’s honorees will be profiled in the July 27 Comedy issue of *Variety* and take part in a virtual panel at this year’s Just For Laughs Festival. Traditionally held every year in Montréal, the festival will go digital this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Says Paul Ronca, Senior Director of Creative Development, Just For Laughs: “The Variety 10 Comics to Watch has been a festival staple for so many years, and we are thrilled to be able to continue on the tradition of showcasing some of comedy’s most notable rising stars. After an unbelievably challenging 15 months, it’s amazing to see the ingenuity these rising comedy stars have, and commend their work ethic and tenacity during the hardest of times”.

Variety launched the 10 Comics to Watch list in 2000 with names such as Zach Galifianakis and Patton Oswalt. Over the years, other honorees have included Tiffany Haddish, Amy Schumer and Kumail Nanjiani.

The list is made up of stand-up comedians, writers and content creators and selected by a panel that includes Variety editors and critics with feedback from those in the comedy community that scout, book, cast and represent comics.

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Says Steven Gaydos, Senior VP Global Content/Executive Editor at Variety, "In the past year and a half, the world has learned that not only is laughter the best medicine, it may also be as essential as oxygen. Variety's 10 Comics to Watch all provide what we've learned is essential to life on earth: original perspectives that bring light and lift our spirits."

**The 10 Comics selected this year are:**

Mo Amer – Known for his 2018 Netflix special "Mo Amer: The Vagabond," Amer also appears in the Hulu comedy "Ramy" and will next be seen alongside Dwayne Johnson in "Black Adam" for New Line and DC.

Quinta Brunson – Known for her work on the first season of HBO's "A Black Lady Sketch Show," Brunson just released her book, "She Memes Well" and is the creator and star of the upcoming ABC series "Abbott Elementary."

Ayo Edebiri – Edebiri lends her voice to the character of Missy on the Netflix series "Big Mouth" and will next be seen in the FX comedy series "The Bear" with Jeremy Allen White and Abby Elliott.

Hannah Einbinder –The comedian stars opposite Jean Smart in the acclaimed HBO Max series "Hacks," which has already been picked up for a second season. She has opened for the likes of Chelsea Handler and Reggie Watts and recently made television debut performing stand-up on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

Josh Johnson – The host (with Logan Nielsen) of "The Josh Johnson Show Podcast," Johnson just released the comedy and music album "Elusive" and the Comedy Central hour-long special "Trevor Noah Presents Josh Johnson: # (Hashtag.)"

Chelcie Lynn – Known for her sketches featuring her alter ego "Trailer Trash Tammy," Lynn has been seen in "Tangerine" and "Coach Von Pidgeon." She has an upcoming prank series and is currently touring with "The Tammy Tour: One Trailer Park At a Time."

Natalie Palamides – Her Netflix special "Nate – A One Man Show" premiered in 2020 and the writer/comedian can currently be heard on Fox's "Duncanville" and SyFy's "Wild Life."

Matt Rogers – A series regular on Showtime's "I Love This For You," Rogers hosts HBO Max's "Haute Dog" and co-hosts the podcast "Las Culturistas" with Bowen Yang.

Benito Skinner – The writer/performer has amassed a large following on social media for his skits and characters and was seen in the recent season of HBO Max's "Search Party." His recent "The Overcompensating Tour" sold out internationally and he hosts the Spotify podcast "Obsessed."

Kountry Wayne – a.k.a. Wayne Colley, the comedian has gained a loyal following on social media for his sketches and is in the process of developing a scripted series based on them with Lil Rey Howery onboard as producer.

This panel will air for free online at [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com) as of Saturday, July 31.



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In addition to these newly announced shows, the following previously revealed programming will also be part of this year's 2021 hybrid festival: **Just For Laughs Eat My Shorts** annual short film competition, **JFL Originals** album tapings, **Stand Up & Pitch** panels presented by Project 10 Productions and Stareable Fest, and **15 Minutes with a Power Broker** presented with the participation of the Independent Production Fund.

**Additional programming announcements and the full 2021 schedule  
will be released next month.**

**Tickets for Montréal's live audience will go on sale mid-July.  
ComedyPRO passes are now available for purchase.**

Downtown Montréal is coming back to life this summer thanks to the return of outdoor shows and many other street activities and installations by Just pour rire MONTRÉAL / Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL, presented by Beneva, born from the merger of La Capitale and SSQ Assurances, in collaboration with Loto-Québec from July 15 to 24. The Beneva Stage will host 20 shows featuring entertainers all devoted to the pantheon of comedy, such as **Richardson Zéphir, Catherine Éthier, Simon Delisle, Stéphane Fallu, Réal Béland and Patrick Groulx**. Also on the menu, 40 performances of an unusual show combining dance, musical performances and comedy at Place Loto-Québec, a fun course, street activities and large-format video projections on buildings in the Quartier des spectacles at the end of the evening. Let's not forget the digital portion of the festival which begins on July 15th. A wide spectrum of funny content awaits you, with podcasts, interviews, sketches and fictional series, all available for free and across the planet!

All the outdoor activities of Juste pour rire MONTRÉAL / Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL, presented by Beneva, born from the coming together of La Capitale and SSQ Assurances, in collaboration with Loto-Québec, are free and accessible to all. However, as indicated by Public Health, it is necessary to reserve a ticket to attend outdoor shows in order to ensure a safe experience for all festivalgoers. Packages are also available that allow you to combine tickets for outdoor shows and those for other venues to help plan your group or family outing. Full details on [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com).

Just For Laughs, the world's leading international comedy brand, has designed, developed and launched a custom e-commerce experience, promoting brand new Just For Laughs apparel and bringing the funny to everyday clothes. Check it out at [shop.hahaha.com](http://shop.hahaha.com)

**Determined to keep our dedicated comedy fans entertained until we can all  
reunite safely in Montréal for our 40th anniversary, this year's hybrid  
Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL Festival  
will be the comedy event of the summer!**

#### **THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS**

The Just For Laughs Group would like to thank all its partners, who have been tremendous allies in bringing about the success of this initiative. First, we'd like to acknowledge the support of **Beneva**, born from the coming together of **La Capitale** and **SSQ Insurance**, **Loto-Québec**, **Laugh Out Loud (LOL!)**, **Bell**, **Tim Hortons**, **SiriusXM**, **Tangerine**, **BuzzCast**, **CTV Comedy Channel** and **Variety**. We also extend our thanks to our public partners: the **City of Montréal**, **SODEC** and the **Government of Canada**.

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“We’re thrilled to be partnering again with Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL this year and to continue our long-standing involvement with the festival. Under these extraordinary circumstances, when laughter is more important than ever, Place Loto-Québec has loads of fun surprises in store that are sure to impress festival-goers!” **said Eric Meunier, Director, Responsible Gambling and Social Responsibility at Loto-Québec.**

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### **About the Just for Laughs Group**

Founded in 1983, the Just for Laughs Group is the most important player in the global comedy industry. Under the management of Groupe CH, Bell Media and ICM Partners, the company is an international powerhouse in the creation of multi-platform comedy content. Every year, it entertains millions of spectators with its festivals on Canadian and international stages, in Montréal – the biggest comedy event in the world – as well as in Toronto, Vancouver, Sydney and Bermuda. The Group organizes shows featuring thousands of comics from Canada and other countries, including established artists as well as up-and-comers; stages its own comedy shows and musicals; produces touring shows; broadcasts digital and televised content (notably *Gags*, which is shown in 150 countries and followed by an online audience of ten million on YouTube); manages talented artists; and is the originator of the ComedyPRO and JPR Pro industry conferences. [www.hahaha.com](http://www.hahaha.com)

### **About Laugh Out Loud**

Laugh Out Loud is a comedy brand and multi-platform entertainment company dedicated to keeping the world laughing together. Founded by comedian, actor, and producer Kevin Hart, LOL delivers the best in comedic content and experiences across its multiple divisions—LOL Audio, LOL Network, LOL Studios, and LOLX. From stand-up legends to the next generation of comedic talent, LOL curates comedy’s boldest voices to produce original scripted and unscripted series, stand-up specials, radio shows and podcasts, live broadcasts, experiential activations, and more. LOL content is distributed to a diverse, global audience of more than 100 million fans across the LOL OTT Network of FAST Channel partners including Pluto, Peacock, Tubi, Roku, Xumo, Redbox, and more. LOL Audio has access to an additional 100 million listeners via partnerships with SiriusXM, Stitcher, and Pandora. Known for content such as *Cold As Balls*, *What the Fit*, *Comedy in Color*, *Die Hart*, and more, the company has amassed more than 1 billion video views across its digital platforms, and has worked with brand partners such as AT&T, Headspace, Lyft, Old Spice, P&G, Viacom, and more. Find us online at [www.laughoutloud.com](http://www.laughoutloud.com) or on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter, YouTube, and Snapchat via @lolnetwork.

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