

MOONTOWER JUST FOR LAUGHS AUSTIN

INAUGURAL EDITION OF
MOONTOWER JUST FOR LAUGHS AUSTIN
IS TAKING PLACE OVER TWO WEEKS
IN MORE THAN 10 VENUES

THE FESTIVAL REVEALS THE FIRST SLATE OF TALENT
FOR A COLOSSAL COMEDY EXPERIENCE
IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN, TX
APRIL 13-24, 2022

INITIAL TALENT APPEARING INCLUDES DAN SODER, DEON COLE,
MARC MARON, MARK NORMAND, MICHELLE BUTEAU, NICOLE BYER,
NIKKI GLASER, NOT ANOTHER DUNGEONS & DRAGONS PODCAST LIVE
& MORE

Badges on Sale Now!

AUSTIN, TEXAS (January 19, 2022) — Montreal's **Just for Laughs** and Austin's **Moontower Comedy** are known for their expertly curated comedy festivals that deliver huge stars, fan favorites, comics to watch, and beloved local talent. When they announced in 2021, they would be joining comedic forces to launch **Moontower Just for Laughs Austin**, the event was instantly marked by industry and audiences as the "must attend" event of the Spring. The initial 4-day festival has now transformed into a colossal comedy experience spanning two weeks this April 13-24, 2022.

The **Moontower Just For Laughs Austin** lineup does not disappoint, as the initial round of talent includes more than 20 Paramount and Stateside headlining shows, with more still to come.

Dan Soder of Showtime's hit series *Billions* and co-host of SiriusXM's *The Bonfire* makes his Paramount debut, as well as Emmy-nominated **Nicole Byer**, host of Netflix' hit show *Nailed It!* and *Why Won't You Date Me?*, her comedy and relationship podcast, which can also be seen live at the Stateside during the festival. **Deon Cole** of ABC's hit show *black-ish* and its spinoff *Grown-ish*, as well as the new feature film, *The Harder They Fall*, and **Michelle Buteau**, host of the newest season of the popular Netflix series *The Circle* and star of BET's *The First Wives Club* will also be hitting the Paramount stage for the first time. Rounding out the Paramount headliners in this announce are **Marc Maron**, a fest favorite with four hit specials and host of his landmark podcast *WTF with Marc Maron*; **Nikki Glaser**, one of the funniest female voices in comedy seen on Netflix, Comedy Central Roasts, and *The Nikki Glaser Podcast*; **Mark Normand**, a New York comedian featured in Netflix' *The Standups* and co-host of the *Tuesdays*

with *Stories* podcast; and the **Not Another Dungeons and Dragons Podcast**, hosted by Dungeon Master Brian Murphy, Emily Axford, Jake Hurwitz, and Caldwell Tanner.

Kicking off the fest at Stateside is **Christina P**, whose stand up has been featured on Netflix in addition to her co-hosting the hit podcast *Your Mom's House*. Fans can also catch Saturday Night Live favorites at Stateside, including **Chris Redd**, **James Austin Johnson**, and sketch group **Please Don't Destroy**, featuring members Ben Marshall, Martin Herlihy, and John Higgins. **Donnell Rawlings** will headline three shows, known best from Comedy Central's *Chappelle's Show* and Netflix' *The Degenerates*. The Stateside lineup also includes **Natasha Leggero** and **Moshe Kasher** who will co-headline two shows in addition to their live podcast, **Endless Honeymoon**; **Sasheer Zamata**, who can be seen on ABC's *Home Economics* and Hulu's *Woke*; and **Rachel Feinstein** and **Jessica Kirson**, two of the most formidable, national headliners will team up in a rare comedy tour de force for the Moontower Just For Laughs Austin audience.

As longtime fest-goers know, the most magic happens in the clubs, where intimate venues feature national headliners like **Andy Kindler**, **Big Jay Oakerson**, **Catherine Cohen**, **Grace Kuhlenschmidt**, **Janelle James**, **Nathan Macintosh**, **Orlando Leyba**, and **Anthony Devito's My Dad Isn't Danny DeVito**, a one-man show about an unraveling family secret. Additionally, Moontower Just For Laughs Austin continues to welcome a number of stellar live podcasts and broadcasts to the festival stages. The 2022 program will include fest-favorite SiriusXM's **The Bonfire** with Dan Soder and Big Jay Oakerson, **Dumb People Town** with The Sklar Brothers and Daniel Van Kirk, and **Disgusting Hawk** with Jessica Kirson, as well as the debuts of **Bananas** with Kurt Braunohler and Scotty Landes, **Find Your Beach** with Rosebud Baker and Andy Haynes, **Soccer Comic Rant** with Ian Edwards, **Seek Treatment with Cat and Pat**, hosted by Catherine Cohen and Pat Regan, and many, many more.

This year's festival will also feature for the very first time an audition showcase for Just for Laughs' signature **New Faces** series. Austin audiences will be the first to see some of the new rising stars vying for a spot to perform at the iconic New Faces showcase that takes place every July at the Just For Laughs MONTREAL festival. This series is the marquee JFL discovery stand-up showcase that has served as a launching pad for up-and-coming talent like Jimmy Fallon, Gabriel Iglesias, Kevin Hart, Amy Schumer, Ali Wong and Pete Davidson to name a few.

"Partnering with comedy titan Just For Laughs has opened doors to new and exciting opportunities," says **Lietza Brass, Moontower Just for Laughs Austin Festival Director**. "Knowing where we are and what we have planned for future announcements leads me to believe that the 2022 Moontower JFL festival will be a cavalcade of comedy for fans and industry."

"We're excited to share that Moontower Just For Laughs Austin will be growing this year" says **Bruce Hills, President of Just For Laughs**. "Our programming team has been working tirelessly to curate an outstanding lineup of performers, and the names we've revealed today is just the beginning. We are so excited for what's to come, and are looking forward to reuniting with all of our industry friends and comedy fans this April."

Additional performers and events will be added to the Moontower 2022 lineup in the coming months, including more headliners, podcasts, and a variety of comics playing club shows at Moontower Just For Laughs Austin venues throughout the city.

Moontower Just For Laughs Austin Comedy Festival badges are on sale now and available for purchase at moontowercomedyfest.com. You can also purchase badges at the Paramount Theatre box office or by calling [512-474-1221](tel:512-474-1221).

Moontower Just For Laughs Austin Comedy Festival 2022 Initial Talent Lineup

Paramount & Stateside Headliners are in bold; Lineup subject to change

Abby Roberge
Adrienne Iapalucci
Ali Macofsky
Andrew Murphy
Andy Haynes
Andy Kindler
Angelina Martin
Anthony DeVito
Ashley Sharma
Avery Moore
Big Jay Oakerson
Brandi Davis
Brett VerVoort
Brian Gaar
Carlton Wilcoxson
Carmen Lynch
Cat Cohen
Chris Cubas
Chris Redd
Christina P
Dan Soder
Daniel Van Kirk
Danny Goodwin
Deb DiGiovanni
Deon Cole
Donnell Rawlings
Dylan Sullivan
Elizabeth Spears
Emma Willmann
Emmy Blotnick
Erica Rhodes
Goddamn Comedy Jam
Grace Kuhlenschmidt
Guy Branum
Hannah Berner
Holly Hart
Hunter Duncan
Ian Edwards
Irene Tu
Ivan Decker
Jackie Kashian
James Austin Johnson
Janelle James

Jay Whitecotton
Jeremiah Watkins
Jessica Kirson
Jesus Trejo
Joe Mande
Josh Adam Meyers
Joyelle Nicole Johnson
Kelsey Cook
Kurt Braunohler
Langston Kerman
Laurie Kilmartin
Maddy Smith
Marc Maron
Mark Normand
Matt Sadler
Michelle Buteau
Mike Macrae
Moshe Kasher
Natasha Leggero
Nathan Macintosh
Nick Saverino
Nicole Byer
Nikki Glaser
Not Another Dungeons & Dragons Podcast
Orlando Leyba
Pat Regan
Pat Sirosis
Please Don't Destroy
Rachel Feinstein
Rosebud Baker
Ryan Sickler
Sasheer Zamata
Sawyer Stull
Scotty Landes
Sean Donnelly
Shapel Lacey
Solomon Georgio
Sophie Buddle
Taylor Dowdy
The Sklar Brothers
Trevor Wallace
Tyler Groce
Zac Brooks
Zach Zucker

Moontower Just For Laughs Austin Live Podcast & Broadcast Series

Andy Kindler's Particular Show
Bananas with Kurt Braunohler and Scotty Landes
Cat Cohen & Friend
Celebrate! with Sean Donnelly

Disgusting Hawk with Jessica Kirson
Dumb People Town with The Sklar Brothers and Daniel Van Kirk
Endless Honeymoon with Natasha Leggero and Moshe Kasher
Find Your Beach with Rosebud Baker and Andy Haynes
Glow Show hosted by Joey Z
Jack Tucker Comedy Standup Hour
My Dad Isn't Danny DeVito with Anthony DeVito
My Momma Told Me with Langston Kerman
Seek Treatment with Cat Cohen and Pat Regan
Soccer Comic Rant with Ian Edwards
Stampdown with Zach Zucker
Stand-up On the Spot with Jeremiah Watkins
Tag It! with The Sklar Brothers
The 500 with Josh Adam Meyers
The Bonfire with Big Jay Oakerson and Dan Soder
The HoneyDew with Ryan Sickler
The Jackie and Laurie Show with Jackie Kashian and Laurie Kilmartin
The Joke of Painting with Andrew Murphy and Avery Moore
The Worst with Big Jay Oakerson
Why Won't You Date Me? with Nicole Byer

Stay tuned for more talent announcements in the coming months.

For up-to-date information on the festival, go to www.moontowercomedyfest.com

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ABOUT MOONTOWER COMEDY FESTIVAL

Established in 2011 by the Paramount Theatre and Cap City Comedy Club in Austin, Texas, the Moontower Comedy Festival is known for being a world-class festival experience centered around both fans and comedians alike. Praised by attendees as “a comedy lover’s dream,” Moontower deftly balances star power, cult favorites, emerging talent, and local, Austin-based favorites. As the festival takes over 10+ venues each year in downtown Austin, it doubles as a celebration of the “keep it weird” city that thrives off that live show energy and lifts up artists of all kinds. In addition to the festival, Moontower Comedy Presents brings stand-up, podcasts, and special events to Austin year-round. Moontower Comedy and the Paramount Theatre are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.

ABOUT JUST FOR LAUGHS GROUP

Founded in 1983, the Just for Laughs Group is the most important player in the global comedy industry co-owned by 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; Austin,

U.S.A. and Sydney, Australia. 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

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