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JUST FOR LAUGHS TORONTO IS PROVING TO BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND FUNNIEST FESTIVALS RETURNING SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 1, 2022

TORONTO'S LARGEST COMEDY FESTIVAL SEES EVEN MORE GROWTH
IN ITS 10TH EDITION,
LAUNCHING THEIR FREE
STREET FESTIVAL

PLUS, THE REVERED DAYTIME SERIES
COMEDYCON

EXPANDS TO ADD MORE DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING INCLUDING
IN CONVERSATIONS, CAST PANELS,
PODCAST RECORDINGS AND AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS WITH THE STARS

THAT'S NOT ALL...

A SLEW OF FAN FAVOURITES AND RISING COMEDY STARS HAVE BEEN
ADDED, INCLUDING:

RUSSELL PETERS' OLD SCHOOL MIXTAPE LIVE,
THE BALD AND THE BEAUTIFUL PODCAST WITH TRIXIE AND KATYA,
CRAIG ROBINSON AND THE NASTY DELICIOUS,
BOB THE DRAG QUEEN, MONÉT X CHANGE, JERROD CARMICHAEL,
FRED ARMISEN, ANA FABREGA, JULIO TORRES
FROM THE CAST OF LOS ESPOOKYS,
PUDDLES PITY PARTY, TYNOMI BANKS, GISELE LULLABY,
HERCUSLEAZE, MISS MOÇO, TODDY,
JOSH ADAM MEYERS and the GODDAMN COMEDY JAM
NAACP PRESENTS: NORTH MEETS SOUTH PANEL
2022 NEW FACES CANADA...and more!

JOINING THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED ROSTER OF STARS,
INCLUDING:

TREVOR NOAH, JOHN MULANEY, AMY SCHUMER, ISSA RAE,
TRIXIE & KATYA, ILIZA SHLESINGER, BEN SCHWARTZ, MIKE BIRBIGLIA,
TIM DILLON, DEON COLE, ALOK, CRAIG FERGUSON, AMANDA SEALES,
JOEL KIM BOOSTER, RHYS NICHOLSON, GOT LAND?,

MARC MARON...and many others!

TORONTO, August 23 2022 - Just For Laughs TORONTO (formerly JFL42), presented by Beneva, in collaboration with SiriusXM Canada, is back in full force this September, promising to provide audiences with the ultimate comedy festival, stacked to the nines. Running in venues across Toronto from September 22 to October 1, 2022, Just For Laughs TORONTO continues to keep their word and deliver a first-rate festival experience for all with an entirely free street festival, and the expansion of their daytime convention, ComedyCON.

FREE STREET FESTIVAL

Conveniently located in the city's downtown core, close to transport links, this epic, three-day outdoor comedy celebration will feature an accessible site together with a varied and eclectic program of entertainment with something for everyone to enjoy – including both local and international comedians, DJs and much, much more.

Running from September 23-25, 2022, on a 130,000 sq-ft site at Front St. E and Berczy Park, the inaugural free street festival will feature a large main stage **BEVENA STAGE** presented by **Beneva**, food trucks, bars featuring **Muskoka Brewery** beers & **Muskoka Spirits** Hard Sparkling Waters, local area restaurants, art installations and other activities in collaboration with Toronto's arts communities. The first of its kind, Just For Laughs TORONTO's street festival will boast daytime and evening programming, including performances from an array of comedy and music performers, many of the acts reflecting Toronto in all its diversity.

"We are delighted to be back to mark our 10th anniversary of Just For Laughs TORONTO with such an impressive lineup for this year's event especially with the introduction of the free street festival", shares **Just For Laughs president, Bruce Hills**. "We are thrilled to be collaborating with the City of Toronto to offer both locals and visitors alike the opportunity to experience free outdoor comedy shows, live music and activations while also getting the chance to see some of the biggest names in comedy as well as discover fantastic newcomers in venues across the city".

"At Beneva, we feel that laughter is indeed the best medicine, and that it contributes to our collective well-being. That's why we're proud to be the presenting partner of this popular event. We're even more proud that this edition of the festival will allow people from Toronto to attend, for the very first time, a series of free shows in spectacular outdoor locations. An inclusive and caring approach which is perfectly in step with our organizational values. So, I hope you load up on the laughs and have a blast at the festival! shares **Martin Robert, Executive Vice-President and Leader - Talent, Culture and Communication** at **Beneva**, the presenting partner of Just For Laughs TORONTO.

Performing on the outdoor stage as part of the street festival are:

Russell Peters' Old School Mixtape Live - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 9:00PM

What's better than comedy and classic hip hop and dance music? Combining all of them! Toronto's very own Russell Peters and the legendary DJ Starting From Scratch will be hosting an unforgettable outdoor show that's sure to be the ultimate throwback party to squeeze that last bit of summer in. With some very special musical guests to be announced soon, get ready for this once in a lifetime free concert event in the heart of the six!

Craig Robinson & The Nasty Delicious - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 9:00PM

Funnyman actor/comedian Craig Robinson (*The Office*, *Brooklyn 99*) introduced his band, The Nasty Delicious, in 2007. The nine-piece crew have been electrifying audiences around the globe with their powerful fusion of Chicago-House, funk, hip hop and R & B, all topped off with Craig's soulful voice, edgy humor, and improved crowd participation.

The members include bassist Ethan Farmer, drummer Asa Watkins, guitarist David Sampson, saxophonists Lakecia Benjamin and Reggie Hines, trumpeter Wynston Byrd, percussionist Bendji Allonce, and Craig's younger brother and music director/keyboardist Chris "Rob" Robinson. All the members of the band have their own creative projects, and have also toured and recorded with countless legendary artists across the genres, including Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie, John Legend, Lauryn Hill, Chaka Khan, Beyonce, Maroon 5, Alicia Keys, Kanye West, Angie Stone, Macy Gray, Anita Baker, and many more.

Bob the Drag Queen & Monét X Change - Friday, September 23, 2022 | 9:00PM

You better get your currency in check: Monét X Change is here with fellow drag superstar Bob the Drag Queen for a (FREE) variety show extravaganza!

They're two of the most beloved stars in "RuPaul's Drag Race" herstory and, together, they're even more powerful. Bob the Drag Queen notably emerged victorious in Season 8, while Monét X Change competed in Season 10 before re-emerging in *All Stars 4*. After *Drag Race*, the pair even joined forces for their hit podcast "Sibling Rivalry" because let's face it, chosen family is everything. This year at JFL TORONTO, these icons are hosting a stellar variety show composed of dancing, singing, laughter and fierceness. Brown. Cow. Stunning!

Bob The Drag Queen: The alter ego of non-binary comic/actor Caldwell Tidicue, "Bob The Drag Queen" describes herself as "hilarious, beautiful, talented and... humble." Bob's unabashed confidence won her the title of "America's Next Drag Superstar" on season 8 of *RuPaul's Drag Race*, multiple acting roles for HBO, Netflix, Sony Tristar, MTV, and VH1. The third season of Bob's Emmy Award nominated HBO Max series *We're Here* is coming out at the end of 2022. Bob is also an accomplished stand-up comedian with two solo specials under his belt and a starring role in the recent Netflix comedy concert film *Stand Out* executive produced by Wanda Sykes. "Sibling Rivalry" – Bob's podcast with his comedy partner Monét X Change - is now on its sixth season and is also hitting the road playing major venues in the US and Canada in the Fall of 2022 and Winter of 2023.

Monét X Change: Born and bred in New York City, MONÉT X CHANGE is a comedian, singer, and actress and one of the winningest contestants in Drag Race History. Monet was named Miss Congeniality in season 10, co-winner in *All Stars* season 4, and the runner up on *All Stars* season 7. “Sibling Rivalry” – Monét’s podcast with his comedy partner Bob the Drag Queen - is now on its sixth season and is also hitting the road playing major venues in the US and Canada in the Fall of 2022 and Winter of 2023. Monét has also recently entered the stand-up comedy space, with a sold-out tour of clubs and small theaters kicking off in the summer of 2022.

Puddles Pity Party - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 8:00PM

Puddles Pity Party, the 7-foot sad clown whose golden voice is comparable to rock legends like Tom Jones and Freddie Mercury, has amassed nearly 900K YouTube subscribers and performed to sold out shows all over the globe. He recently performed in *Homeward Bound: A Grammy Salute to the Songs of Paul Simon* for CBS and is a surprise guest on the Season 4 finale of ABC’s *The Conners*. Deftly combining melancholy with the absurd, his one-of-a-kind “textured voice laced with melancholy” (NY Times) has been hailed as “operatic” (Boston Globe) and his show both “life-affirming” (Herald Scotland) and “hysterically funny” (LA Weekly). Not bad for a “loser” from *America’s Got Talent*!

Tanika Charles - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 4:00PM

Toronto-based 2x Juno Award nominee and Soul music power house, Tanika Charles, has slowly but surely inserted herself as a staple of the genre both at home and abroad. Her music revels in honesty and attitude, her live show is high energy and endearing, and she continues to win audiences over one album, one stream, and one encore at a time. Tanika recently released her third album, *Papillon de Nuit: The Night Butterfly*. *Papillon* again follows Tanika’s formula of marrying classic soul influences with modern sensibilities and features the songs “Frustrated”, “Million Ways”, and the disco-infused lead single “Different Morning” featuring Toronto rapper DijahSB.

Drag Me to Street, hosted by Tynomi Banks - Friday, September 23, 2022 | 7:15 PM

Now what the F is going on in here on this day? A free drag extravaganza, that’s what! Featuring amazing drag artists from across Canada, hosted by **Tynomi Banks** (*Canada’s Drag Race*), **HercuSleaze** (*Call Me Mother*), **Miss Moço** (*Canada’s Drag Race*), **Gisele Lullaby** (*Canada’s Drag Race*) & **Toddy** (*Call Me Mother*).

Josh Adam Meyers and The Goddamn Comedy Jam - Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25, 2022, daily at 6:00 PM

Every comic wants to be a rockstar and *The Goddamn Comedy Jam* is the intersection of comedy stardom and rock & roll dreams. Comedians will perform a stand up set and short story followed by a song of their choosing, accompanied by a live band. It is an unprecedented opportunity to shine as both a comedic star and rock God in an electrified outdoor rock concert atmosphere. Hosted by Josh Adam Meyers (Comedy Central/Netflix), and his house band, *Elemenopy*.

New Faces of Comedy: Canada - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 5:15PM

Come see the freshest Canadian comedians in the game gear up to take the microphone and change the face of comedy. These up-and-coming artists made a big splash at JFL MONTRÉAL this year, have been able to persevere through the global pandemic, perfect their craft, and are finally ready to share their talents on the Toronto stage. This year, our showcase includes **Allie Pearse, Ajahnis Charley, Ben Sosa Wright, Bree Parsons, Clare Belford, Conner Christmas, Laura Leibow, Malik Ellassal, Mike Green, and Wassim El-Mounzer.**

DJ Cipa Sounds - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 7:00PM

After an illustrious career in New York radio with Hot 97, where he was responsible for breaking artists like Rihanna and Rick Ross, Cipa Sounds turned years of touring as a DJ for major artists into a respected career in comedy. Since becoming the official DJ for Comedy Central's *Chappelle's Show*, he has continued to work with Dave Chappelle, joining him on tours as both a DJ and opening comedian. He is a regular DJ at *Saturday Night Live* after parties, and appeared in Michael Che's Netflix Special, *Michael Che Matters*. Having shared the stage with everyone from Jay-Z to Dave Chappelle, Cipa Sounds is truly a one-of-a-kind link between comedy and Hip Hop in New York.

DJ Killa-Jewel - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 7:00PM

A 25-year veteran of the underground Hip-Hop scene and turntablist community, DJ Killa-Jewel has rocked the decks across Canada, the U.S., Europe, Asia and Australia at some of the most prestigious clubs, concerts and festivals to date. Well-known for her collaboration with Thud Rumble's DJ Q-Bert in his *Do It Yourself Vol. 2* DVD, and trained in classical music, she spent years fusing Hip-Hop with the theatre milieu by composing "turntable music" live for theatrical productions, and touring extensively with Canadian actor and director Robert Lepage on his highly acclaimed productions *Zulu Time* (Co-produced by Peter Gabriel) and *The Buskers Opera*. She marries two different sonic worlds; one for the hardcore turntablist fans who enjoy a range of different scratch techniques, and the other for those whose ears are more attune to the time signature and electronically-synthesized sounds of modern-day trap music.

Plus, additional programming will be revealed soon!

COMEDYCON

In addition to this outdoor expansion, Just For Laughs TORONTO excitedly broadens the reach of their beloved daytime series, ComedyCON. With increasing popularity in comedy and entertainment gatherings, ComedyCON is promising to be one of Toronto's most fan-centric events, with a plethora of diverse programming including In-Conversations, TV cast panels, podcasts, behind-the-scenes exclusives; and new this year which is sure to be a massive draw, autograph sessions with some of your favorite comedic artists of today!!! Don't miss out on your chance to meet and get your photo with one of your comedic idols. Pre-booking will start on Friday, August 26th - with an exciting lineup of artists available at our Autograph and Photo Op Alley.

ComedyCON continues to grow an established residence amongst industry and fans, offering different opportunities to get up close and personal with their favourite

personalities; from stand-up comedians, to digital creators, and on-screen comedy stars.

Pulling back the curtain and offering fans exclusive access to some of today's most influential comedy stars, audiences will be able to listen in on never-before shared stories behind the making of some of today's hit TV shows with hilarious cast panels, live recordings of today's most popular podcasts, and so much more.

Appearing at 4 venues throughout Meridian Hall & the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, as part of ComedyCON this year is:

COMEDYCON HEADLINERS

The Bald and the Beautiful Podcast - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 2:00PM

Don't muss your wig with headphones! Come to Meridian Hall and listen as beloved comedic drag duo **Trixie Mattel and Katya Zamolodchikova** bring their hit podcast "**The Bald and the Beautiful**" LIVE to the Toronto ComedyCon stage!

The Bald and the Beautiful features a pair of grizzled gay ghouls exploring the cultural boundaries of modern beauty through interviews with gorgeous guests who inhabit various facets of the beauty industry. From models, moguls, influencers, drag queens, *RuPaul's Drag Race* contestants to adult performers, actors, and more, Trixie and Katya break down the beauty behind it all.

In Conversation with Issa Rae - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 1:00PM

Issa Rae first received attention for her award-winning web series and the accompanying New York Times best-seller, "The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl." She created and starred in the Peabody-award-winning HBO series *Insecure* which garnered her multiple Emmy® and Golden Globe® nominations. In 2020 Rae formed HOORAE, a multi-faceted media company that develops content across mediums in an effort to continue to break boundaries in storytelling and representation.

Come get the inside scoop on Issa's life as a media mogul who reaches back, the highs and lows of ending her groundbreaking, career-making series, *Insecure* and her latest HOORAE projects that are keeping her busy, happy and feeling anything but awkward.

TV CAST PANELS!

ComedyCON is bringing together the cast and creators of some of your favorite TV comedy series as part of this year's festival.

HBO's "Los Espookys" Season 2 Sneak Peek and Cast and Creator Panel - Friday, September 23, 2022 | 4:00PM

Join us for an advance screening of episode 2 and more sneak peeks from Season 2 of the highly anticipated, critically-acclaimed HBO comedy series, *Los Espookys*, hailed by Vanity Fair as "bilingual genius." The series follows a group of friends who turn their

shared passion for horror into a peculiar business, providing horror to clients who need it, in a dreamy Latin American country where the strange and eerie are just a part of daily life.

Following the screening, we'll hang out with the co-creators, writers, executive producers and stars of the show, **Fred Armisen, Ana Fabrega and Julio Torres** as they discuss the upcoming season, reveal behind-the-scenes stories and answer your questions about what "espoooky" them the most.

The series returns to HBO & HBO Max in the U.S. and CRAVE in Canada on September 16th.

RECORDING LIVE FROM TORONTO, YOUR FAVOURITE PODCASTS!

Elevate your podcast listening experience at this year's festival, by being in the (recording) room where it happens!

Seek Treatment with Cat and Pat Podcast - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 4:30PM

SEEK TREATMENT is a playful, fun, and flirty podcast where beloved and criminally under-famous comedians Catherine Cohen and Pat Regan talk about "boys, sex, dating, and love." Each week, Cat and Pat invite a non-boring guest to dish the dirt on living, laughing, and yeah...loving. They're just two shy slutty psychos who finally answer the question, "what if a gay guy and a girl...were friends?" If you don't listen....Seek Treatment!

Talk Clearlyer Podcast - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 11:00AM

Come listen to Ciphra Sounds and Wil Sylvince on "Talk Clearlyer" as they butcher the English language while discussing news, comedy, and everything in the Zeitgeist. Or just listen to hear them try to pronounce the word, "Zeitgeist."

Strictly Beloved Podcast - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 4:00PM

Dino Archie and Marito Lopez analyze the world around them through a beloved, hilarious, and honest lens.

Obsessed with Sophie Buddle Podcast - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 1:30PM

Award-winning comedian and writer Sophie Buddle interviews guests about their obsessions. From Beyoncé, to American politics, to checking if the door is locked, to revenge, tune in every week to find out more about hilarious people's obsessions.

TOPICAL COMEDY PANELS

Listen in on some of comedy's most in depth conversations about the industry, mental health, racism, and more with these thought-provoking panels!

NAACP Presents: North Meets South - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 12:00PM

An all-star panel of Black American and Canadian comedians discuss the dichotomy of balancing comedy with the weight of tackling racial issues that transcend our border. Moderated by Amanda Seales, this panel will explore the contrast between comedic

creativity and cultural expectations. How does the Black comedian achieve limitless appeal, while preserving an authentic and unapologetic voice?

Presented in collaboration with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Reductress Presents: *Our Satire, Ourselves* - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 11:00AM

Join moderator, and Reductress Editor-In-Chief, Sarah Pappalardo and a group of hilarious comics (to be announced shortly) as they discuss creating comedy in these fraught times and dismantle the patriarchy one joke at a time.

Ali Hassan: *Is There Bacon In Heaven?* - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 1:30PM

Comedian, actor and broadcaster Ali Hassan will bring the laughs as he reads from his hilarious new memoir, "Is There Bacon In Heaven?" (Simon & Schuster Canada), full of laugh-out-loud funny stories about his journey to becoming a cultural Muslim. Book signing to follow.

Eat My Shorts: Encore Short Film Screening

Just For Laughs Eat My Shorts showcases the funniest short films from around the world. These short films were first selected for the 2022 Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal, and are getting an encore screening on the big screen in Toronto at ComedyCON! The films include *Non-Negotiable*, "Julia", *Get Happy*, *BURDER*, *Snooze*, *Coleslaw*, *My First Native American Boyfriend*, *Aspirational Slut*, *I'm Not A Robot*, *Quarantine Fling*, *FUBU* and *Sleepover Mom*.

In addition, ComedyCON will play host to many great In Conversations events which include: *In Conversation with **Craig Ferguson***, *In Conversation with **Neal Brennan***, *In Conversation with **Craig Robinson***, and *In Conversation with **Alok Vaid-Menon***.

THE 42

Just For Laughs TORONTO continues to expand its robust standup lineup, with the addition of even more acts performing as part of The 42! Featuring artists you will recognize from their hit international specials and tours, to familiar faces from TV and movies, these comedic additions are not to be overlooked!

Added as part of the 42 this year, performing in venues around the city are:

**for specific venue locations, dates, times and pass info, visit toronto.hahaha.com*

Jerrod Carmichael: Jerrod Carmichael is evolving the landscape of comedy with his groundbreaking work as a performer and creator in stand-up, television and film. Last year, Jerrod released *Rothaniel*, the deeply personal HBO special directed by Bo Burnham that is equal parts conversation, confession and comedy routine. Prior to,

Jerrod was an executive producer on the hit Hulu series *Ramy*, and produced the FOX series *REL*. Jerrod starred in, wrote and produced the hit NBC series *The Carmichael Show*. On the big screen, Jerrod joined the cast in Michael Bay's *Transformers: The Last Knight*, and appeared in James Franco's 2017 film, *The Disaster Artist*. He made his directorial debut with the film *On the Count of Three*, which premiered at Sundance 2021 to extensive critical acclaim. He is also known for *Sermon on the Mount* and *Home Videos*, a two-part HBO special released in 2019 that carries intimate conversations with the women in his family after returning home to North Carolina for candid discussions on sex, confidence, beauty standards and feminism.

Los Espookys: The Stand-up Show, featuring Julio Torres, Ana Fabrega, and Fred Armisen: Creators of the critically-acclaimed HBO series *Los Espookys*, Ana Fabrega, Jolio Torres and Fred Armisen will be showcasing their comedic skills in "Los Espookys: the Stand-Up Show".

Fred Armisen's career began as a musician in the Chicago-based post-punk band Trenchmouth as well as the Blue Man Group. His transition to comedy came with the 1998 underground short film *Fred Armisen's Guide to Music and South by SouthWest*.n 11-season veteran of *Saturday Night Live*, Armisen has engaged audiences with memorable impressions and characters. In 2014, Armisen was named band leader of the 8G Band on *Late Night with Seth Meyers*. The band, curated by Armisen, includes members of indie rock bands Les Savy Fav and Girls against Boys. Armisen plays with the band when he is not in production on one of his other projects.

Ana Fabrega is an actor, writer, and comedian. She is the co-creator, co-writer, EP and star of the critically acclaimed HBO Spanish language comedy series *Los Espookys* alongside Julio Torres. She has appeared as one of Vulture's "38 Comedians You Should and Will Know". Her comedy has also been chosen for Just For Laughs' 2017 New Faces: Characters and for Comedy Central's "Comics to Watch" for the 2016 New York Comedy Festival.

Julio Torres is an Emmy-nominated and WGA-winning writer and comedian from El Salvador. Torres is the star, co-creator, writer and executive producer of *Los Espookys*, which debuts its second season on September. 16th. Torres recently released his picture book, "I Want to Be a Vase". Illustrated by animator and designer Julian Glander and inspired by Torres' first HBO standup special, *My Favorite Shapes*. Torres is currently in post-production on his feature film debut. Starring opposite Academy-Award winner Tilda Swinton, Isabella Rossellini, and RZA, Torres also wrote and directed the film. He received four Emmy nominations for his work on *Saturday Night Live*, on which he has served as a writer from 2016 to 2021. He currently resides in Brooklyn, NY.

Todd Barry: Todd Barry has released three one-hour stand-up specials including his latest one for Netflix, *Spicy Honey*. He's appeared on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Conan* and *Late Night With Seth Meyers* and his acting credits include *The Wrestler*, *Road Trip*, *Flight of the Concords*, *Chappelle's Show*, *Spin City*, and *Sex and the City*. You may have heard his voice on the animated series *Bob's Burgers*, *Dr. Katz*, *Professional Therapist*, and *Aqua Teen*

Hunger Force. Todd is also the author of the critically-acclaimed 2017 travel memoir "Thank You For Coming To Hattiesburg".

Alex Edelman: *Just For Us* takes the audience through hilarious anecdotes from Alex Edelman's life — his Olympian brother AJ, an unconventional holiday season, and a gorilla that can do sign language — but at its center is an astonishing and frighteningly relevant story. After a string of anti-Semitic abuse is directed at Edelman online, he decides to covertly attend a gathering of White Nationalists in New York City and comes face to face with the people behind the keyboards. The result is a hair-raising encounter that gives *Just For Us* its title and final, jaw-dropping twist.

Nick Thune: Nick Thune is a comedian and actor, who hails from the Great Northwest, where he spent his early years growing up. Nick's absurdist view and deadpan wit have distinguished his unique style of storytelling mixed with one-liners. Nick has appeared on *The Tonight Show* 10 times, *Conan* 2 times, and *Late Night* once. He performs comedy to sold out crowds across the country, and around the world.

The Alternative Show hosted by Mark Forward: Mark Forward has done stand-up on *John Oliver's New York Stand-Up Show* (Comedy Central), *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* (CBS), *Funny As Hell* (HBO), and *Just For Laughs: All Access* (The Comedy Network). His TV work includes "Coach" on the Crave/Hulu Comedy series *Letterkenny*, Donny Mashman on Season 3 of *Fargo* on FX. Mark also has 2 one-hour Comedy Specials titled *Mark Forward presents Mark Forward*, or *Mark Forward wins all the awards* which can be seen on Crave.

Pat Regan: Pat Regan is a stand-up comedian in New York City, of all places. After three years as a house improviser at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in New York, he has spent the past few years focusing exclusively on stand-up. Pat has performed at venues across the city, including: Caroline's on Broadway, Ars Nova, Littlefield, Union Hall, Knitting Factory, The Bell House, and The Duplex with his stand-up shows *Unsuccessful by Choice* (FKA *Pat Regan: Unrepped and Loving It!*) and *Essgays*. Pat has performed at Outside Lands, NY Comedy Festival, the Michigan LGBT ComedyFest, NYTVF, Podfest NYC, Vulture Festival, and Comedy Central's Clusterfest. Pat has been featured in publications such as NEW YORK TIMES, OUT, VULTURE, and most recently PAPER MAGAZINE. Pat has several projects in development and is currently in his second season writing for the Emmy Nominated and Critically Acclaimed HBO Max Original series, *Hacks*.

Got Land?: Got Land? expresses solidarity through humour. Got Land? Comedy is a stand-up comedy variety show, where First Nation, Inuk and Metis entertainers tell jokes and share life stories. Nation to nation comedians will showcase their material for allies, the indigenous community, and for Just For Laughs audiences. Featuring: **Nicole Etitiq, Vance Banzo, Don Kelly, Janelle Niles, Dakota Ray Hebert, and Chad Anderson.**

Late Night Surprise: Who doesn't love a spot-on show title? Late Night Surprise is exactly that: a late-night show in an intimate venue with a surprise lineup that changes every night. What's so special is that we pull out all the stops for this one. Perhaps you'll be lucky enough to see your favorite performer testing some new never-before-

seen material, or maybe you'll get to discover new talents. Two things are certain: it happens late, and the surprises are well worth it ;)

JFL420 with Mike Rita: For over a decade comedian Mike Rita hosted a law breaking, underground comedy show that was world famous for one thing. It was one of the only open 420 friendly comedy shows in the world. Each week people from around the city, locals and tourists alike packed Stoner Sundays to enjoy themselves and the room. Now Just For Laughs welcomes *The 420 Show with Mike Rita* to our Toronto festival with 5 jam packed shows featuring some of the best comedians in the world, in a one-of-a-kind environment!

For full show details, artist bios and photos, visit the official **Just For Laughs TORONTO** website [here](#).

TICKET DETAILS:

Just For Laughs TORONTO operates as a pass and ticket based interactive comedy festival through the JFLTO App, powered by Virgin Plus. The app allows for increased interactivity, efficient messaging and a more streamlined credit system.

Pass holders are given the opportunity to see headliners and all of the “42” & CON acts over 10 days, along with the freedom to create their own schedule and experience. Once checked in at a show, their show credit is immediately returned, allowing for the opportunity to book another show instantaneously. With this revolutionized accessibility to the reservation system offered by the app, more and more people are able to check out the hilarious acts all across Toronto.

Passes and tickets will be available to the public as of **Friday, August 26 as of 10:00 AM** at toronto.hahaha.com

Festival passes range from \$69 to \$209 CDN (excluding service charges). Single tickets range from \$29.50 to \$69.50 CDN (excluding service charges)

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ABOUT JUST FOR LAUGHS TORONTO

Established in 2012 and now in its tenth year, Just For Laughs TORONTO (*formerly known as JFL42*), is a pass-based interactive comedy festival based in Toronto, created by the Just For Laughs Group, the most important player in the global comedy industry co-owned by Groupe CH, Bell Media and ICM Partners. Developed with a mandate to celebrate the most hilarious, innovative, riveting and relevant comedy experiences in the world with Toronto audiences, Just For Laughs Toronto's unique interactive pass-based ticketing and reservation system makes it the first comedy festival of its kind. Just For Laughs entertains millions of spectators with its festivals on Canadian and international stages, in Montréal; Toronto; Vancouver; Austin, U.S.A.; Sydney, Australia and London, U.K. 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.

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