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JUST FOR LAUGHS TORONTO

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**JUST FOR LAUGHS TORONTO MAKES
ITS HIGHLY ANTICIPATED GRAND RETURN
THIS SEPTEMBER, PROMISING TO BE EVEN BIGGER
AND FUNNIER THAN EVER BEFORE!**

**COMEDYCON IS BACK FOR THREE FULL DAYS OF
JAM-PACKED DAYTIME PROGRAMMING
FEATURING TODAY'S MOST SOUGHT-AFTER STARS,
INCLUDING CELEBRITY CAST PANELS, IN
CONVERSATIONS, PODCAST RECORDINGS,
PHOTO/AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS, *AND MORE!***

THE FESTIVAL REVEALS THE FIRST SLATE OF ARTISTS INCLUDING:

**TREVOR NOAH - JOHN MULANEY - AMY SCHUMER
TRIXIE & KATYA LIVE - ISSA RAE
ILIZA SHLESINGER - BEN SCHWARTZ
MIKE BIRBIGLIA - TIM DILLON - DEON COLE
MARC MARON - MARIA BAMFORD - VIR DAS - AMANDA SEALES
NEAL BRENNAN - RHYS NICHOLSON - ALOK
NOT ANOTHER D&D PODCAST - CATHERINE COHEN
JOEL KIM BOOSTER - BETH STELLING - IVAN DECKER
MELISSA VILLASEÑOR - ATSUKO OKATSUKA - GOT LAND?
KURT BRAUNOHLER - SOPHIE BUDDLE - RANDY FELTFACE ...
*and so much more!***

TORONTO, June 14, 2022 - Just For Laughs TORONTO (formerly JFL42), presented by Beneva, in collaboration with SiriusXM Canada, is ecstatic to reveal the first slate of jaw-dropping, all-star programming for the long-awaited festival return, running in venues

across Toronto from September 22 to October 1, 2022. Just For Laughs TORONTO is pulling out all the stops this fall, promising to be the city's biggest comedy event of the year.

In addition to delivering one of the most expansive comedy lineups in North America, Just For Laughs TORONTO is extending its impressive reach with arena, concert and club shows, and unmatched programming for its daytime ComedyCON series.

"We are very much looking forward to returning to Toronto to celebrate our 10th festival anniversary this fall, and are excited to be bringing so much premium standup comedy to the city", shares **Bruce Hills, President of Just For Laughs**.

Performing as part of this year's festival are some of today's most celebrated comedy stars:

Headlining this year's festival is the host of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, former host of the 2021 and 2022 Grammy Awards, and eleven-time Emmy nominee, **Trevor Noah** who will be returning to Toronto this fall, as well two-time Emmy and WGA awardwinning writer, actor, and comedian **John Mulaney**. Emmy-winning and Golden Globenominated standup comedian, actress, writer, producer and director, **Amy Schumer** is set to perform, as well as **Trixie Mattel and Katya Zamolodchikova**, the beloved iconic comedic drag duo known for their award-winning YouTube series *UNHhhh* and the hit podcast *The Bald and the Beautiful*. **Iliza Shlesinger**, awardwinning comedian, actor, writer and producer who has five Netflix standup specials, including *Elder Millennial*, together with comedian and actor, **Ben Schwartz**, who can be seen in AppleTV+'s *The Afterparty*, will be taking the Toronto stage, as well as comedian and storyteller **Mike Birbiglia**, who has praised solo shows with coveted offBroadway runs, including *The New One*, which recently moved to Broadway and received a Drama Desk Award. Best known for his role in the ABC sitcom *Black-ish*, which earned him two SAG Awards, actor, comedian and screenwriter, **Deon Cole** makes JFL TORONTO debut.

Additional performers include American stand-up comedian, and prolific voice actor, **Maria Bamford**, critically revered for her deeply personal and experimental comedy about mental illness, as well as standup comedian and host of the wildly popular podcast, *WTF with Marc Maron*, **Marc Maron** will be performing. Emmy-nominated writer, comedian, and podcast host, **Neal Brennan**, best known for co-creating and cowriting Comedy Central's Chappelle's Show with Dave Chappelle, and for his Netflix standup special *3 Mics*, joins the lineup. Internationally acclaimed transfeminine writer, comedian, performer, fashion icon, activist and public speaker, **ALOK** will be taking the Toronto stage, as will actress, comedian and singer, **Catherine Cohen** fresh off her Netflix Special *The Twist...? She's Gorgeous*. Comedian and impressions expert from NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, **Melissa Villaseñor** will perform, as will Canadian comedians **Al Val** and **Allie Pearse** who can be seen on CBC Gem's *New Wave of Standup*.

JFL is excited to introduce a new standup comedy variety show, **Got Land?** where First Nation, Inuk and Metis performers entertain and share life stories, all expressing solidarity through humour. Also performing at this year's festival is Canadian Comedy Award nominee **Ali Hassan** - a regular host on CBC Radio's *Laugh Out Loud* and frequent guest star on CBC's *Run The Burbs* and *Working Moms*. **Sophie Buddle** is a stand-up, a TV writer, a podcaster, and 2020 Juno Award winner for Best Comedy Album. You've seen her on CBS's *The Late Late Show with James Corden*, and on CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* as a correspondent and staff writer. Her podcast "Obsessed with Sophie Buddle" was also an instant hit. **Mark Little**, an award-winning actor, writer and comedian, has appeared at JFL, on TBS' *Conan*, and was named one of Variety's 10 Comics To Watch. He voiced notable characters in blockbuster films including *Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs*, *Transformers: BotBots* and many others. Actor and comedian, **Dakota Ray Hebert** has performed across Canada, the United States, Mexico, and China. She won Best Actress at AIFF for her role in the critically acclaimed film *Run Woman Run*, and her debut solo comedy album *I'll Give You An Indian Act*, will be available to stream this year.

ComedyCON, Just For Laughs TORONTO's daytime programming series will be taking over Meridian Hall for four non-stop days of live comedy content, offering fans the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of their favourite stars! The first two headliners will blow your mind! Creator and star of the award-winning HBO series *Insecure*, Golden Globe and Emmy nominated actor and comedian, **Issa Rae** will be doing an *In Conversation* at this year's festival. A robust slate of programming will be announced in the coming weeks.

Just For Laughs TORONTO 2022 Lineup

Lineup subject to change **Headliners:**

Trevor Noah: Back to Abnormal World Tour - Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 2022 | Scotiabank Arena | 8:00 PM & 7:30 PM

John Mulaney: From Scratch - Thursday, September, 22 2022 | Scotiabank Arena | 8:00 PM

Amy Schumer: Whore Tour - Friday, September, 23 2022 | Coca-Cola Coliseum | 7:00 PM

Trixie & Katya Live - Friday, September 23, 2022 | Meridian Hall | 7:00 PM

Iliza Shlesinger: Back in Action - Saturday, October 1, 2022 | Meridian Hall | 7:00 PM

Ben Schwartz & Friends - Sunday, September 25, 2022 | Meridian Hall | 7:00 PM

Mike Birbiglia: The Old Man and the Pool - Thursday, September 29, 2022 - Saturday, October 1, 2022 | Meridian Hall | 7:00 PM & 9:30 PM

Tim Dillon - Friday, September 30, 2022 | Meridian Hall | 7:00 PM

Deon Cole - Saturday, September 24, 2022 | Meridian Hall | 7:00 PM

ComedyCon Headliners:

In Conversation with Issa Rae – Saturday, September 24, 2022 | Meridian Hall | 1:00 PM

Lineup:

*performance dates vary for artists below

Vir Das

Marc Maron

Amanda Seales

Maria Bamford

Neal Brennan

Not Another D&D Podcast

ALOK

Catherine Cohen

Rhys Nicholson

Melissa Villaseñor

Joel Kim Booster Beth Stelling

Atsuko Okatsuka Kurt

Braunohler Ivan Decker Got

Land?

Sophie Buddle

Randy Feltface

Ali Hassan

Mark Little

Emmy Blotnick

Laurie Kilmartin

Matt Richards

Marito Lopez

Dino Archie

Dakota Ray Hebert

Mike Rita

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Courtney Gilmour & Hisham Kelati

Moe Ismail & Juliana Rodrigues
Ola Dada & Ben Sosa Wright
Absolute Comedy

Yuk Yuk's
The Second City
Nothing Fancy

ComedyCON 2022 Lineup *With 50+ more acts to be announced in August!*

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

Additional programming for the upcoming **Just For Laughs TORONTO** festival will be revealed in the coming weeks.

TICKET DETAILS:

Passes will be available starting **Friday, June 10, 2022 as of 10:00 AM** at www.toronto.hahaha.com

Tickets will be available to the public as of **Friday, June 17, 2022 as of 10:00 AM** at www.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 passbased 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.

For more information on Just For Laughs TORONTO, visit: toronto.hahaha.com

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