

# JUST FOR LAUGHS

**Just For Laughs honoured at Canada's Walk of Fame Gala**

**Global leader in comedy, Just For Laughs, becomes first-ever comedy festival and second-ever Quebec company to be inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame**

**CELEBRATING GREATNESS: CANADA'S WALK OF FAME 2022 airs Saturday, December 17 at 7 p.m. ET on CTV, CTV.ca and the CTV app**

**Montreal, December 5, 2023** – Just For Laughs was officially welcomed into Canada's Walk of Fame on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Charles Décarie, President & CEO of Just For Laughs Group**, and **Bruce Hills, President of Just For Laughs** unveiled a representation of the star that will be placed on Canada's Walk of Fame at the induction gala evening, that featured tributes and performances from Canada's brightest stars and Canada's Walk of Fame alumni.



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Charles Décarie said, "We are truly delighted to be receiving a star on Canada's Walk of Fame. When we organized our first festival in Montreal 40 years ago, our mission was simple – we wanted to spread

laughter. But we had no idea how far our laughter would reach nor how influential our festival would become. Just For Laughs/Juste pour rire Montreal is the world's largest bilingual comedy festival that attracts a roster of internationally acclaimed artists year on year. In addition, Just For Laughs festivals now take place in numerous cities around the world."

Bruce Hills added, "We feel very honored to have played an instrumental role in developing the careers of so many comedians, both here in Canada, as well as from around the world. Over the years, we have also been privileged to work with incredibly supportive international and Canadian broadcasters who have helped us bring comedy into the homes of audiences worldwide. These broadcasts have also inspired thousands of upcoming comedians who made it their goal to perform at Just For Laughs after watching our specials."

"We're proud to have inducted Just For Laughs / Juste pour rire into Canada's Walk of Fame on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and in a time when comedy is needed more than ever," said Jeffrey Latimer, CEO of Canada's Walk of Fame.

Photos of the event are available to download [here](#).

#### **ABOUT JUST FOR LAUGHS GROUP**

Global leader in comedy and home to the #1 Comedy Festival in the World, Just for Laughs Group has been launching and championing top comedic talent - from Jerry Seinfeld, Kevin Hart, Amy Schumer, Ali Wong, Bill Burr, Hasan Minhaj, Jimmy Carr, Trevor Noah, John Mulaney and countless others for close to 40 years. Founded in 1983, the company is a vertically integrated international powerhouse in the creation of multiplatform comedic content. Every year, millions of spectators are entertained at its worldwide festivals, from Montréal – the biggest comedy event in the world – to Toronto and Vancouver, Canada; Austin, U.S.A.; London, UK; and Sydney, Australia; featuring thousands of Canadian and international comedians - from well-established artists to aspiring up-and-comers. With concentrated growth on television development and production, the Group's digital and televised content is shown in over 150 countries and followed by an online audience of over 14 million. In addition, the Group produces touring shows, stages its own musicals, provides talent management services for Quebec artists and is the originator of the ComedyPRO and JPR Pro industry conferences together with the daytime, fan centric, ComedyCON event. For more information, visit [hahaha.com](http://hahaha.com).

#### **ABOUT CANADA'S WALK OF FAME**

Canada's Walk of Fame is a national not-for-profit organization that inspires Canadians by proudly shining a light on extraordinary achievers and their journeys. Canada's Walk of Fame recognizes the significant impact of Canadian accomplishments and provides the foremost national platform to celebrate achievement in the fields of Arts & Entertainment, Sports & Athletics, Entrepreneurship & Philanthropy, Humanitarianism, and Science, Technology & Innovation. Current programs include the RBC Emerging Musician Program, the Community Hero and National Hero Programs, the Hometown Stars initiative including charitable donations to our Inductees' causes, and the nationally televised broadcast designated by the CRTC as a program of national interest. Canada's Walk of Fame has over 200 inductions to date, with stars having a permanent place of tribute on the streets of Toronto's Entertainment District. For a complete list of Inductees along with more information on Canada's Walk of Fame, visit:

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