

# MOONTOWER

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

### AUSTIN

## MOONTOWER JUST FOR LAUGHS AUSTIN UNVEILS AMAZING NEW HEADLINERS, PODCASTS, AND MORE

TONS OF NEW ACTS NOW HEADED TO AUSTIN, TEXAS,  
FOR TWO WEEKS OF UNPARALLELED COMEDY  
APRIL 12-23, 2023

TALENT ADDITIONS INCLUDE,  
JENNY SLATE, LESLIE JONES, SAMANTHA BEE,  
MEGAN STALTER + SARAH SHERMAN + PATTI HARRISON,  
ZIWE, MONÉT X CHANGE, JAY PHAROAH, RANDY FELTFACE, MATT RIFE,  
AND MORE

*Badges on Sale Now!*

**AUSTIN, TEXAS (February 9, 2023)** — Moontower Just For Laughs AUSTIN festival is pleased to announce that even more of comedy's brightest stars will be performing at this year's two-week comedy event taking place in over 10+ venues citywide for two weeks between April 12-23, 2023 and featuring original shows, live podcast recordings, fabulous drag queens, Spanish stand-up acts and more. A host of new international and local talent will now be joining previously announced hilarious heavyweights **Trevor Noah, Seth Myers, Chelcie Lynn, Ben Schwartz and Friends, Vir Das, Giggly Squad, Nimesh Patel** to round out Austin's can't-miss-comedy experience.

New headliners now coming to the Paramount Theatre include *Saturday Night Live* alum, stand-up comedian, recent *Daily Show* guest-host **Leslie Jones**; actor, comedian and recently Oscar-nominated for the hit film MARCEL THE SHELL, **Jenny Slate** and **Samantha Bee**, known for her critically acclaimed show *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*, **Ziwe** host and producer of Showtime's late-night talk show *Ziwe*; and drag queen **Monét X Change**, who you may remember from *RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars* are also on tap for the Paramount. **Megan Stalter** (*Hacks*), **Patti Harrison** (*I Think You Should Leave*), and **Sarah Sherman** (*Saturday Night Live*) will head to the stage to perform together as a trio.

New acts now performing at The State Theatre include previous *SNL* cast member and a hilarious stand-up comedian, actor, impressionist and rapper **Jay Pharoah**, purple puppet Australian comedy sensation, **Randy Feltface**, and fellow performer on NBC's *Bring the Funny*, **Matt Rife**, also known for his self-produced comedy special *Only Fans*.

Each year at Moontower Just For Laughs AUSTIN much of the magic is found in the club shows at venues around town, like Cap City Comedy Club, which this year plays host to plenty of must-see comics from *America's Got Talent* favorite and "golden buzzer" recipient **Mike E. Winfield**, and **Mark Smalls**, cohost of the *Country Club Adjacent* podcast; to **Judy Gold**, host of the *Kill Me Now* podcast.

Also performing as part of the club shows are **Ashley Gavin**, host of the *We're Having Gay Sex* podcast; marbledmedia's hit Netflix reality show *Drink Masters* host, **Tone Bell**, and star of ABC's Emmy award-winning sitcom *Abbott Elementary*, **Lisa Ann Walter**, along with British comedy favorite and Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, **Dane Baptise**, and **Shalewa Sharpe**, who's bringing the one-person show, *Dulce Sloan presents Don't Reach in the Bag with Shalewa Sharpe*.

New acts being added to the festival's growing list of live podcasts and original shows include **Bein' Ian with Jordan Jensen and Ian Fidance**, **Dumb People Town with The Sklar Brothers and Daniel Van Kirk**, **That's Messed Up with Liza Treyger and Klara Klank**, **Y'all Gay with Ali Clayton and Ever Mainard**, and **Robert Kelly's You Know What Dude!** This new lineup also introduces more of Austin's funniest comedians including **Vanessa Gonzalez**, **Avery Moore**, and recent "Funniest Person in Austin" winner **Tyler Groce**.

Attendees can build their own experience with this year's badge options. Each "Club Badge" gets you access to all club shows—star-studded showcases, stand-up, podcasts, screenings, panels, and more—plus nightly parties and lounges during the 4-day comedy binge from April 19-22, while giving you early access to purchase tickets to headliner shows in the largest venues, including Paramount and State. Fans can upgrade their Club Badge to a Club Plus or Club Premium for even earlier access to headliner presales for the best seats in the house and other perks like skip-the-line entry to club shows.

A popular option with fest-goers this year is the "Bestie Bundle," which gets you \$25 off every badge when you buy two or more badges. Bestie Bundles also ensure you can sit next to your fest friends when purchasing tickets during headliner presales.

Moontower Just For Laughs AUSTIN badges and tickets to previously announced Paramount & State headliners are on sale now and available for purchase at [moontowercomedyfest.com](https://moontowercomedyfest.com). Badge holder presale for new headliner ticket access will begin Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and run through Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> with all headliner tickets going on sale Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 12pm CST. You can also purchase badges at the Paramount Theatre box office or by calling 512-474-1221.

Below, you'll find the current festival lineup. Additional performers and events will be added to the Moontower 2023 lineup in the coming months.

### **Moontower Just For Laughs AUSTIN 2023 Talent Lineup**

*Paramount & Stateside Headliners are in bold; \* denotes Moontower debut; Lineup subject to change*

Adam Ray

Alex English\*

Ali Clayton\*

Andrew Murphy

Angelina Martin

Ariel Elias\*

Ashley Gavin\*

Ashley Sharma

Avery Moore

**Ben Schwartz & Friends\***

Big Jay Oakerson

Blair Socci\*

**Brad Williams**

Brandi Davis

Brett VerVourt

Brian Posehn

Bryson Brown

**Carlos Ballarta**

Carlton Wilcoxon

Cat Swantner

**Chelcie Lynn\***

**Chris Distefano**

Chris Tellez

Clara Blackstone

Dana Gould

Dane Baptiste\*

Daniel Van Kirk

Danny Goodwin

Daphnique Springs\*

David Nihill\*

Derrick Stroupe\*

Devon Walker

Doug Mellard

Dulce Sloan

Dylan Sullivan

Emil Wakim\*

Ever Mainard\*

**Felipe Esparza\***

Goddamn Comedy Jam

Gianmarco Soresi\*

**Giggly Squad\***

Girl God\*

Gray Fagan\*

Guy Branum

Holly Hart

Ian Bagg\*

Ian Fidance

Ian Lara\*

Isa Medina\*

Jamali Maddix\*

Jason Rodriguez\*

**Jay Pharoah**

**Jenny Slate**

Jeremiah Watkins

Jesus Trejo

Jo Firestone

Joe List

Joey Zimmerman

John Hoelt\*

John Wynn\*

Jon Rudnitsky

Jordan Jensen\*

Josh Adam Meyers

Judy Gold\*

Justin Hicks

Kara Klenk

**Kenny Sebastian\***

Laura Peek\*

Laurie Kilmartin

**Leslie Jones**

Lil Sasquatch

Lisa Ann Walter\*

Liza Treyger

Luke Mones\*

Maddy Smith

Maddie Weiner\*

Marcello Hernandez\*

**Maria Bamford**

Marie Faustin\*

Mark Smalls\*

Martin Urbano

**Matt Rife\***

Michael Longfellow\*

Mike E. Winfield\*

Mike Falzone

Mike Macrae

Mike Vecchione

Mimi Meier\*

Molly Kearney\*

**Monet X Change\***

Moses Storm\*

Nick Saverino

**Nimesh Patel\***

Paris Sashay

Pat Regan

Paul Elia

**Preacher Lawson**

Punkie Johnson\*

Ralph Barbosa

**Randy Feltface\***

**Robert Kelly**

Rochelle McConico\*

Rojo Perez

Roxy Castillo

Ruby Dickulous\*

Sahib Singh\*

**Samantha Bee\***

Sarah Tollemache\*

Sawyer Stull

Sean Reilly\*

**Seth Meyers**

Shalewa Sharpe\*

Shane Torres

Sophie Buddle

**Stalter/Sherman/Harrison\***

Taylor Dowdy

The Sklar Brothers

Tom Rhodes

Tone Bell\*

Tony Casillas\*

Tyler Groce

Vanessa Gonzalez

**Vir Das**

Zach Zucker

**ZIWE\***

## Moontower Live Podcast & Shows

*Bein' Ian with Jordan* with Ian Fidance and Jordan Jensen  
*Don't Reach in the Bag* with Shalewa Sharpe  
*Dumb People Town* with The Sklar Brothers and Daniel Van Kirk  
*GDCJ*  
*Glow Show*  
*Hello, Lover*  
*Joke of Painting*  
*Perfect Cult*  
*Podcast But Outside*  
*Scumberparty*  
*Stamptown* with Zach Zucker  
*Stamptown En Espanol*  
*Stand Up on the Spot* with Jeremiah Watkins  
*Tag It!* with The Sklar Brothers  
*That's Messed Up* with Liza Treyger  
*The 500* with Josh Adam Meyers  
*We're Having Gay Sex* with Ashley Gavin  
*WYFD?*  
*Y'all Gay* with Ali Clayton and Ever Mainard  
*Robert Kelly's You Know What Dude!*

Stay tuned for more talent announcements in the coming months. For up-to-date information on the festival, go to [moontowercomedyfest.com](http://moontowercomedyfest.com), follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MoontowerComedy](https://www.facebook.com/MoontowerComedy), Twitter [@moontowercomedy](https://twitter.com/moontowercomedy), and Instagram [@MoontowerComedy](https://www.instagram.com/MoontowerComedy).

**Press materials:** [use this link to directly download](#) available images of artists from the 2023 lineup.

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### ABOUT MOONTOWER COMEDY

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 THE 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).

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