



**JFL42, TORONTO'S COMEDY FESTIVAL, IS BACK FEATURING
HEADLINERS SETH MEYERS, JO KOY, WANDA SYKES, HANNIBAL BURESS,
ANTHONY JESELNİK, CHRIS D'ELIA, and KEN JEONG**

**JOINING THIS YEAR'S "42": LIL REL HOWERY, NICK SWARDSON, JEFF ROSS, MARIA
BAMFORD, MARGARET CHO, DAX SHEPARD, NEAL BRENNAN, BRIDGET EVERETT, NIKKI
GLASER, ANTHONY ATAMANUIK, JERMAINE FOWLER, GREG PROOPS, DONNELL
RAWLINGS, RYAN HAMILTON, FORTUNE FEIMSTER, ANDY KINDLER, DULCÉ SLOAN,
GRAHAM CHITTENDEN, SIRIUSXM TOP COMIC, MATT BRAUNGER, MARK FORWARD,
STERLING SCOTT, ISMO, NATHAN MACINTOSH, EMMA WILLMANN, MATTEO LANE,
TOM THAKKAR, CHANTEL MAROSTICA, GUY MONTGOMERY, GRAHAM CLARK,
COURTNEY GILMOUR, THE COOTIES, GAVIN MATTS,
AND MORE!**

*The Seventh Edition of Toronto's Comedy Festival Returns
from September 20 – 29, 2018*

Toronto, May 29, 2018- The seventh annual JFL42 Festival, in association with SiriusXM, is returning to Toronto from September 20 – 29 with the first roster of headliners confirmed to take the stage at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts: **Seth Meyers, Jo Koy, Wanda Sykes, Hannibal Buress, Anthony Jeselnik, Chris D'Elia** and **Ken Jeong**. Featuring a boisterous combination of comedy's esteemed stand-ups and rising stars, JFL42 gives you big laughs assembling some of the funniest artists for Toronto's biggest comedy event of the year. Passes to JFL42 go on sale Friday, June 1 at 10:00 AM. Tickets go on sale Friday, June 8 at 10:00 AM.

Good things come in threes, which is why **ComedyCon's** third year at JFL42 promises to be the best yet. The unmatched daytime program will take place from September 21 to 23 and September 28 to 29 as it continues to grow by popular demand. Highlights include more *In Conversations* than ever before starring Jo Koy, Wanda Sykes, Anthony Jeselnik, Chris D'Elia, Ken Jeong, Lil Rel Howery, Margaret Cho, Maria Bamford, and Anthony Atamanuik (as Donald Trump). This year's up-close and hysterical cast panels will feature the faces of the award-

winning CBC TV breakout comedies *Workin' Moms* and *Baroness von Sketch Show*. Popular podcasts Dax Shepard's *Armchair Expert*, *Thick Skin with Jeff Ross*, *Inside the Closet*, *Mike on Much*, and *The Dork Forest* podcast will give fans the opportunity to attend and intimately experience podcasts they've only ever tuned into on their devices. From the chance to listen in on candid conversations with their favourite comedians, to hearing behind-the-scenes secrets of their favourite comedy shows and podcasts, audiences will get to learn more about the inner workings of the comedy business. Each of the **ComedyCon** events are available to JFL42 pass holders.

Headlining at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts:

Seth Meyers (Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 PM and 9:45 PM): Emmy Award-winning writer and host of *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, Meyers began his TV career with a 13-season run on *Saturday Night Live* in 2001. Named one of 2014 Time Magazine's *100 Most Influential People*, his legendary 2011 White House Correspondents Dinner monologue was one for the books. Meyers also co-created the cult comedy favourite, IFC's Emmy-nominated docu-parody series, *Documentary Now* with SNL alums Fred Armisen and Bill Hader.

Jo Koy (Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 PM and Friday, September 21 at 9:45 PM): In 2017, Jo Koy broke a record for the most tickets sold by a comedian at Blaisdell Concert Hall in Honolulu with 11 sold-out shows and over 23,000 tickets sold. His current 2018 tour has close to 200 booked shows, and will be stopping in venues all over the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and Asia. With all new material, Koy brings his personal life to the stage sharing what it's like raising a teenage son to growing up with a Filipino mother. One of today's premiere stand-up comedians, don't miss the opportunity to experience Jo's infectious and explosive energy on stage.

Wanda Sykes (Sunday, September 23 at 7:00 PM): Multi-award-winning actress, producer, and comic, Wanda Sykes has been seen on several television shows for the last 20 years. Recently, she appeared on ABC's *Black-ish*, Comedy Central's *Broad City*, HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and was one of the head writers on ABC's reboot of *Roseanne*. Both her first and second HBO stand up specials *Wanda Sykes; Sick and Tired* and *I'ma Be Me* were nominated for Primetime Emmy awards. Sykes starred and produced the Comedy Central show *Wanda Does It*, her own late-night talk show on FOX, *The Wanda Sykes Show*, not to mention 5 years as part of the HBO's critically acclaimed *Chris Rock Show*. She's been called one of the funniest stand-up comedians by her peers and ranks among Entertainment Weekly's 25 Funniest People in America. Her smart-witted stand-up has made her an audience favourite.

Hannibal Buress (Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 PM): Hannibal Buress is a fan-favourite comedian, writer, and podcast host. *The New York Times* called him one of the most "supremely gifted and respected" comics around and the FADER said subscribing to his podcast, *Handsome Rambler*, is a must. Buress appears in Comedy Central's *Broad City* and is a regular on the late-night circuit, recently appearing with Dave Chappelle, Chance The Rapper, Chris Rock, Nas and Ms. Lauryn Hill, and has written for NBC's *Saturday Night Live* as well as NBC's *30 Rock*. Since his role in the comedy feature *Daddy's Home*, Buress has appeared on various big screens for Sony and Marvel in *Spider-*

Man: Homecoming, and the *Baywatch* revival for Paramount Studios. Hannibal has lent his voice to the animated films *The Secret Life of Pets* and *Angry Birds*, and his upcoming film *Tag* will be released this summer. His third stand up special hour *Comedy Camisado* is currently streaming on Netflix.

Anthony Jeselnik (Friday, September 28 at 9:45 PM): Anthony Jeselnik starred in and created *The Jeselnik Offensive*, which ran for two seasons on Comedy Central. He has written for and appeared on several roasts for Comedy Central, most notably *The Roast of Donald Trump* and *The Roast of Charlie Sheen*, performed on *CONAN*, *The Tonight Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and was the first ever stand-up comic to appear on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*. He has written for *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* and received an Emmy Nomination for his work on *A Night of Too Many Stars: An Overbooked Concert for Autism Education*. Jeselnik was named one of Variety's 10 Comics to Watch in 2008 and one of Comedy Central's Hot Comics in 2009. He hosted season nine of NBC's *Last Comic Standing* and received praise for his hour long special *Thoughts and Prayers*, which was released by Netflix in 2015.

Chris D'Elia (Friday, September 21 at 7:00 PM): One of the most sought-after performers in the comedy world, Chris D'Elia is most widely recognized for his standup and starring role in NBC's comedy series, *Undateable* and his latest Netflix special, *Man on Fire*. A regular at Hollywood comedy clubs, D'Elia continues to tour throughout North America to sold out crowds. Currently in a recurring role on ABC's *The Good Doctor*, D'Elia also hosts a successful weekly podcast *Congratulations with Chris D'Elia* which launched last year.

Ken Jeong (Friday, September 28 at 7:00 PM): Actor, producer, and writer, Ken Jeong, best known for his iconic performance in *The Hangover*, has established himself as one of today's top comedic stars. Jeong first earned a medical degree at the University of North Carolina, then completed a residency in New Orleans – all while working on his comedy routine. With credits including *Role Models*, *Pineapple Express*, *Step Brothers*, and *Knocked Up*, Jeong stole scenes as a series regular on NBC's critically acclaimed *Community*. Jeong most recently created, wrote, executive produced and starred in ABC's *Dr. Ken*, with his upcoming film *Crazy Rich Asians* opening this summer.

More headliners will be announced shortly.

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Lil Rel Howery: Star of FOX's upcoming sitcom *REL*, based on his life, Lil Rel Howery is most widely recognized for his breakout role in Jordan Peele's Academy-award winning film, *Get Out*. His standup special *RElevant* premiered on Comedy Central and was produced by Kevin Hart, who he's opened for on tour. The telecast was named one of the 10 best stand-up specials of 2015 by Vulture.com, and has become a favourite of fans and comedy heavyweights. Howery's first stand-up special, an installment of Comedy Central's *The Half Hours*, premiered in 2013.

Nick Swardson: The road to success has been a steady climb for Swardson, from writing for Warner Brothers to catching the attention of Happy Madison Productions where he quickly became a fixture in the company writing or co-writing and producing films like *Grandma's Boy*, *Benchwarmers*, and *I*

Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry. Swardson not only wrote and produced, but starred in *That's My Boy*, *Blades of Glory*, *30 Minutes or Less*, and *Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star*. His first CD/DVD, *Party*, on Comedy Central Records went platinum, after which he followed it up in 2010 with his first one-hour stand-up special *Seriously who Farted* and then *Taste It!* which premiered last April.

Jeff Ross: Coming to Roast Toronto as part of JFL42, "The Roastmaster General", Jeff Ross, is a respected comedian, writer, director, and producer. Ross co-wrote the 2016 comedy-drama, *The Comedian*, starring Robert DeNiro. Known for his ruthless Comedy Central Roasts, his show *Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle* allows two comedians to go mic to mic in a battle of wits. His blistering performances at celebrity roasts for the likes of Hugh Hefner, Donald J. Trump, Jerry Stiller, Drew Carey, and Shaquille O'Neal, inspired *New York Magazine* to crown him The Meanest Man in Comedy.

Maria Bamford: Stand-up comedian, actress, voice actress and writer, Bamford stars on such hits as HBO's *Arrested Development*, ABC's *Fresh off the Boat*, and in the semi-autobiographical and wildly successful Netflix comedy series *Lady Dynamite*. She's also the creator and star of *Maria Bamford: The Special Special Special* and of the cult hit web series *The Maria Bamford Show*. Bamford was the first female comic to have two half-hour specials and voice characters on numerous animated series, including *Talking Tom and Friends*, *BoJack Horseman*, *Adventure Time*, *Legend of Korra*, *Puss in Boots* and PBS's Emmy-winning series *Word Girl*. Her new special *Old Baby* is available on Netflix.

Margaret Cho: Cho kicked off her stand up career by opening for Jerry Seinfeld. Since then, she has won 2 Grammy Awards for "Comedy Album of the Year", with plenty of sold-out tours. *The Guardian* called her last show "outrageous as ever", while *W Magazine* raved that her comedy "knows no boundaries". Her groundbreaking, off-Broadway show *I'm The One That I Want* toured the country to national acclaim, and was later transformed into a best-selling book and feature film. Emmy-award nominee for her guest appearance on NBC's *30 Rock*, Cho is a powerful activist standing for anti-racism, anti-bullying, and advocating for homeless and gay rights.

Neal Brennan: Three-time Emmy-nominated writer, director, producer, and standup comedian Neal Brennan has become a force in the comedy world. He has collaborated with the top writers and talent in the business and worked on several popular shows and specials including *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, *Chris Rock: Tamborine*, *Michelle Wolf: Nice Lady* and the feature film *The Female Brain*. *Paste Magazine* listed Brennan's first one-hour stand up special *Women and Black Dudes* on the "10 Best Standup Specials of 2014" and reviewed his critically acclaimed 2017 Netflix special *3 Mics* as "It will floor you in the best way possible."

Bridget Everett: Named "the most exciting performer in New York City" on the cover of the *Village Voice* and "raw and riotous" by *The New York Times*, Bridget Everett's film, theater, and television credits include *Inside Amy Schumer*, *Lady Dynamite*, *Sex And The City*, *Trainwreck*, *Girls* and the off-Broadway smash *Rock Bottom*. Bridget had leading roles in 3 feature films that were released in 2017 including *Patti Cake\$* and *Fun Mom Dinner*. Bridget is currently working with Lena Dunham on a new HBO series, *Camping*.

Nikki Glaser: One of today's most popular young comedians, Nikki Glaser is the creator, executive producer, and star of the popular Comedy Central series *Not Safe w/ Nikki Glaser*. She has made memorable appearances on Comedy Central's *@midnight*, *Inside Amy Schumer*, *The Roast of Rob Lowe*, and has had multiple appearances on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. While continuing to cement her status as a force in stand-up comedy, headlining shows across the country, her current SiriusXM show, *You Up w/ Nikki Glaser* and her Netflix special *The Standups* have received rave reviews.

Anthony Atamanuik: Famous for playing Donald Trump on Comedy Central's *The President Show*, Anthony Atamanuik will be performing at JFL42 in character. Atamanuik has been writing, performing, and producing comedy for over twenty years, and is currently performing with the critically acclaimed and award-winning weekend team Death by Roo Roo. Atamanuik co-hosts ASSSSCAT 3000, and stars in his one-man variety show, *The Tony Show*. He has appeared on Adult Swim's *Fat Guy Stuck in Internet*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brian*, *The Reggie Watt's Live at Central Park Comedy Central Special*, *Todd Barry's Comedy Central Special*, *Dinner With Friends with Brett Gelman and Friends*, *Broad City* and *30 Rock*.

Jermaine Fowler: Actor, writer and comedian, Jermaine Fowler is the star and executive producer of CBS' hit comedy, *Superior Donuts*. With a recurring role on HBO's *Crashing*, Fowler also stars in the upcoming science fiction comedy film, *Sorry To Bother You*, which took the Sundance Film Festival by storm. Most recently, Fowler stole the show as the announcer of the 69th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards.

Greg Proops: Greg Proops is an actor, stand-up comedian and television host widely known for his unpredictable appearances on *Whose Line is it Anyway?* His popular, award-winning podcast, *The Smartest Man in the World*, was deemed "some of the boldest comedy on the podcasting frontier right now" by *Rolling Stone Magazine*. He has lent his voice to *Hell and Back*, *Star Wars the Phantom Menace*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and he really was *Bob the Builder*. Greg's new book "The Smartest Book in the World" is based on his popular podcast and he has a new stand up album out called *In the Ball Park*.

Donnell Rawlings: Donnell Rawlings is an overnight success a decade in the making. He first made a splash in the DC comedy clubs going from a heckler in the audience to HBO's Def Comedy Jam in a period of six months. You've seen him on the wildly successful HBO show *The Wire* and as 'Ashy Larry' on Comedy Central's award winning and critically celebrated *Chappelle's Show*, where he joined Dave Chappelle both as a writer and performer. He was also featured in Queen Latifah's *Percentage* and his 1-Hour Stand-Up *Ashy to Classy*, which premiered on Comedy Central in 2010. Donnell has continued to tour heavily, performing his intelligently bold stand-up throughout the US, Europe, and the Caribbean.

Ryan Hamilton: Ryan Hamilton is endearing comedy lovers, and his future is bright. Named one of Rolling Stone's Five Comics to Watch with standout appearances on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *Conan*, *The Late Late Show*, *Last Comic Standing*, *Comedy Central*, and *Showtime*, he's establishing himself as one of the country's favorite stand-ups. Most recently, Ryan made one of his

most high-profile appearances when he opened for Gad Elmaleh and Jerry Seinfeld at Carnegie Hall and released his first Netflix comedy special hour *Happy Face*.

Fortune Feimster: Fortune first made a name for herself as a performer and writer on E's *Chelsea Lately*. She has since appeared on *Idiotsitter*, *Mulaney*, *Glee*, *Two Broke Girls*, *Workaholics*, *Drunk History*, *@midnight*, and *Last Comic Standing*. In 2015, Fortune created and starred in the Tina Fey produced pilot *Family Fortune* for ABC. Last year, her Half Hour for Comedy Central aired, and she was named to Variety's list of Top 10 Comics to Watch. She can currently be seen as a series regular as Ruby on NBC's *Champions*, as 'Nurse Collette' on Hulu's *The Mindy Project*, and recurs on CBS' *Life in Pieces*. Recently, Fortune shot a role for the independent film *F***ing People* and her own half hour special for Netflix. She has performed stand-up on TBS's *Conan*, Comedy Central's *@midnight*, and has her own Comedy Central half hour special. Fortune now headlines the best comedy clubs across the country and is one of comedy's fastest rising stars.

Andy Kindler: Andy is a comedian who's truly done it all. He's returning to JFL42 for the seventh year in a row to host Festival favourite (and longest running show at the Festival!) *The Alternative Show*. Kindler currently has a recurring role on Fox's hit animated series *Bob's Burgers* and Comedy Central's *Tosh.0*. A frequent guest and correspondent on *The Late Show With David Letterman*, Andy also had recurring roles on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, Disney's *Wizards of Waverly Place*, and IFC's *Maron* and appearances on *The Daily Show*, *Conan* and *The Larry Sanders Show*. He is known for his infamous *State of the Industry Address*, delivered each year at the Just For Laughs festival in Montreal.

Dulcé Sloan: Dulcé Sloan is the latest full-time correspondent to join Comedy Central's "Best F#@king News Team" on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*. This past year, Dulcé was named by *Rolling Stone* as one of the "10 Comedians You Need To Know" and was hailed by *TimeoutLA* as a "2017 Comedian to Watch." She has also been honoured as the 2016 NBC Stand Up Showcase Winner, a Montreal Just For Laughs New Face, and as a "Comedian to Watch" on *The Steve Harvey Show*. Most recently, she was cast in the FOX pilot *Type-A* opposite Eva Longoria and the Amy Poehler project *Dumb Prince* on NBC. She has also appeared on MTV's *Acting Out*, Comedy Central's *@Midnight*, Tru TV's *Comedy Knockout*, and made her stand-up debut on TBS' *Conan*.

SiriusXM Top Comic with Headliner Nikki Glaser: SiriusXM Canada will be hosting the *SiriusXM's Top Comic* finale at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre as part of JFL42. This year's grand prize is four Just for Laughs festival appearances (Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto and Sydney Australia), an appearance on a JFL TV taping airing on a Bell property network, \$25,000, and the title of *SiriusXM's Top Comic*.

Matt Braunger: Matt Braunger grew up in Portland, Oregon and has been professionally hilarious since 2007. The year after he won "Best of the Fest" at the Aspen Comedy Festival and has since produced two comedy specials: *Shovel Fighter* on Comedy Central and *Big Dumb Animal* on Netflix. You've seen him doing stand-up on *Letterman*, *The Tonight Show*, *The Late Late Show*, *Conan*, *SXSW Comedy* on Showtime, *The Meltdown*, and *Live at Gotham* to name just a few. No stranger to acting, Braunger has also played roles in Marvel's *Agent Carter*, *Bojack Horseman*, *The Michael J. Fox Show*, *Mad TV* and many, many more. He recently taped a new hour special in Portland and can be heard

weekly on his acclaimed podcast *Ding-Donger with Matt Braunger*.

Guy Montgomery: Guy Montgomery is a New Zealand-based award-winning comedian, improviser, and screenwriter, who is also tragically best known as co-host of the international smash podcast *The Worst Idea of All Time*. Renowned internationally for having performed at comedy festivals around the world, Montgomery has written and hosted 60 episodes of *Fail Army* for TV3 and was the former host and writer of *U Late* on TVNZU.

Chantel Marostica: Featured on CBC's *Laugh Out Loud* and *Debaters*, Chantel Marostica is well recognized for their high-energy and observational comedy style. Having performed at many festivals around the country including Just For Laughs Montreal, Winnipeg Comedy Festival, JFL42, Guelph Comedy Festival, Sirius XM's "Top Comic Finals" and Thunder Bay Comedy Festival, Marostica has landed spots opening for comedy greats including Russell Peters, Tom Green and Judy Gold, to name a few.

Nathan Macintosh: Nathan Macintosh is quickly becoming one of the names to know in comedy. He recently made his network television debut on *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert* on CBS, *Conan*, and then his own half hour special shown on The Comedy Network/CTV. His debut album *I Wasn't Talking* was featured in Exclaim Magazine's Top Ten Hilariously Good Comedy Moments of 2015. He is also the host of the podcast *Positive Anger*, which has over 900,000 listens and is frequently in the top 200 podcasts on iTunes. Nathan has performed at many major comedy festivals and has been heard on SiriusXM's *Laugh Attack*, *Chomping At The Bit*, CBC Radio's *The Debaters*, and *Raw Report*.

Graham Chittenden: Graham Chittenden is an audience favourite and a familiar face at the Just For Laughs Festival, on television, and on the radio. Graham has shared tours and stages with Gerry Dee, Andrea Martin, Howie Mandel, John Pinette, and Bob Saget. He has appeared in numerous comedy specials, including his own show, *What A Guy*, which aired on The Comedy Network and was nominated for a 2012 Canadian Comedy Award. His latest one hour special, *Graham Chittenden: Reluctant Adult*, was filmed at JFL42 in 2017 and recently released for streaming on CraveTV. Graham has written for CBC's *The Debaters*, *The Genie Awards*, and *Still Standing*, as well as working as a creative consultant for Wipeout Canada.

Mark Forward: Mark Forward is a multi-award-winning comedian. He has performed at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and will make his 10th return to the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal this summer. He's been on John Oliver's *New York Stand-Up Show* on Comedy Central and has made a number of appearances on *The Late Late Show* on CBS. Also, an accomplished actor, Forward was a writer and cast member on *The Jon Dore Television Show* on IFC and The Comedy Network, not to mention he's a series regular on CraveTV's *Letterkenny* and played Donny Mashman in season 3 of *Fargo* on FX. Loved for stealing almost every scene he is in, Forward also self-distributed a phenomenal comedy special- and it's only 99 cents!

Sterling Scott: Crowd favorite and 2017 SiriusXM Top Comic runner-up, Sterling Scott's material stems from his experiences with relationships, family, being a father, current events, his outlook on life and the world, and those awkward moments that people from all walks of life can relate to. As a

writer and actor, Sterling has worked on season twenty of the Canadian comedy television show *This Hour has 22 Minutes* and was the 2017 winner at the Just For Laughs *Stand Up and Pitch Competition* in Montreal, granting him a development deal by Kevin Hart to produce his own show on the LOL Network.

Ismo: Ismo's comedy career started in Finland in 2002 where he toured across the country to sold out theatres, starred in his own sitcom *ISMO* and released three comedy specials. He has been gaining attention at the biggest comedy festivals around the world, including Just For Laughs Montreal, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the New Zealand International Comedy Festival. Ismo debuted his one man show *Words Apart* at the Melbourne Comedy Festival this year, receiving roaring reviews. He has appeared on NBC's *Last Call with Carson Daly* and just became the first Finnish Comedian to perform on Conan in 2018, a clip that has been viewed 63+ million times.

Emma Willmann: Maine native and Comedy Cellar regular, Emma Willmann has been named one of the 10 Funniest Women in NYC by Time Out NY. She first made her television debut on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* in 2016 and has performed standup on Fuse's *Uproarious*, Seeso's *Night Train with Wyatt Cenac*, *The Guest List* and AXS TV's *Gotham Comedy Live*. When she's not performing at clubs and colleges all over the US, she can be seen acting in an episode of Judd Apatow's *Crashing* and on the CW's *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*. In addition to television, Emma has her own comedy show *The Check Spot* on SiriusXM and is currently the host of the hit podcast *Inside The Closet* available on iTunes.

Matteo Lane: New York's Matteo Lane has performed on *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, Comedy Central's *Adam Devine's House Party*, and more recently in the Comedy Central series, *The Comedy Jam*. Lane can be seen on MTV's *Girl Code* and MTV2's *Guy Code*. Currently developing an IFC digital series that he will both write and star in, Lane is a past New Face at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal. He co-hosts *Inside the Closet*, named one of NYC's best comedy podcasts, which you can see live at ComedyCon!

Tom Thakkar: (formerly Thomas Brady). In 2015, Tom was named a "New Face" by the Just For Laughs comedy festival in Montreal, as well as one of the "Best of the Midwest" by Gilda's Laugh Fest. Ole Tom Thakkar has also been a featured performer at Bridgetown Comedy Festival, Limestone Comedy Festival, Chicago Comedy Exposition, Crom Fest, and more. Tom has been featured on Doug Loves Movies, VICE, NPR, The Todd Glass Show, PBS, and was named a "Comedian you should know" by Chicago Magazine. You can see Tom all over New York, opening for Nikki Glaser all over the country, as well as joining her as co-host of her SiriusXM show *You Up w/ Nikki Glaser*.

Courtney Gilmour: One of Toronto's fastest rising comedy talents, Courtney Gilmour delivered a breakout performance at the 2017 Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal by winning the Homegrown Comics Competition and filming a set for Kevin Hart's LOL Network. Now in 2018, she's topping it with televised performances at the Winnipeg and Halifax comedy festivals, and a triumphant return to Montreal this summer. Courtney co-produces the hit monthly show *So Fresh N' So Clean*, Toronto's only clean comedy show, and has also opened for a number of prominent headlining acts including Aparna Nancherla, Chris Gethard, Todd Glass, and James Adomian. Courtney's victory at the

2017 Just For Laughs Homegrown was the first by a female comic in the 19 year history of the event.

Gavin Matts: Gavin Matts is a stand up from Vancouver, B.C now based out of Los Angeles, California. He was the most recent winner of the SiriusXM Top Comic Competition, the biggest stand up competition in Canada. He's been a feature artist at festivals like JFL Northwest, Oddblock Comedy Fest, Halifax Comedy Fest, Bumbershoot, and more.

Graham Clark: Graham Clark resides in Vancouver, BC. He is a 3-time Canadian Comedy Award winner and co-host of Maximum Fun's Stop Podcasting Yourself. Clark is a regular on CBC's *The Debaters* and has appeared at Just for Laughs, Halifax Comedy Festival, Winnipeg Comedy Festival, and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He is a winner of the Yuk Yuks Great Canadian Laugh Off and has appeared on HBO's *Funny As Hell*. Graham is also the creator of beardpaintings.com, where he sells paintings made using his beard as a paintbrush and donates the proceeds to charity.

Chris Fleming: Garnering over 2 million views, Fleming is most known for his YouTube series *Gayle*, in which he stars as the titular high-strung suburban mom Gayle Waters. He's currently wrapping up a cross-country standup tour, with his rising popularity on YouTube with *Gayle*, and music videos like *I'm Afraid to Talk to Men* and monologues like *Teens Who Drink Coffee*.

WORKIN' MOMS Improv Night featuring **Catherine Reitman, Dani Kind, Juno Rinaldi, Ryan Belleville, Sarah McVie, Christopher Redman, Peter Keleghan, Jess Salgueiro, Nelu Handa, Ruth Goodwin,** and **Monica Heisey**, hosted by **Rob Baker & Adam Cawley**: It's the mother of all comedy shows! A dozen of the stars and writers from CBC's hit series **WORKIN' MOMS** throw away the script for a night of improvised comedy. Because just like real-life motherhood, you kinda just make it all up as you go along.

JFL42 is proud to be collaborating with local institutions including **Yuk Yuk's, Comedy Bar, The Second City, Bad Dog Theatre Company,** and **Absolute Comedy** as well as notable established Toronto comedy shows like **ALtdot COMedy Lounge, Dope 'n Mic, Laugh Sabbath, Shade, Crimson Wave Comedy,** and **The Nubian Show** to provide additional Toronto-centric programming that will be available to all pass holders. Programming details will become available at a later date.

Additional artists to be announced shortly.

COMEDYCON

ComedyCon has something for every comedy enthusiast who wants to know a bit more about the artist beyond their standup routine, television performance or podcast. Back for its third edition, **ComedyCon** is committed to providing more exclusive opportunities for Toronto's comedy junkies through unparalleled access to today's top talent.

Cast Panels – Viceland’s NIRVANNA THE BAND SHOW and CBC’s WORKIN’ MOMS and BARONESS VON SKETCH SHOW

NIRVANNA THE BAND THE SHOW THE PANEL

Rick and Morty creator Justin Roiland calls NIRVANNA THE BAND THE SHOW “one of the best shows ever made.” If you’re one of the legions of die-hard fans who agree, don’t miss this opportunity to be in the room with the creators and stars of the CSA-nominated series as they sneak in some favourite glitches and hacks. Grab some fresh bean and join Matt & Jay in a look at Canada’s newest comedy hit – and see some new NIRVANNA with scenes from their highly-anticipated third season.

ROYALLY FUNNY: INSIDE “BARONESS VON SKETCH SHOW”

You are hereby cordially invited to spend an afternoon with the funniest sketch show on TV. The team behind CBC’s popular award-winning BARONESS VON SKETCH SHOW take you through their process, how the series became a TV hit and an international viral sensation, and screen the top ten most-viewed sketches of the run. (Carolyn Taylor, Meredith MacNeill, Aurora Browne, Jennifer Whalen)

WORKIN’ ON “WORKIN’ MOMS”: INSIDE THE HIT CBC COMEDY

The cast and creators of CBC’s must-watch comedy WORKIN’ MOMS take a break from the set to sit down and discuss the series in this hilarious and candid conversation. Learn how the show got on the air, what real-life experiences have informed the show’s most memorable moments, and get a preview of what’s to come when the third season debuts this January. (Catherine Reitman, Dani Kind, Juno Rinaldi, Philip Sternberg)

Have you ever been curious about the inner-workings of today’s top comedic minds? ComedyCon’s *In Conversation* series delves deep with some of JFL42’s most revered comedians. Learn what inspires, infuriates, and excites Ken Jeong, Jo Koy, Wanda Sykes, Chris D’Elia, Lil Rel Howery, Nick Swardson, Margaret Cho, Maria Bamford, Anthony Atamanuik (as Donald Trump) through this unique intimate program that invites fans to sit in on candid conversations with comedy’s best.

More programming to be announced soon.

JFL42 embarks on its seventh year as one of the most anticipated festivals in Toronto. This groundbreaking comedy experience created by Just For Laughs invites its fans to choose their own adventure with a flexible pass and ticketing system that gives the advantage of both a traditional and new way to enjoy stand-up comedy.

SiriusXM, Jack Astor’s and Beau’s are proud supporters of the 2018 JFL42 festival.

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TICKET DETAILS:

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tickets range from \$32.50 to \$65.50 (excluding service charges).

Available images of the artists can be directly downloaded [here](#)

ABOUT JFL42

Established in 2012 and now in its seventh year, **JFL42** is a pass-based interactive comedy Festival in Toronto created by Group Just For Laughs. Developed with a mandate to celebrate the most hilarious, innovative, riveting and relevant comedy experiences in the world with Toronto audiences, JFL42's unique interactive pass-based ticketing and reservation system makes it the first comedy festival of its kind. In addition to JFL42, Just For Laughs has produced the world's most prestigious comedy festival in Montreal for the past 35 years and in recent years has launched festivals in Sydney, Vancouver, and London, England.

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