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TORONTO'S COMEDY FESTIVAL

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**JFL42 RAMPS UP THE LAUGH QUOTA WITH THE
ADDITIONS OF
JACK WHITEHALL, COLIN QUINN, DESUS NICE AND THE
KID MERO, JUDAH FRIEDLANDER, AND MORE!**

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ADDITIONS OF IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MIKE BIRBILGIA, COLIN QUINN, W. KAMAU BELL
AND JENNY SLATE, LETTERKENNY TABLE READ, A FEMINIST LIVE READ OF ROMY AND
MICHELE'S HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, YOU'RE THE EXPERT PODCAST**

The Sixth Edition of Toronto's Comedy Festival Returns

from September 21 – 30, 2017

Toronto, August 23, 2017- The sixth annual JFL42 Festival, presented by Air Canada in association with SiriusXM, has added even more names to the **42!**

Hailing from the UK, multitalented comedian, actor, writer and presenter, **Jack Whitehall** will be performing on September 27 at 7PM and 28 at 9:30PM. From MTV's *Remote Control* to Saturday Night Live to Comedy Central's *Tough Crowd*, **Colin Quinn** will be performing September 29 at 9:00PM. From the Bronx to The Six, Viceland's **Desus Nice and The Kid Mero** are bringing their hit podcast **Bodega Boys** to JFL42 for one night only on September 30.

Plus, even more incredible comedians have been added to the 42 including *30 Rock*'s **Judah Friedlander**, *Last Comic Standing*'s **Jon Reep**, comedian and writer **Max Silvestri** and the first co-winners of the Just For Laughs Homegrown Comedy Competition in 19 years, **Courtney Gilmour** and **D.J. Mausner**.

These amazing acts will be joining our previously announced headliners Bill Burr, John Mulaney, Ali Wong, Mike Birbiglia, Tim and Eric, Tom Segura and My Favorite Murder as well as the **42** acts including Jenny Slate, Jay Pharoah, Janeane Garofalo, Rhys Darby, Hari Kondabolu, W. Kamau Bell + so many others. For the full list, go to [JFL42 Full Line Up](#).

Toronto's comedy festival has also added a slew of events to this year's **ComedyCon**, JFL42's daytime comedy series. JFL42 headliner, **Mike Birbiglia**, *Saturday Night Live* alum **Colin Quinn** and actress and comedienne **Jenny Slate** will each participate in *In Conversation* events while in Toronto. The cast of CraveTV's **Letterkenny** will be taking the stage for a special table read featuring stars **Jared Keeso** and **Nathan Dales**. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the cult comedy film, **Feminist Live Reads** will be doing a live script read of *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion* with JFL42 comedians and special guests reading the roles made famous in the iconic classic. Don't miss the **Political Conversation** moderated by the host of CNN's *United Shades of America*, **W. Kamau Bell**. This event will feature a topical, timely conversation about the political landscape that we live in where the lines increasingly cross between comedy and politics, featuring the insights of a lineup of festival comedians.

Adding to the number of podcasts that will be recording live from JFL42, senior editor of *New York Magazine* and *Vulture*, Jesse David Fox, will be doing a live presentation of the **Good One Podcast** where he'll sit down with *The Daily Show With Trevor Noah* correspondent **Roy Wood Jr.** New York comedian **Chris Duffy** will host a live gameshow/podcast **You're The Expert** featuring three hilarious comics trying to guess what a professor studies all day, and the team from *The Beaverton* will gather some of the festival's funniest comedians and writers to talk, mock and riff their way through the news of the week for their **Weekly Report Podcast**.

ComedyCon takes place from September 21 to 24 and September 29 and 30 and will include previously announced *In Conversations* with Bill Burr, John Mulaney, Brian Posehn, Janeane Garofalo, Rhys Darby, Kenny and Spenny, *The Beaverton Live* and popular podcasts from Jen Kirkman, Greg Proops, and more.

More info on the new additions to The 42:

Jack Whitehall (Wednesday, September 27 at 7PM and Thursday, September 28 at 9:30PM at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre): Fresh from his arena tour, “Jack Whitehall Gets Around”, one of the UK’s most exciting and successful comedy talents, **Jack Whitehall**, will be performing at JFL42 this fall. Recipient of the “The King of Comedy” award at the 2012 People’s Choice Awards and 2013 British Comedy Awards, Whitehall is the host of BBC3’s “Backchat with Jack Whitehall and his Dad”, with television credits including *A League of Their Own*, *Rise and Fall*, *Bad Education* and *Stand Up for the Week*. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

Colin Quinn (Friday, September 29 at 9:00PM at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre): From numerous Broadway and Off-Broadway hits, to his role opposite Amy Schumer in Judd Apatow’s “*Trainwreck*” and his recurring role of ‘Hermie’ on HBO’s “*GIRLS*”, Colin Quinn is has recently dominated Netflix with three specials: *Colin Quinn The New York Story* (directed by Jerry Seinfeld), *Colin Quinn Unconstitutional* and a role in Adam Sandler’s original “*Sandy Wexler*”. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

Desus Nice and The Kid Mero (Saturday, September 30 at 11:00PM at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre): If you don’t know the Bronx’s **Desus Nice & The Kid Mero** from Viceland’s Desus & Mero you probably know them from their supremely popular comedy podcast, Bodega Boys, where the two friends wax poetic on anything from churros to Black Twitter’s reaction to the latest Trump tweet. Don’t miss Desus & Mero as they bring their chart-topping podcast to JFL42 for a live show that promises to keep you laughing until your sides hurt. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

Judah Friedlander (Monday, September 25 and Tuesday, September 26 at 10:30PM the Royal Theatre): With over 30 feature films and hundreds of TV appearances under his belt, comedian and author, **Judah Friedlander** aka The World Champion, is set to perform at JFL42. SAG Award Winner for his role in NBC’s *30 Rock*, Friedlander’s additional television and film appearances include Universal Pictures’ *Meet the Parents*, Paramount Pictures’ *Zoolander*, Comedy Central’s *The Daily Show*, HBO’s *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and more. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

After recently wrapping Tig Notaro's Amazon series, *One Mississippi*, winner of the fifth season of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, comic **Jon Reep** is joining the 42 lineup. Widely recognized as "Hemi Guy" from Dodge's popular ad campaign, as well as for his hilarious comedy specials, Reep has also guest starred in ABC's *Black-ish*, and has appeared in Warner Bros. Pictures' *Into The Storm*, and New Line Cinema's *Harold and Kumar: Escape From Guantanamo Bay*.

Selected by John Mulaney to open for his North American tour, **Max Silvestri** brings his comedic chops to Toronto this September. Following his last album *King Piglet* that was named one of the year's best by *New York Magazine* and *The AV Club*, he's recently appeared on *Brooklyn 99*, *Broad City*, and *The Good Place* as well as hosting the Bravo series *Recipe for Deception*.

One of Toronto's fastest rising comics, **Courtney Gilmour** has been added to the stellar 42 lineup following her breakout performance at the 2017 Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal. Winner of the 2017 Homegrown Comics competition, Gilmour has appeared at NXNE and Sirius XM's *Top Comic*.

Canadian stand-up, sketch and improv comedian, **D.J. Mausner** will be performing at JFL42 this fall. With performances at the Women in Comedy Festival in Boston, OFF-JFL in Montreal, The Big City Improv Festival in Toronto, Mausner also won the Just For Laughs Award for Best Comedy at the Montreal Fringe Festival for *ATM: The Musical*, which she co-wrote and musically directed, as well as winning this year's JFL Homegrown Comics competition.

New ComedyCon Programming

In Conversation with Mike Birbiglia (Saturday, September 30 at 11AM at TIFF Bell Lightbox)
Available in the pass and tickets on sale now.

In Conversation with Jenny Slate (Saturday, September 23 at 10:30AM at TIFF Bell Lightbox)
Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.

A Political Conversation with W. Kamau Bell (Friday, September 29 at 2:30PM at Second City)

Available in the pass and tickets on sale now.

In Conversation with Colin Quinn (Friday, September 29 at 12:45PM at Second City)
Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.

Letterkenny Table Read (Friday, September 29 at 5PM at TIFF Bell Lightbox) Join Jared Keeso and Nathan Dales, stars of breakout Canadian hit Letterkenny, for a table read of a classic Letterkenny episode. Following the read, Mike Veerman of The Mike on Much podcast interviews Keeso and Dales about the success of Letterkenny and tries to get to the bottom of why the Hicks, Skids, and Hockey Players hate each other so damn much. Additional cast participants to be announced. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

Feminist Live Reads presents *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion* (Friday, September 22 at 2:30PM at TIFF Bell Lightbox) "Feminist Live Reads" is a series created by writer and filmmaker Chandler Levack (modelled on Jason Reitman's live read series). Chandler gathers an amazing ensemble of women to read a screenplay aloud, regardless of gender. The aim of the series is to point out the disparity of roles available to women in film and television, and to promote diversity. Proceeds go towards a charity that benefits marginalized women in the community, and the readings are always really fun and sell out instantly. Past editions of FLR include sold-out live reads of "Entourage," "Ocean's 11," "Reservoir Dogs," "Almost Famous," and "Mean Girls" in Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

You're The Expert Podcast (Saturday, September 30 at 4:15PM at Second City) Created and hosted by Chris Duffy and produced by Pretty Good Friends, each episode features an expert in a specialized field. Through games, sketches, and hilariously misguided guesses, three comedians try to figure out what our expert studies all day. Over the course of the show, we hear about the latest findings and why their field is important. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

Good One Podcast with special guest Roy Wood Jr. (Sunday, September 24 at 11AM at Second City) **Good One: A Podcast About Jokes** is a podcast about – well – jokes, and the people

who tell them. Each week, a comedian will play a joke of theirs and then break it down with Vulture Senior Editor Jesse David Fox. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

Beaverton Weekly Report Podcast (Sunday, September 24 at 12:45PM at Second City) Every week Beaverton editor-in-chief **Luke Gordon Field** assembles some of the country's best comedians and writers to talk, mock and riff their way through the news of the week. Then he puts their knowledge to the test in a very important quiz where the winner gets absolutely nothing. Part panel show, part interview, the Beaverton Weekly Report is a hilarious look at what's going on in the world around us. It'll be just like watching CNN, only funnier and with fewer erectile dysfunction ads. **Available in the pass and tickets on sale Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM.**

JFL42 is funded by the Government of Ontario and Heritage Canada.

TICKET DETAILS

Passes and Tickets for JFL42 are on sale now.

Buy online at jfl42.com. Festival passes range from \$55 to \$299 (excluding service charges). Single tickets range from \$25 to \$65.50 (excluding service charges).

ABOUT JFL42

Established in 2012 and now in its sixth 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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