



MONTRÉAL SKETCHFEST

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Let the good times roll at Montreal Sketchfest 2018!

Montréal Sketchfest 2018 is Montreal's biggest and longest celebration of the art of sketch comedy! Artists will travel from as far as Seattle, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Toronto, New York & Philadelphia to join a supremely funny roster of sketch comedy troupes in Montreal for the jam-packed festival in early May. Some programming highlights include **Mark & Andy & Dave**, whose members (Mark Little & Andy Bush) come from one of Canada's most recognized sketch troupes *Picnicface*, as well as a brand new set from 3-time Montréal Sketchfest best local troupe winner **HOT RAW FIRE**. Philadelphia's beloved, **The Incredible Shrinking Matt & Jacquie** will be making a return to the Theatre Sainte-Catherine stage as well as **Kirsten Rasmussen**, who will headline a super lineup of troupes at Montreal Improv, which she helped to establish years ago before moving to Toronto to join the ranks of The Second City.

In addition to the 60 + troupes that make up our regular programming, the festival includes an exciting lineup of speciality and concept shows. Toronto's favorite concept show **Rapp Battlez**, hosted by the Rivas brothers will feature sketch comedians from the festival squaring off each other in character. Montreal Improv's signature collaborative sketch show **Party Dinosaur** will celebrate their two year anniversary with a blowout show on the final night of the festival, featuring some of Montreal's best comedy writers and performers and welcoming, for the first time, several comedians from out of town. Additionally, Montreal mainstay shows such as The Sketch Republic, Ladyfest, Art Machine & The Brunch Club's Rat's Nest (A live Dragon's Den parody) will complete the lineup. Don't miss the hilarious comedy on offer at this year's Montréal Sketchfest!

In order to keep with our mandate of assuring accessibility our tickets prices are kept low at \$12 per show or \$20 for a day pass.

Festival Highlights:

Full lineup and ticket information available at montrealsketchfest.com

RAPP BATTLEZ (TO)

Saturday May 5th, 11PM

@ Theatre Sainte-Catherine (264 Ste-Catherine est)

Hosted by Freddie & Miguel Rivas (Comedy Network's *The Beaverton*) Rapp Battlez! is a hilarious, off-the-wall mix of rapping, comedy and spectacle; think 8-mile meets WWE, only it's the funniest thing you've ever seen. The excitement is real, the stakes are high and the entertainment is undeniable. This show features some of North America's most talented sketch comedians squaring off against each other for rap battle supremacy!



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR (MTL)

Saturday May 5th, 7PM

@ Theatre Sainte-Catherine (264 Ste-Catherine est)

Employees of the Year are a couple' sweet lil' babies who like to laugh and dance. For Sketchfest this year they will be presenting their cherished long form sketch *Wheat in the Wind*. Pre-dating the famous, and (most agree) greatly inferior work of Anton Chekhov, *Wheat in the Wind* was thought to be lost to time until Ross Weigsheder and Emelia Hellman found it, dusted it off, and translated it. A story of passion, betrayal, wheat, romance, misery, people being rude to each other, drinking, family, tuberculosis, and more.



KIRSTEN RASMUSSEN (TO)

Friday May 11th, 8PM

@ Montreal Improv Theatre (3697 St-Laurent Blvd)

Kirsten, Get Some Friends is the solo character sketch of Kirsten Rasmussen, Canadian Comedy Award Winner and total freak show. She is known for her characters, her physical comedy and her yelling! Winner of the Just For Laughs award at last years Sketchfest, don't miss her desperate call for attention at this year's fest!



MARK & ANDY & DAVE (TO)

Saturday May 12th, 8PM

@ Theatre Sainte-Catherine (264 Ste-Catherine est)

Mark Little & Andy Bush are members of Canada's award-winning sketch troupe *Picnicface*. Their viral online video *Powerthirst* has been viewed over 30,000,000 times. Mark & Andy & Dave are Canada's premiere sketch trio, performing sketches the Globe & Mail has called "really good, plus it looks like they're best friends up there, which I like."



PICKLE PARTY (MTL)

Friday May 11th, 10PM

@ Theatre Sainte-Catherine (264 Ste-Catherine est)

With one of its members now living in Toronto, Montreal's beloved Pickle Party has been on a hiatus for almost a year. Now Emily Bilton, Nicky Fournier & Martha Graham reunite to bring the Montreal Sketchfest audience their last show ever as a trio! Don't miss what is sure to be an excellently weird show!



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Many thanks to the individuals, businesses and organizations that generously support this year's Fest!