

Introducing SiriusXM's Top Comic Semi-Finalists... Canada's funniest vie for votes for a chance to win \$25,000 and more

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Voting opens today and continues to August 18

TORONTO, July 28, 2017 /CNW/ - [SiriusXM Canada](#), the country's leading audio entertainment company, today announced the 18 semi-finalists in the 8th annual SiriusXM Top Comic competition, a nationwide search for Canada's best comedian. SiriusXM is now giving Canadians the power to decide which comics will move on as finalists in the competition, where they'll battle it out mic-to-mic at the **SiriusXM Top Comic Finale** this September as part of **JFL42** in Toronto.

Beginning at 10 a.m. ET today through to 11:59 pm ET on August 18, Canadians have the opportunity to view the semi-finalists' videos and vote for their favourite comedians once a day at [siriusxm.ca/topcomic](#). At the end of the voting period, the six comics with the most votes will move on as finalists, as well as two additional comics as chosen by a panel of industry judges. The eight finalists will then compete live on stage at the Finale for the title of SiriusXM's Top Comic and a grand prize of \$25,000.

The winner will also receive a guaranteed spot at three of Canada's biggest comedy festivals in 2018: *JFL42 (Toronto)*, *JFL NorthWest (Vancouver)*, and the *Just For Laughs Festival* in Montreal, which includes a spot in the Montreal festival's televised special *JFL: All Access*, airing on *The Comedy Network*. Two runners up will also receive televised spots at the 2018 *Just For Laughs Festival* in Montreal, as well as a co-headlining show at *JFL42 2018*.

The Finale will feature a special performance by a headliner to be announced later this summer and will take place at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre** in Toronto on **September 28, 2017**.

SiriusXM recently selected 60 comics from across the country for public auditions held in Toronto and Vancouver over six nights. The comics each had six minutes to impress a panel of industry judges, who selected three comics from each audition night to move on as semi-finalists.

"Canada is known for producing some of the world's funniest people and this hilarious group of semi-finalists really highlights the continued strength of our homegrown comedic talent," said Ben Miner, Canadian comic and host of SiriusXM's Canada Laughs (ch. 168). "We're thrilled to be able to shine the spotlight on the country's established and emerging comedy stars and help Canadians discover some incredible talent along the way."

The 2017 SiriusXM Top Comic semi-finalists are:

Myles Anderson (Hometown: Shawnigan Lake)
Kyle Bottom (Hometown: Vancouver)
Graham Chittenden (Hometown: Brantford)
D.J. Demers (Hometown: Kitchener)
Mayce Galoni (Hometown: Hamilton)
Nigel Grinstead (Hometown: Arnprior)
Pete Johansson (Hometown: Kelowna)
Simon King (Hometown: Vancouver)
Marito Lopez (Hometown: Calgary)
Gavin Matts (Hometown: New Westminster)
Kathleen McGee (Hometown: Edmonton)
Mike Rita (Hometown: Toronto)
Jacob Samuel (Hometown: Toronto)
Sterling Scott (Hometown: Edmonton)
Michelle Shaughnessy (Hometown: Toronto)
Jane Stanton (Hometown: North Vancouver)

Ana-Marija Stojic (Hometown: Toronto)
Kelly Taylor (Hometown: Prince Albert)

Finalists will be announced later this summer.

Top Comic is part of SiriusXM Canada's ongoing initiatives to provide exposure and opportunities for Canadian talent. Last year, Toronto's Chris Robinson took home the title and grand prize, with Sophie Buddle of Vancouver and Che Durena of Toronto placing as runners-up. Previous winners include Faisal Butt, Derek Seguin, Pete Zedlacher, Eric Andrews, Matt O'Brien and Brian Stollery.

Canada Laughs (ch. 168) features uncensored Canadian comedy 24/7 including stand-up, sketch and more, putting the spotlight on the rich pool of extraordinary talent from Canada. *Canada Laughs* is available to all Sirius and XM subscribers in Canada and across the U.S. and joins SiriusXM's hilarious comedy lineup, including *Comedy Central Radio*, *SiriusXM Comedy Greats*, *Raw Dog Comedy*, *The Foxxhole*, *Jeff and Larry's Comedy Roundup*, *Laugh USA* and more.

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To learn more and to vote, visit siriusxm.ca/topcomic

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