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Third Annual TWIX® PRESENTS: TBS JUST FOR LAUGHS CHICAGO
Gearing Up to be the Funniest Thing in Chicago Since...
Well, Since Last Year's Comedy Festival

June 14-18 Festival Scores Comedy Giants Louis C.K.; Demetri Martin; Joel McHale;
The Anti-Social Network's Dave Attell, Jim Breuer, Bill Burr and Jim Norton;
George Lopez and Russell Peters; Whitney Cummings; Jeffrey Ross; Jim Jefferies; and Tim Minchin ,
With More Shows Announced Soon

Comedy Fans Can Start Purchasing Tickets April 2 at 10 a.m. (CT)

The biggest names in comedy are heading to **Chicago** this summer as **TBS** and Montreal's **Just For Laughs** get together for the third annual edition of **TWIX® PRESENTS: TBS JUST FOR LAUGHS CHICAGO**. From **June 14-18**, an astonishing array of comedians, sketch shows, specialty acts and films will keep Chicago in stitches in some of the city's best venues.

The Anti-Social Network – featuring **Dave Attell, Jim Breuer, Bill Burr** with host **Jim Norton** – will kick off the festival at the Chicago Theatre. **Louis C.K., Joel McHale** and **Demetri Martin** – three of the hottest comics in the biz – will host their own shows at the Chicago Theatre, bringing along some funny special guests and friends.

George Lopez and **Russell Peters**, who each performed to sold-out audiences during TBS and Just For Laughs' previous festivals in Chicago, will combine their comedy powers for an exclusive, one-time-only performance at the Rosemont Theatre. Fresh off their appearances on Comedy Central's *Roast of Trump*, and headlining at The Vic, Roastmaster General **Jeffrey Ross** takes aim at the city of Chicago with his very special presentation of *Jeffrey Ross Roasts Chicago*, and **Whitney Cummings** will star in her very own solo concert. Meanwhile, **Tim Minchin**, who had recent stand-out performances on TBS's *CONAN* and the *Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, will perform a run of his solo show at Lincoln Hall. Rounding out this first festival announcement is Australian **Jim Jefferies** with his headlining show at the Park West.

The buying frenzy for tickets is set to begin Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m. (CT).

“We couldn't be more excited to partner with Just For Laughs in bringing the hottest names in comedy to Chicago for a third year,” said Dennis Adamovich, senior vice president of brand and digital activation/general manager of festivals for TBS, TNT and Turner Classic Movies (TCM). “Chicago is a terrific town full of people who really know and love great comedy. We're pulling out all the stops to make this year's festival the best yet.”

“At the beginning stages of every festival booking season, we start with our dream list,” says Bruce Hills, chief operating officer of Just For Laughs. “This year we have not only met our dream list, we have exceeded it. Chicago audiences are in for quite a treat.”

For the past two summers, the TBS and Just For Laughs comedy festival has been a landmark event for Chicago, which is home to a rich comedy heritage, from improv and sketch troupes to some of the most familiar names in the business. TBS and Just For Laughs are also working with the largest independent promoters in the United States, Chicago-based Jam Productions, LTD , as well as Outback Concerts.

Venue and Ticket Information

TWIX[®] PRESENTS: TBS JUST FOR LAUGHS CHICAGO will take place across 15 locations, including such high-profile Chicago venues as The Rosemont Theatre, The Chicago Theatre, Park West, The Vic Theatre and Lincoln Hall. Tickets will go on sale Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m. (CT). Additional shows and venues will be announced soon. Festival information is available at www.justforlaughschicago.com.

- Tickets for The Chicago Theatre and Rosemont Theatre will be available at all Ticketmaster locations, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at 800-745-3000.
- Tickets for Park West, the Vic Theatre and Lincoln Hall will be available at etix.com or by phone at 800-514-etix.
- Tickets for most festival events will also be available at respective venue box offices. Lincoln Hall tickets are available at the Vic Theatre.

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About the Just For Laughs Group

Founded in 1983, the Just For Laughs Group's growth is concentrated on four major focal points: Festivals (in Montreal, Toronto and Chicago); television production (most notably Gags seen in 135 countries and on 95 airlines); live shows (Canadian tour dates for Jerry Seinfeld, Jeremy Hotz, John Pinette, Louis C.K., the Capital One Just For Laughs Comedy Tour, North American dates for *Family Guy Live!*); and talent management. Its inaugural Montreal Festival 29 years ago is now the world's largest and most prestigious comedy event welcoming 2 million people each summer. The Group has offices in Montreal, Paris, Los Angeles, Toronto, London and in a dark alley at the end of the street.

About TBS

TBS, a division of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., is television's top-rated comedy network and is available in 100.8 million households. It serves as home to such original comedy series as *Are We There Yet?* and Tyler Perry's *House of Payne* and *Meet the Browns*; the late-night series *CONAN*, starring Conan O'Brien, and *Lopez Tonight*, starring George Lopez; hot contemporary comedies like *Family Guy* and *The Office*; special events, including star-studded comedy festivals in Chicago; blockbuster movies; hosted movie showcases; and championship sports.

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TWIX® PRESENTS: TBS JUST FOR LAUGHS CHICAGO **Tuesday, June 14 – Saturday, June 18**

Newly Announced Shows and Talent

THE CHICAGO THEATRE

***The Anti-Social Network* – Wednesday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m.**

The Anti-Social Network features the combination of comedic powerhouses **Dave Attell, Jim Breuer, Bill Burr** and the show's host and brainchild, **Jim Norton**. Norton conceived the idea for The Anti-Social Network in late 2010 when he wanted to change up his annual shows in Atlantic City and put something special and different together for his fans. Having four headliners on one stage seemed to be the perfect way to give his fans a new and exciting show: Norton says, "Dave, Jim and Bill are three of the funniest comics on the planet. This is definitely the best show I've ever been a part of."

***Demetri Martin & Special Guests, Who are Also Comedians and are Friends of His* – Thursday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

Intercontinental comedian Demetri Martin, known for his hit series *Important Things with Demetri Martin* and for his past contributions to *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, hosts an evening of killer alt comedy featuring several very funny comedians who really make him laugh and with whom it will be fun to hang out backstage. This show will also feature the best audience at the whole festival.

***Joel McHale & Friends and Acquaintances*– Friday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m.**

Comedian Joel McHale has won over fans with his outrageously funny jabs at pop culture and current events on *The Soup* and for his performance on the hit comedy *Community*. Now he heads to Chicago to host a night of great standup with some of his funniest friends and a few acquaintances.

***Louis C.K. and Three Very Special Guests* – Saturday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m.**

He's one of the hottest comedians in the country, and his hit TV series – conveniently named *Louie* – is worshipped. His stand-up specials are routinely cited as the finest in the country. What else is there to say? The man is simply the best. Louis returns to Chicago hosting a very special show with three very special guests.

Tickets for the Chicago Theatre shows are available at:

- The Chicago Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets
- On-line at ticketmaster.com
- By phone at 800-745-3000

THE ROSEMONT THEATRE

***George Lopez & Russell Peters* – Saturday, June 18, at 8 p.m.**

Two of the biggest names on the comedy circuit are about to deliver a one-two comedy punch with this special event. Lopez, the host of TBS's hit late-late-night show *Lopez Tonight*, and Peters, whose *Green Card Tour* performance blew comedy fans away at last year's festival, will bring their multicultural comedy to the Rosemont for an exclusive one-time special performance.

Tickets for the Rosemont Theatre shows are available at:

- The Rosemont Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets
- On-line at ticketmaster.com
- By phone at 800-745-3000

PARK WEST

***Jim Jefferies* – Thursday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

After wowing fans around the globe with his headlining act, Australian comedian Jim Jefferies returns to Chicago for a special night at the Park West. Jefferies has previously appeared in his own HBO special, *I Swear to God*, as well as the popular *Down and Dirty with Jim Norton*. Produced in association with AEG.

Tickets for the Park West shows are available at:

- The Park West Box Office
- On-line at etix.com
- By phone at 800-514-etix

THE VIC THEATRE

***Whitney Cummings* – Thursday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

Considered among the biggest break-out stars of 2011, Whitney Cummings has emerged as one of America's top standup comedians. She turned in a particular memorable performance last year during the comedy special *Roast of David Hasselhoff* and more recently put Donald Trump in his place on *Roast of Trump*. Now she brings her lacerating wit to The Vic Theatre.

***Jeffrey Ross Roasts Chicago* – Friday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m.**

Fresh off his much talked about appearance on *Roast of Trump*, Roastmaster General Jeffrey Ross forgoes his usual celebrity smearing to set his sights on the common Chicago plebes. In his acclaimed solo performance, the self-proclaimed "Meanest Man in Comedy" will not only offer his razor-sharp stand-up, but will also target the audience with the same smart-bomb delivery he's used on Hollywood's elite. And if that weren't enough, he'll roast some special local personalities. Fans will need to bring a thick skin, because with a show this hot, someone's bound to get burned.

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- The Vic Theatre Box Office
- On-line at etix.com
- By phone at 800-514-etix

LINCOLN HALL

***Tim Minchin* – Tuesday, June 14 to Saturday, June 18 – 10:00 p.m.**

Self-described "pianist, singer, songwriter, actor, comedian, pervert and wannabe rockstar," international star Tim Minchin performs a five-night run of music and comedy. Minchin, who had recent stand out recent performances on *CONAN* as well as the *Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, will make his Chicago debut at Lincoln Hall.

Tickets for Lincoln Hall shows are available at:

- The Vic Theatre Box Office
- On-line at etix.com
- By phone at 800-514-etix