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For a second year, the team behind Women in Comedy Montreal are proud to present **LADYFEST from September 12 to 18th, 2016**. This year's comedy festival will run for a full week, with the majority of events taking place at Theatre Sainte Catherine (264 rue Sainte-Catherine est).

**LADYFEST** Montreal is a celebration of the hilarious and talented female comedians (and their supporters) in Montreal and beyond. The 2016 festival will bring together stand-up comedians, improvisers, storytellers and burlesque artists from Toronto, Boston, New York and of course Montreal!

**LADYFEST** Montreal is delighted to welcome back our mascot "Narnie the Narwhal" (AKA **Lise Vigneault**) who will host the Sketch showcase at Theatre Sainte-Catherine on Thursday September 15 at 8PM and will be making various surprise appearances around the festival. Narnie is our resident narwhal and represents all of those funny ladies out there who are enthusiastically hustling through the sometimes cold and icy waters of the comedy world.

**LADYFEST** is an inclusive festival. **EVERYBODY** is encouraged to come celebrate with us - join the party! LADYFEST 2016 is produced by a collective of forces in the Montreal stand-up, improv, sketch, storytelling and burlesque scenes including: Emma Wilkie, Kirsten Finch, Alex Brown, Sasha Manoli, Katie Leggitt, D.J. Mausner, Inga Knoth, Britt Dash, Erin Hall and Sucre à la Crème.

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### **LADYFEST WORKSHOPS**

**Trust in Improv - Sunday September 11th 5PM - 7PM FREE @ Theatre Sainte-Catherine**

**Instructor: Erin Rogers (Toronto)**

Improv is nothing without trust. Participants will learn fun and simple exercises to build and maintain trust and safety between performers.

**Sketch Comedy Basics - Saturday September 17th, 1PM - 4PM \$30 @ Theatre Sainte-Catherine**

**Instructor: Amanda Xeller (New York)**

This workshop is geared towards those who have not done sketch before or those who'd like a refresher in writing sketch comedy. Register at theatresaintecatherine.com

**Storytelling in Improv - Sunday September 18th 5PM - 7PM FREE @ Theatre Sainte-Catherine**

**Instructor: Sandi Armstrong (Montreal)**

An improv workshop that touches on storytelling techniques in improv. Drop-in. Open to absolutely everyone.



Ladyfest 2015 photos by Kathy Slamen

## LINEUP ::

### INDEPENDENT TAKE-OVERS

#### **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12th, 9PM THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY GOING ON AT BLUE DOG - LADYFEST takeover!**

Amanda McQueen (Montreal) • Gina Granter (Montreal) • Natalie Willett (Montreal) • Erica Tadeo (Montreal) • Miraim Khan (Montreal) • Melina Trimarchi (Montreal) • Robyn Flynn (Montreal) • Karl Knox (Montreal) • Emma Wilkie (Montreal)

Blue Dog Motel, 3958 Boul. St Laurent • PAY WHAT YOU CAN • @TSFGO

#### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH, 9:30 PM : THE BRUNCH CLUB PRESENTS: THE LIAR LIAR SHOW**

##### **@ Theatre Sainte-Catherine HOSTED BY SANDI ARMSTRONG**

Liar Liar Show is a live storytelling game show where the audience votes to see which contestant's fallacious yarn is most deceptive. Featuring: Tranna Wintour • Nancy Webb • D.J. Mausner.

#### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14th, 8PM: YARN; STORYTELLING FOR HUMANS - LADYFEST takeover!**

Nisha Coleman • Gina Granter • Inga Knoth • Sara Meleika • Natalie Willett • B.A Markus  
Le Cagibi, 5490 Boul. St Laurent • Tickets \$8 at the door

### MAIN EVENTS AT THEATRE SAINTE CATHERINE - 264 RUE SAINTE-CATHERINE EST

#### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15th, 8PM: SKETCH SHOWCASE! HOSTED BY NARNIE THE NARWHAL**

Pickle Party (Montreal) • The O.C. (Toronto) • Dominant Wolf (Montreal/Toronto) • Amanda Xeller (New York)

#### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15th, 10:30PM: C'est WHAT?! BURLESQUE HOSTED BY TRANNA WINTOUR**

Sucre à la Crème • Lulu les Belles Mirettes • Bibi Lolo Bang Bang • Elle Diablo • Penny Romanoff  
• Honeysuckle Pussywillow • Safron St. James

#### **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16th, 8PM: STAND-UP SHOWCASE HOSTED BY EMMA WILKIE**

Molly Brisebois (Boston) • Heidi Foss (Montreal) • Emily Bilton (Montreal) • Rachel Gendron (Montreal) • Bianca Yates (Montreal) • Emery Fine (Montreal) • Ellie MacDonald (Montreal) • Natalie Norman (Toronto)

#### **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16th, 10:30PM: THE PRETTY FEMINIST SHOW HOSTED BY TRANNA WINTOUR**

Nour Hadidi (Toronto) • Daniel Carin (Montreal) • Courtney Gilmore (Toronto) • Kirsten Finch (Montreal) • Bianca Yates (Montreal) • Ify Chiwetelu (Toronto) • Shawn Stenhouse (Montreal)

#### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17th, 8PM: JOKETOWN**

Four short comedies, all written & performed in less than a week!

Featuring comedic plays written by: Deirdre Trudeau, Alex Brown, Sehar Manji, Lise Vigneault & Emma Overton

#### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17th, 10:30PM: HALF and HALF HOSTED BY NOUR HADIDI & RACHEL GENDRON**

Courtney Gilmore (Toronto) • Emma Wilkie (Montreal) • (Montreal) • Jason Hatrick (Montreal) • Chris Sandiford (Montreal) • Natalie Willett (Montreal) • Bianca Yates (Montreal) • Natalie Norman (Toronto) • Molly Brisebois (Montreal)

#### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18th, 8PM: SUNDAY NIGHT IMPROV**

Heidi Lynne Weeks • Maïté Sinave • Lise Vigneault • Mariana Vial • Rosaruby Kagan • Coucou Bellivou • Emily

### TICKETS

Tickets for events at Theatre Sainte-Catherine are \$10+fees in advance and \$15 at the door

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