

MIRV-"ISH"

Mirv-"ish" - *The Troupe*

Mirv-"ish" Comedy Troupe performs monthly at Comedy Bar Danforth and Bloor and has been refining their killer harmonies and sharp, comedic talent for the past 2 years.. A rotating, starry ensemble including viral sketch phenom Janelle McGuinness, screen actor Rachel Sellan (Star Trek: Strange New Worlds, Ginny & Georgia), Canadian Screen Award winner and TVOKids alum Kara Harun clown virtuoso Kendall Savage, Schitt's Creek actor Victoria Kucher, and more!

Ashley Botting - *Ensemble Coach*

Ashley Botting is an actor, writer, improviser, director, and singer. She is currently a story editor and writer at *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and a panelist on CBC Radio's *Because News*. She's an alumna of The Second City where she wrote and performed in four Mainstage revues, and directed two. *Ashley With a "Y"* - her improvised one-woman musical cabaret - was NOW Magazine's #1 Toronto Comedy Show, and *The Stars of Mars* - a musical she co-wrote - was awarded "Best New Musical" by The Playwrights Guild of Canada. She's written episodes for the Emmy-winning *Odd Squad*, Nickelodeon's *Zoofari*, and Apple TV's *The Snoopy Show*. Selected theatre acting credits: *Undiscovered Sonnets* (Stratford), *The Second City Guide to the Symphony* (The Kennedy Center, Roy Thomson Hall), *Love, Dishonor, Marry, Die, Cherish, Perish* (Studio 180) *Beautiful Man* (Factory). Selected TV acting credits: *Schitt's Creek*, *What We Do In The Shadows*, *Culprits*, *Jubilee*, *Odd Squad*, *Coming In*.
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James Atin - Musical Director

James Atin is a multi-instrumentalist MD, composer and producer. He published a series of student piano books called The A-G Piano Book Series which have sold thousands of copies around the world. He is currently the music director of The Second City Touring Company. He co-wrote and produced the theme songs for the hit podcasts 'Under the Influence' and "We Regret to Inform You". He wrote an opera that was performed by the WSO and Orquesta Clasica de Cancún. He has produced countless recordings for various artists, written music for film and TV (including the hit series *American Pickers*), performed in numerous bands, and MD'd hundreds of comedy shows.

Dave Koval - Stage Manager

Dave Koval is a videographer, DOP, editor, colourist, live show technician, DJ and probably a bunch of other things too. He has produced sketch comedy for many notable comedians and actors, including comedian Austen Alexander of "Porter and Veruca" fame. He is a live show technician at Toronto performance venue Comedy Bar and has directed and edited several stand up comedy specials for comedians including Mark Little, Rob Bebenek and Hisham Kelati, for their flagship channel Comedy Bar Max. He is also a Cinematographer whose work includes short films such as 2019's comedic "The Independent", as well as the 2024 revenge film "Conscious Conscience" and the 2025 horror short "Mint In Box."

Rachel Sellan - Performer

Rachel Sellan is a French Canadian actor from Fort Erie, Ontario, now based in Toronto. She studied Acting for Film and Television at Niagara College before launching her screen career. Her credits include *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*, *Ginny & Georgia*, Hallmark and Lifetime films, *Silent Hill: Revelation*, and the upcoming Netflix series *I Will Find You*.

In 2023, Rachel starred as Crampus the Period Santa in a nonprofit campaign that received over 12 million views and helped generate more than \$500,000 in donations, along with 200,000 period products. Most recently, Rachel stars in her first lead role in *The Night She Disappeared* and will appear in a new Crave series from Jared Keeso.

Alongside her screen work, Rachel performs regularly in Toronto's comedy scene at Comedy Bar with her improv troupes Rat Race and Mirv•ish, as well as with sketch troupe Best By Far.

Kendall Savage - Performer

Kendall Savage is a multi award winning clown specialist and the Founder and former Artistic Director of the Montreal Clown Festival. Her 20 year career in clown performance has brought her as a regular to the stages of The New York SlipperRoom, The Elysian Theatre in L.A California, and soon to be in her 2027 residency in Las Vegas Nevada, with her outrageous 21+ show "Night Shift". This summer Kendall is the invited special guest at The Gothenburg Fringe in Gothenburg Sweden, and will be making her debut in Berlin Germany amongst their cabaret circuit. Kendall's family friendly show " A Truck Stop Diner. In the Middle of Nowhere. On the Night Shift" will be running at Sweet Action Theatre August 16th, before she leaves for Europe. Kendall is thrilled to be performing with Mirv-ish at the 2026 Toronto Fringe.

Victoria Kucher - Performer, Producer

Victoria Kucher is a versatile Toronto-based actor, indie producer, and comedian originally from Edmonton, Alberta. She holds a BFA in Acting from York University and is a proud alumna of The Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in New York City.

On screen, Victoria's diverse acting, producing, and directing credits include projects like *Space & Time (Prime)*, *Mary Kills People (CBC)*, *Vought Rising (Prime)*, *Pink is In Christmas (Bell)* and the comedy series *Brennan & Victoria Make Rent (Fearless)*. On stage, she is a vibrant force in the city's comedy and theatre scenes. She performs regularly on Toronto Comedy Bar stages, including being a Semi-Finalist with the improv. duo *Two Girls 1 Trench Coat*, which has been seen in festivals in NYC, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Montreal, Vancouver, Edmonton and MORE!

Beyond her performance work, Victoria is a dedicated arts leader with extensive experience championing Canada's entertainment community through her impactful work with non-profit organizations.

Kara Harun - Performer

KARA HARUN is a six-time Canadian Screen Award nominee for her work as a writer, director and actor. One of her nominations was for her work as a TVOKids host. She was also the showrunner of *Aunty B's House*, a preschool sitcom for CBC Kids about the foster care system in Canada, which won two Canadian Screen Awards. Kara was a co-producer on *Beyond Black Beauty*, a family drama series for Amazon, which she recently won a Canadian Screen Award for best writing. Kara recently directed episodes on four seasons of *Abroad*, a diverse sketch comedy show about the immigrant experience, which began airing on Omni in Spring of 2022. Further in the comedy space, Kara directed a CBC Gem series called *You're My Hero I and II*. Kara's feature directorial debut, *Dying for Admission*, aired on Lifetime in 2023.

Janelle McGuinness - Performer

Janelle McGuinness is a Toronto-based comedian and actor. Her credits include understudying for The Second City Toronto and appearing in the sketch show *The Dessert* on Crave. She recently toured her solo musical sketch comedy show *Going Down Singing* to

audiences across Canada. Her first solo show after her Best of Fringe-winning show *Carpe into my DMs*, which she produced, co-wrote, and performed in. A growing presence on social media, a number of Janelle's comedy sketches have gone viral, with views in the millions on Tik Tok and Instagram. Love this show? Catch Janelle in her new solo musical sketch comedy show, *By Popular Demand*, at Giizis Studio at Native Earth Performing Arts as part of this year's Toronto Fringe Festival.

Mark Brown - Performer, Producer

Mark Brown is a Toronto-based improviser and musician. He holds a BFA in vocal music from York University and has had a passion for comedy since childhood. Mark spent many years as a dancer, performer and MC in the Toronto burlesque scene but now he gets his giggles out in the Toronto improv scene. He has studied improv at Bad Dog Theatre and Comedy Bar and is currently a member of the Comedy Bar house team, Mirv-ish.

Janek Gonsalkorale - Performer

Janek Gonsalkorale is a Toronto-based actor and improviser originally from Australia. He works across musical theatre and comedy, with a focus on character-driven performance and live storytelling. In his formative years, he trained at the Australian Theatre for Young People, where he developed his foundation in acting and performance.

On stage, Janek's credits include *Sweeney Todd* (Horrorshow Productions), where he played Pirelli. He performs regularly in Toronto's improv community, including with Breaking Bard, an improvised Shakespeare company specializing in verse. He has also performed at the Toronto Sketchfest, Detroit Improv Festival, and the iO Fest in Chicago.

Janek trained at the Second City Conservatory, Bad Dog Theatre, and Annoyance Theatre. He is passionate about blending theatricality with spontaneity to create bold, character-driven work on stage.

Austin Anonsen - Performer

Austin Anonsen is an actor, improviser from Toronto, Ontario. He trained at the Groundlings once, which is pretty cool because it's in Los Angeles. He also trained at UCB one time. That's in Los Angeles too. He trained at Comedy Bar Danforth a ton and that's pretty cool. He's done some theatre stuff and some sketch stuff on the internet.