

COCONUTS, CEDAR TREES, AND MAPLE LEAVES

A stand-up comedy special at the 2018 Toronto Fringe Festival

COMPANY BIO:

Habib Siam

Born on Christmas day, a stone's throw from Bethlehem, Habib aced Sunday school. Until age 7, he thought he was the second coming and almost entered priesthood. Several countries and questionable life decisions later, Habib got his Ph.D. in Education only to pursue comedy.

The Lebanese native uses stand-up to emphasize the absurd in the cultural assumptions we make and take for granted. He produced and hosted the [Lock Dock comedy series](#), and has worked with Kenny Robinson, Darryl Lennox, and Mike MacDonald. He also created and curated [C'mon Feet](#) – a multimedia sneaker documentary. He is currently working on Barley Funny, a catered cultural event that combines stand-up and sneaker exhibits, set to launch late summer 2018.

An admitted basketball junkie, Habib is likely the only Memphis Grizzlies fan not from Tennessee (or Vancouver).

Jean Paul

Trinidadian born Jean Paul has always had an innate sense of humour and knew at an early age that a career in comedy was right for him. Since then, he has travelled extensively across Canada, the U.S., the Caribbean, South Africa, and the U.K., and graced legendary venues like the Apollo in New York, the Comedy Store in London, and at Place des Arts in Montreal at the Just For Laughs festival.

Jean has performed at both the Halifax and Winnipeg Comedy festivals and recorded his performance for Kevin Hart's LOL Network. He has also been nominated for several prestigious awards, including the Tim Sims' Award for up and coming comedians, a Gemini Award and a Canadian Screen Award for Best Writing in a Comedy Series and Special.

He has also proven his talent in TV and film. He portrayed a wide assortment of characters in the CBC special Thick and Thin, a recurring character on Global TV's Da Kink In My Hair, appeared multiple times as a guest on the CBC's Strombo Show and on CTV's A Russell Peters Christmas Special. He was also proud to be featured in two films, Home Again and the comedy documentary A Universal Language where he travelled to Israel to shoot.