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## **THE 5th ANNUAL TORONTO SKETCH COMEDY FESTIVAL**

**November 10-15, 2009**

**Second City, Comedy Bar and Theatre Passe Muraille**

**The Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival (SketchFest)** is happy to announce the knee-slapping lineup for 2009! The 5th Annual Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival is bigger than ever with 48 troupes from all over North America. Theatre Passe Muraille joins the SketchFest venue family to house gut-busting special presentations for the 2009 Fest.

Festival founders **Julianne** and **Paul Snepsts** have combed through a record-breaking 100+ submissions to bring the most hilarious troupes on the continent to SketchFest. Old favourites also return this year including 5-year SketchFest veterans **The Sketchersons** and **The Understudies**.

Making their Toronto premiere is **Frankenmatt**, a Los Angeles comedy duo made up of Second City Chicago Alumni **Matt Craig** and **Frank Caeti**, who also starred in two seasons of MADtv. **Frankenmatt** has been tearing up the American comedy festival circuit with rave reviews and sold out crowds with their fast paced wit and absurd characters. Caeti and Craig have been seen previously on *The Office*, *Reno 911* and *According to Jim* to name a few.

With 40 troupes calling Canada home, this is the most hoser-ish SketchFest ever! Five provinces are represented by these wacky comedy teams: **Hot Thespian Action**, Manitoba; **Uncalled For**, Quebec; **The Skinny**, British Columbia; **The Serious**, Newfoundland, and 28 Ontario troupes including **The Riot**, **Falcon Powder** and **She Said What**.

**The Full Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival Lineup:** **2-Man No-Show** (Toronto), **7 Minutes in Heaven** (Toronto), **100 and 50** (Toronto), **Accidental Company** (Toronto), **Approximately 3 Peters** (Toronto), **Big Tease** (Toronto), **BoF** (New York), **The Boom** (Toronto), **Bull Hooey** (Toronto), **The Chesterfields** (Toronto), **Deadpan Powerpoint** (Toronto), **Death Ray Cabaret** (Toronto), **Dinkus** (Toronto), **Falcon Powder** (Toronto), **Flamingo Bandit** (Toronto), **Frankenmatt** (Los Angeles), **Free Love Forum** (New York), **Frenzy** (Toronto), **Fully Insured** (London, ON), **Grade Eight Dance** (Toronto), **Haircut** (Toronto), **Hot Thespian Action** (Winnipeg), **Kanellis and Armstrong** (New York), **Last Call Cleveland** (Cleveland), **The Local Singles** (Toronto), **The Lusty Mannequins** (Toronto), **The Majors** (Toronto), **New Excitement** (New York), **Obliged** (Los Angeles), **Oddville Stage Company** (Hanover, ON),

**Kathleen Phillips** (Toronto), **Postmaster Hypothesis** (Toronto), **punchDRYSDALE** (Toronto), **The Raisin Gang** (Toronto), **The Riot** (Toronto), **The Serious** (Newfoundland), **The Second City** (Toronto), **Shame is Right!** (Toronto), **She Said What** (Toronto), **Shoeless** (Toronto), **The Sketchersons** (Toronto), **The Skinny** (Vancouver), **Skule Nite** (Toronto), **Smells Like the 80s** (Toronto), **Statutory Jape** (Toronto), **Tang** (Los Angeles), **Uncalled For** (Montreal), **The Understudies** (Toronto).

Information about specialty programming, video contests, public events and workshops will be announced in the coming weeks.

Go ahead . . . Laugh!

## **The 5th Annual Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival**

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The Second City, 51 Mercer Street: Box Office: 416.343.0011,  
[www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com)

Comedy Bar, 945 Bloor West: Box Office 647.898.5324  
[www.comedybar.ca](http://www.comedybar.ca)

Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson Street: Box Office: 416.504.7529  
[www.passemuraille.on.ca](http://www.passemuraille.on.ca)

Single Tickets: \$12 all shows - Available at all box offices

Full Festival Passes: \$50, limited quantity available

4-Show Passes: \$36, limited quantity available

Passes available at Theatre Passe Muraille and Comedy Bar only.

See attached for full schedule. - All programming subject to change.

For more info visit [www.torontosketchfest.com](http://www.torontosketchfest.com)

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