

# GUELPH

COMEDY FESTIVAL

# 2011

April 29/30 7:30 PM to Midnight



# Program

Friday April 29, 2011

## First Show - Friday: Elephant Empire

**ELEPHANT EMPIRE**  
(sketch comedy)

Elephant Empire is what we all wish Saturday Night Live could be: back to back to back to back full on, can't miss comedy! Watch this 4-Guy troop, led by the writing genius of Nemo Dally, weave a night of edgy, bizarre and intelligent comedic scenes together that will make you weak in the knees. **BE PREPARED TO**

**PREPARED TO LAUGH - REALLY HARD.** A Toronto Comedy Bar regular and comedy underground legend, "E.E." will leave you begging for more. So lucky to have them returning with a completely new show. Raise your trunks for Elephant Empire.



Check out Nemo Dally and Elephant Empire at  
<http://vimeo.com/channels/elephantempire>

## Second Show - Friday: Kathleen Phillips/Nathan Macintosh



**KATHLEEN PHILLIPS**

**KATHLEEN PHILLIPS: A 21ST CENTURY LILY TOMLIN!** Phillips, also known as Chumley Phillips on her Chatty Cathy blog, is a Toronto Indy Comic Darling. Now Magazine's "Best Character Comic" 3 years in a row, Cream of Comedy Fest and Comedy Network regular, and, dare I say "genius" of character driven comedy. This is not your average standup - Phillips creates stage characters that are as memorable as they are funny. Amazing.

Check her out at [Youtube.com/KathleenPhillips](http://Youtube.com/KathleenPhillips) -and-  
[Kathleenphillipscomedy.blogspot.com](http://Kathleenphillipscomedy.blogspot.com)

and then:

## **NATHAN MACINTOSH** (stand-up)

"New Generation of Canadian Funny men" - Sharp Magazine. This Halifax born comedian is getting bigger every day. Cream of Comedy Festival Award Winner, Comedy Network Award Winner, Funniest Comic With A Day Job Finalist, Performer on CBC's "Debaters", Actor, Writer, and Comedian. Just taped his own "Comedy Now!" special for the Comedy Network/CTV, performed at the prestigious 2010 Just For Laughs Festival Homegrown Competition where he placed runner-up, winning a 2009 "Canadian Comedy Award" for best newcomer. One of only five caucasian comedians to have headlined the "All Black Comedy Revue" running for 16 years in Toronto. We are lucky to catch this rising star on the way up. **DO NOT MISS NATHAN!** (\* a festival "must" pick).



[www.nathanmacintosh.com](http://www.nathanmacintosh.com)

## **Third Show - Friday: Falcon Powder**

### **FALCON POWDER** (improv Comedy)



This powerhouse Toronto improv troop cannot be touched! Toronto SketchFest powerhouse and "Best of Fest" Encore Headliners, falcon powder brings a ton of funny experience to the Guelph Comedy Fest. These 4 Improv Heavyweights have a ton of TV and stage comedy experience. Kurt Smeaton, FP founder, is one of the founders of Catch 23 Improv, a successful weekly improv deathmatch at Toronto's Comedy Bar and a writer for CBC comedy shows and more. Fresh off their stellar reviews for their high flying, dangerous improv work at SketchFest, Guelph is lucky to have them back. You cannot beat FP Improv, late at night! Be there! Check out their facebook page or google them up for fun.

**Check out their facebook group!**

Saturday April 29, 2011

# Second City Advanced Improv Workshop

Saturday Afternoon, 1:00 to 4:00 PM  
At Ed Video Media Arts Centre  
40 Baker St. Guelph

To register email Liz Dent at [Liz@edvideo.org](mailto:Liz@edvideo.org)  
There are only 20 spots available so hurry to get yours!

Tickets cost \$30 and are separate from regular festival tickets.



Kerry Griffin is an alumni of the Toronto Mainstage, where he was featured in the revues *Barack to the Future* and *0% Down, 100% Screwed*. A multiple Canadian Comedy Award winner as an individual and with troupes *Slap Happy* and

*Monkey Toast*. Kerry is also a founding member of the *Bad Dog Theatre Company*. Acting credits include *Train 48*, *Trojan Horse*, *Princess*, and *Degrassi: The Next Generation*. He has appeared on stage in productions such as Noel Coward's *Fallen Angels*, Norm Foster's *The Melville Boys*, and the Toronto production of *Co-Ed Prison Sluts*. That's right, *Co-Ed Prison Sluts*. It was a musical.

*The Second City*  
TRAINING CENTRE

## First Show - Saturday: Barely Naked Ladies

Get ready to laugh to the power of estrogen! This show is one full hour of lady power. Starting with the quirky and inspired comedian **SARA HENNESSEY** (Standup). Sara is a Toronto based stand up comedian extraordinaire. She has crazy ninja-like comedy skills designed to make laughter propel from your mouth, voluntary or not... As the host and co-producer of three monthly comedy shows, *Laugh Sabbath's Hour of Power* at The Rivoli, *Comedy at the Ossington*, and *The Parkdale Comedy Experiment* at Parts & Labour, Sara takes friend, foe and common folk on a magical adventure of laughter and self-discovery.

Sara warms up the night for: the extraordinary Improv of **KAYLA LORETTE** and **FRIENDS**. Kayla is a BC native who has taken the East by storm. A star on the breakout comedy hit show "That's So Weird" she has been invited to be part of some the best comedy projects in Canada. From her work with *The Impatient Theatre*, *Canadian Improv Games*, and *ProjectProject* to her *CBC Radio* comedy spots and regular appearances at *Catch 23 Improv* in T.O., Kayla is a one-woman force of comedic nature. Using only your suggestions, Kayla and Friends will bring the pain ... of laughter ... improv style. Come out and laugh with the ladies!

**Kayla Lorette and Friends**  
(Improv)



**Sarah Hennessey**  
(stand up)



## **Second Show - Saturday: Graham Chittenden/ Flamingo Bandit**

### **GRAHAM CHITTENDEN**

**(Standup) -**

Graham Chittenden (pronounced "Chit 'n din") is a dynamic mix of energy and intelligence, a 29 year-old firecracker from the comedy metropolis of Brantford, Ontario.

In 2009 he finished second in the Homegrown Show at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal, and in the same year he was a finalist in the Great Canadian Laugh Off on the Comedy Network. In 2010 he recorded his own half-hour comedy special for CTU and the Comedy Network, and performed with Gerry Dee on his national tour. Graham was also a host of the Morning After Show, a 26-episode web series for E! Entertainment.

Recently, he wrote and performed on The Debaters, a CBC television show adapted from a radio show of the same name. The time between noteworthy credits are filled with constant touring and performances at theatres, corporate events, and comedy clubs all over Canada.



and then:

### **FLAMINGO BANDIT (Sketch) -**

Tessie and Derek; are a married couple and comedy powerhouse. Formerly 2/3s of the sketch troupe Press, Release, Repeat they are now pushing comedic boundaries in the confines of joyful coupledness. This new formation allows for less awkward moments at key parties. With socially conscious comedy that speaks up when the rest of the world is stupefied, Derek's envelope pushing "anything

goes " joie de vivre and Tessie's kindergarten teacher innocence reminds the world that Flamingo Bandit is very much like a freshly baked cupcake in fetish wear: you feel naughty for wanting more.



## Third Show - Saturday: James Gordon/Fraser Young



**JAMES GORDON**  
(stand-up)

Guelph's own award winning **JAMES "JJ" GORDON** makes his stand up debut, while not hiding behind a guitar. Leaping into the world of comedy from his folkie roots, James is a natural story teller, a world traveler, and an unbeatable performer who will amaze you with his new found comedic depth. James will leave you laughing with his unique perspective on life, in Guelph, in Canada, and on the road. Just a local boy, making good. If you are a Guelphie, this is not to be missed - **HISTORY IN THE MAKING.**

and then:

**FRASER YOUNG**  
(stand-up)

Award-winning comic **BRINGS DOWN THE HOUSE!** Do not miss the guy *Eye Magazine* calls: "The Future of Stand-Up". Fraser Young has a style all his own. From Toronto, he has headlined clubs as far away as Hong Kong, and is now based in New York City. Fraser has made several national television and radio appearances, including an episode of "Comedy NOW!", his own comedy special, broadcast on CTU and The Comedy Network in Canada. One of the breakout stars of *MuchMusic's* very popular "Video On Trial". His first comedy CD "Everyone Loves A Smug Bastard", got him invited to the Just For Laughs festival as the only Canadian in the New Faces showcase. Not your standard setup-punchline comedian, his act involves mixing unique observations into his eccentric, anecdotal comedy. Why did he agree to do our Fest? (\*FEST Must-See Pick)



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