

For Immediate Release:

Masters of Fun: 3 Reasons to Check Out The Toronto Festival of Clowns



At Factory Theatre May 31st-June 4th

1: Clown Masters Take the Stage

My Big Fat German Puppet Show, the **Just for Laughs Best Comedy Award Winner** that sold out performances at this year's **Next Stage Theatre Festival** is back. And with only three showings, audiences will want to book tickets early. But that's not the only acclaimed work at this year's festival. **Michael Trautman's** amazing ping pong act **King Pong's Ping Pong Rodeo** has had him as a guest on the internationally revered **Le Plus Grande Cabaret du Monde** in Paris. From Montreal we have a pair of **Teatro Zinzanni / Cirque Du Soleil** performers appearing in **Tim and Joe present Joe and Tim**. Finally, **John Townsen**, who *literally* wrote the book on clowns and started his career acting with **Red Skelton**, has directed one of this year's features: **Angela Delfini Explains It All for You**.

2: Funny Women Kick The Whole Thing Off

Angela Delfini Explains It All for You is a one woman physical comedy tour-de-force and a highlight of our opening night. In fact, funny ladies rule the stage **May 31st at the Factory Theatre**. **Chloe Payne** kicks off the Festival fighting geek culture's sexist trolls in in **Fake Nerd Girl**, a **"Nerd paradise with an awesome message behind it! 'Fake Nerd Girl' knows how it should be done!"(Our London)**. Meanwhile Toronto favourites **Morro and Jasp** host the **all-new Opening Night Preview Cabaret** in the Factory Studio giving fans and media alike a chance to taste everything at the festival right from the start.

3: Endless Variety

If you think variety when we say clown, the festival delivers with a **Double Bill**, **Triple Bill** and **Weekend Cabarets**.

Scarabouche! makes the **Triple Bill** an unmissable event, as two clowns takeover a kitchen making music with whatever objects they find. They are joined by **Belle of the Ball**, an unbelievably messy clown fight, and **Bibi and the Beast**, a tale of star crossed characters hashing out their differences.

The **Double Bill** has the **Viva Cabaret**'s female impersonator **Yury Ruzhyev** debut his brand new **No Elephant Show**, directed by **Allan Turner** of **Mullet the Clown** fame. They share the stage with **Morgan Joy** and **Bobby Knauff's** Puppet Talk Show **What's That!?** where alien puppets learn what it means to be human with guest stars such as **Sandra Battaglini**.

Two of Toronto's star clowns, the aforementioned **Mullet** along with **Adult Baby Cupid (Allan Turner and Adam Bailey)**, make a unique pairing when they host the Friday Night **Clown Invasion**. And finally, the feature Cabaret of the Festival is **The Lunacy Cabaret** – an R-Rated affair – taking over the Factory for one night only on **June 3rd**. The theatre is licenced for this event and audience members often come dressed in theme adding to the spectacle.

The Toronto Festival of Clowns runs from May 31st to June 4th at The Factory Theatre in Toronto (25 Bathurst Street). Tickets can be purchased by calling 416 504 9971, going to the Factory website www.factorytheatre.ca or the Toronto Festival of Clowns Website www.torontofestivalofclowns.com.

Media Passes are always available and can be obtained by contacting our media rep, or responding to this email.

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2017 Schedule:

	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
6:45	Fake Nerd Girl	6:45	Big Fat German Puppet	6:45	Double Bill
7:45	Tim & Joe	7:15	King Pong's Ping Pong Rodeo	7:45	Angela D. Explains it All
8:30	Angela D. Explains it	8:30	Triple Bill	8:30	Big Fat German Puppet
9:30	Preview Cabaret	9:00	Fake Nerd Girl	9:30	Clown Invasion Cabaret

	Saturday
2:00	Triple Bill
3:00	King Pong's Ping Pong Rodeo
3:45	Double Bill
4:45	Fake Nerd Girl
6:30	Tim & Joe / Joe & Tim
7:45	Angela D. Explains it All
8:15	Big Fat German Puppet
9:30	Lunacy Cabaret

	Sunday
2:00	Double Bill
3:45	Tim & Joe / Joe & Tim
4:00	King Pong's Ping Pong Rodeo
6:30	Triple Bill

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