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June 5, 2019

JUST ADDED: More Comedy at the Kennedy Center

The Improvised Shakespeare Company

NEMR

David Sedaris

The Bentzen Ball Comedy Festival

No Such Thing as a Fish

Maz Jobrani

RIOT! Celebrating International Women's Day

Made in Puerto Rico

The Second City's Guide to Jazz

Nick Offerman (second performance added!)

Marc Maron

FREE performances by Joyelle Nicole Johnson and Joe Zimmerman

(WASHINGTON)—Today the Kennedy Center announces programming added to its comedy repertoire for the 2019–2020 season.

“The Kennedy Center continues to offer a platform for comedic artists representing diverse backgrounds and perspectives—from both the United States and abroad. The power of laughter transcends boundaries across the globe, and we understand the importance of providing the opportunity for comedians to share their unique, hilarious stories with the D.C. community.” Matthew Winer, Director of Special Projects & Comedy Programming

Lebanese-American stand-up comic **NEMR** makes his first appearance at the Kennedy Center (October 5), as well as television/film star and comedian **Janeane Garofalo** (November 15). The “QI elves” take their British podcast to the States, presenting their fun facts during the taping of their hit podcast, ***No Such Thing as a Fish***, with D.C. audiences first (November 10, 2019). New York-based stand-up comedians **Joyelle Nicole Johnson** (November 7) and **Joe Zimmerman** (December 29) will showcase their comedic skills with free performances on the Millennium Stage.

Following the success of their past engagements, the Kennedy Center welcomes back humor writer **David Sedaris** (October 15, 2019), Chicago-based ensemble **The Improvised Shakespeare Company** (October 1–6, 2019), Iranian-American comedian **Maz Jobrani** (January 31, 2020), and acclaimed

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comedy enterprise **The Second City** will present a new collaboration, **The Second City's Guide to Jazz**, with the Kennedy Center's Artistic Director for Jazz, **Jason Moran**, exploring improvisation across the worlds of music and comedy (April 13–19, 2019). **RIOT!**, a special comedy event featuring an all-female cast returns for International Women's Day after a sold-out 2018 appearance with Bridget Everett, Phoebe Robinson, Melissa Villaseñor and Sasheer Zamata. **The Bentzen Ball Comedy Festival** will continue to have a presence at the Kennedy Center, with more information regarding programming and casting announced at a later date.

Other previously announced highlights include **Smart Funny & Black: The Amanda Seales Takeover**, intersecting comedy, Hip Hop, and jazz (June 6–8); The Second City's satirical summer sketch show, **The Second City's America; It's Complicated!** (June 15–August 11); a cast of celebrity comedians performing sketch based on a selection of Kennedy Center's Education Artist-in-Residence **Mo Willems's** books (July 13); **The Second City's improv and stand-up workshops**, both held over two days (July 13 & 14); the improvisatory-Hip Hop musical **Freestyle Love Supreme**, (July 16–21); stand-up performances by **Marc Maron** (October 11) and two shows by **Nick Offerman** (November 1); and **free comedy performances on Millennium Stage** (June 27, July 12, and August 10).

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING COMEDY PERFORMANCES

*June 6–8, 2019	Various Locations	<i>Smart Funny & Black: The Amanda Seales Takeover</i>
*June 15–August 11, 2019	Theater Lab	<i>The Second City's America; It's Complicated!</i>
*June 25–27, 2019	Eisenhower Theater	Hannah Gadsby – <i>Douglas</i>
*June 27, 2019	Family Theater	Kiran Deol (<i>Free Millennium Stage performance</i>)
*June 29, 2019	Family Theater	Kanan Gill
*July 13, 2019	Concert Hall	<i>Mo Willems & the Storytime All-Stars present: Don't Let the Pigeon Do Storytime!</i>
*July 13 & 14, 2019	Rehearsal Room	The Second City - Summer Classes Improv Intensive
*July 13 & 14, 2019	Rehearsal Room	The Second City - Summer Classes Stand-Up Intensive
*July 16–21, 2019	Family Theater	<i>Freestyle Love Supreme</i>
*August 10, 2019	Terrace Theater	Vince Ebert's <i>SEXY SCIENCE. Serious Humor – Made in Germany</i> (<i>Free Millennium Stage performance</i>)
October 1–6, 2019	Family Theater	The Improvised Shakespeare Company
October 5, 2019	Terrace Theater	NEMR
*October 11, 2019	Concert Hall	Marc Maron
October 15, 2019	Concert Hall	David Sedaris
October 26, 2019	Various Locations	The Bentzen Ball Comedy Festival
*October 27, 2019	Concert Hall	22nd Annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor celebrating Dave Chappelle
*November 1, 2019	Concert Hall	Nick Offerman
November 7, 2019	Family Theater	Joyelle Nicole Johnson (<i>Free Millennium Stage performance</i>)

November 10, 2019	Terrace Theater	No Such Thing as a Fish
November 15, 2019	Terrace Theater	Janeane Garofalo
December 29, 2019	Millennium Stage	Joe Zimmerman
January 19, 2019	Studio K	Nimesh Patel (<i>Free Millennium Stage performance</i>)
January 31, 2020	Concert Hall	Maz Jobrani
March 8, 2020	Concert Hall	RIOT! Celebrating International Women's Day
April 2-4, 2020	Studio K	<i>Made in Puerto Rico</i>
April 13-19, 2020	Studio K	<i>The Second City's Guide to Jazz</i>

* *Previously announced programs*
Additional programs will be announced at a later date.
Artists and performances are subject to change.

For a full schedule of events, please visit kennedy-center.org

Ticket Information

Tickets for The Improvised Shakespeare Company, NEMR, David Sedaris, No Such Thing as a Fish, Janeane Garofalo, and Maz Jobrani will be available starting Tuesday, July 9 for Kennedy Center members and Tuesday, July 16 to the public.

Tickets for *Made in Puerto Rico* will be available starting Tuesday, September 3 for Kennedy Center members and Thursday, September 12 to the public.

Tickets for RIOT! A Celebration of International Women's Day will be available starting Tuesday, November 5 for Kennedy Center members and Tuesday, November 12 to the public.

Tickets for The Bentzen Ball Comedy Festival and *The Second City's Guide to Jazz* will be available at a later date.

The Millennium Stage performances on June 27 (Kiran Deol), July 12 (TBD), August 10 (Vince Ebert's *SEXY SCIENCE. Serious Humor – Made in Germany*), *November 7, 2019 (Joyelle Nicole Johnson), and *December 29, 2019 (Joe Zimmerman) are FREE and open to the general public. **More details to be announced at a later date.*

Tickets for all other ticketed events, including *Smart Funny & Black: The Amanda Seales Takeover* performances, *The Second City's America; It's Complicated!*, Hannah Gadsby – *Douglas*, Kanan Gill, *Mo Willems & the Storytime All-Stars present: Don't Let the Pigeon Do Storytime!*, *Freestyle Love Supreme*, Marc Maron, and Nick Offerman, can now be purchased online at kennedy-center.org, in-person at the Kennedy Center Box Office, or by calling (202) 467-4600.

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