



The 18th annual Winnipeg Comedy Festival takes place April 25 – May 4, 2019

SUBMISSIONS- Deadline: December 14, 2018

The Winnipeg Comedy Festival is The Gas Station Arts Centre flagship event and has come to include year-round outreach programs and shows, rural shows, workshops and television broadcasts that attract over 2 million viewers annually on CBC. The Winnipeg Comedy Festival is proud to be the highest rated comedy festival series on CBC Television.

The festival is accepting submissions from comics. We are looking for your cleanest set possible with a maximum length of 10 minutes. We are only taking submissions in link format or digitally sent videos
(Links to websites with clips are acceptable).

You may email your submission to: info@winnipegcomedyfestival.com
Tell us who you are. Tell us which gala theme (or themes) you're submitting for.

Here's some friendly advice:

- We may not reply upon receipt. We will contact you if we are interested
- Although we book US and international acts, those spaces are limited due to Canadian content rules on the TV show
- Be unique. What do you as a performer offer that your peers can't?
- Have a point of view. What does your set have to say about its subject matter?
- Have a showcase set that's focussed and cohesive. Try to have a beginning, middle, and end. Nothing wrong with a joke salad, but for a themed gala, a set that coheres is king.
- Don't showcase your crowd work, showcase your material.
- Keep in mind our shows air a year after taping and beyond. For example, a set about how marijuana was "just legalized" won't be fresh in May 2019 when we tape, and will feel very dated when the show airs in 2020. Be as evergreen as possible.
- Remember - we're not making a list of our 30 favorite comics, we're casting TV shows. We have 6 spots to fill in each of 5 shows. Each of those 6 spots is different and ought to touch on a different aspect of the gala theme.
- We are delighted that you took the time to have us consider you!
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