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AUSTRALIAN COMEDY SENSATION

JOSH THOMAS

RETURNS TO MONTREAL, QC
WITH HIS NEW SHOW
LET'S TIDY UP

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Tickets on sale Friday, August 4 at 10 AM

Monday, July 31, 2023 – Just For Laughs is thrilled to announce that comedian, author and actor Josh Thomas is coming to Montreal, QC with his new show: Let's Tidy Up. The award-winning Australian stand-up comedian will be at Club Soda on November 26 at 7:30 PM.

This is a show where Josh tidies up. Tidying up is not normally the stuff of gripping drama, it wouldn't be a propulsive narrative for most people but for Josh it's Everest, a fundamentally impossible task, like trying to defy the moon and control the tides.

Josh's brain has managed to make him the author and star of hit TV shows (*Please Like Me, Everything's Gonna Be Okay*), in this show, written with award winning playwright, Lally Katz, he tries to work out how to do the small stuff.

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About Josh Thomas

After winning the hearts of Australia as an award-winning stand-up comedian and television panelist, Josh Thomas turned his hand to writing, acting, and producing and has garnered global recognition for his groundbreaking television comedies *Please Like Me* and *Everything's Gonna Be Okay*.

Currently, Josh is working on *Good Person*, a comedy-mystery series in development with Hulu & 20th, and he can be seen in season 2 of *Everything's Gonna Be Okay*, in which he serves as the creator, showrunner, executive producer and star. The highly anticipated second season premiered on April 9, 2022 in the US on Freeform and Hulu, and on Stan, in Australia. *Everything's Gonna Be Okay*, which chronicles Josh as "Nicholas" —a neurotic twenty-something-year-old raising his teenage half-sisters, one of whom is on the Autism spectrum, after their dad's untimely death —has received widespread critical applause for its groundbreaking portrayal of neurodiverse characters and honest queer storytelling. TV critic Matthew Rozsa for SALON notes that *EGBO*'s unparalleled approach "dives into the mindset of the autistic character herself" rather than "from the vantage point of an outsider looking in." In a recent profile with THE NEW YORKER, Josh shared that just last year he was diagnosed with Autism, and how *Everything's Gonna Be Okay* helped him to understand and discover his own neurodiversity. The show has already earned various nominations including "Outstanding Comedy Series" at the 2021 GLAAD Media Awards and a nomination at the 2020 Screen Music Awards for "Best Music for a Television Series or Serial." In addition to his work in front of the camera, Josh served as a frequent director this season.

In 2019, Josh performed his first live stand-up show in six years, *Whoopsie Daisy*, which sold out in many cities across the U.S and Australia, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Sydney. Josh hilariously describes the many reasons why living might be a problem for him, from his romantic misadventures in Hollywood to his adult diagnosis with ADHD and subsequent need to develop social skills, as well as his mother's mental health issues and his attempts to deal with them, and critics have noted "Whoopsie Daisy proves just how good Thomas is at taking the audience on a journey with him."

Josh's first television series, *Please Like Me*, is a world-renowned queer anthem and was inspired by Josh's own life. Josh, created, starred in and co-executive produced the series with the Australian Broadcasting Company. Over four critically acclaimed seasons, *Please Like Me* was nominated for an International Emmy Award, GLAAD Media Award and GALECA Dorian Award. In 2014 the series was awarded by the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts with "Best Television Comedy Series." In addition, throughout its run Please Like Me was nominated by AACTA for "Best Screenplay," "Best Sound" and "Best Direction," and for his performance on-screen Josh received two nominations for "Best Performance in a Television Comedy." The series is an Australian DGA and WGA winner, a three-time nominee, and one time recipient of "Best Comedy" by the AWGIE Awards as well as a winner and three-time nominee for "Outstanding Comedy Program" by Australia's Logie Awards. All four seasons received a 100% rating on Rotten Tomatoes and are currently available to stream on Hulu and originally aired on the Pivot cable network.

About Just For Laughs

Global leader in comedy and home to the #1 Comedy Festival in the World, Just for Laughs Group has been launching and championing top comedic talent - including Jerry Seinfeld, Bill Burr, Kevin Hart, Amy Schumer, Ali Wong, Hannah Gadsby, Hasan Minhaj, Jo Koy, Canada's very own Rick Mercer and Russell Peters - for close to 40 years. Founded in 1983, the company is an international powerhouse in the creation of multiplatform comedic content. Every year, millions of spectators are entertained at its worldwide festivals, from Montréal – the biggest comedy event in the world – to Toronto and Vancouver, Canada; Austin, U.S.A.; London, UK; and Sydney, Australia; featuring thousands of Canadian and international comedians - from well-established artists to aspiring up-and-comers. With concentrated growth on television development and production, the Group's digital and televised content is shown in over 150 countries and followed by an online audience of over 14 million. In addition, the Group produces touring shows, stages its own musicals and is the originator of the ComedyPRO industry conference along with the daytime, fan centric, ComedyCON event.

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