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RAFI BASTOS

UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY TOUR



For immediate release

BRAZILIAN COMEDIAN
RAFI BASTOS
COMES TO CANADA
WITH HIS NEW SHOW
UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY

EDMONTON, AB • METRO CINEMA • THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
CALGARY, AB • THE GRAND • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Tickets on sale Wednesday, December 20

Monday, December 18, 2023 –Just For Laughs is thrilled to announce that the hilarious **Rafi Bastos** is coming to **Canada** with his new show: *Unfamiliar Territory*. The first Brazilian comedian to headline at Montreal’s Just for Laughs Festival will be at **Metro Cinema** on **February 15, 2024** and at **7:00 PM** and at **The Grand** on **February 16, 2024** at **7:00 PM**.

Tickets go on-sale Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 10 AM on metrocinema.org

About Rafi Bastos

Rafi Bastos is a 6’7” tall Jewish-Brazilian comedian with an accent like Dracula and a rapidly growing social media presence of stand up clips in English. Many of Rafi’s super-viral stand up clips come from nightly performances at the prestigious Comedy Cellar in New York. In his home-country of Brazil, Rafi is a trailblazer of comedy, media and is one of the first comedians to pioneer the art of American-style stand up comedy in Brazil.

Rafi’s 17-year comedy and acting career, before coming to the United States, garnered many firsts and was covered in an interview on The Joe Rogan Experience. After setting more than a few records, he opened a stand up comedy club and continuously created National controversy by challenging Brazil’s oppressive laws surrounding freedom of speech.

Rafi's videos with stage performances, music videos, interviews and sketches have now more than 370 million views on his Youtube channel alone. In 2011, he was considered by the NEW YORK TIMES as the Most Influential Man on Twitter, at the time with 7 million followers, now at 11.4 million. In 2013, Rafi won the SHORTY AWARDS, also known as the "Oscars of Social Media", for Best Comedian. Both in English and Portuguese, Rafi continues to prove that he is among the most talented artists of Latin America - always setting the bar higher for innovation, quality and influence.

Rafi's quick-witted observational humor, intelligence and worldly view have made him a hit online and the first Brazilian comedian to become a regular at the most renowned comedy clubs globally, including COMEDY CELLAR in New York, LAUGH FACTORY, and THE HOLLYWOOD IMPROV in California. He is also the first Brazilian comedian to headline at JUST FOR LAUGHS, the largest comedy festival in the world, hosted in Montreal, Canada.

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.

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