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Get ready for the highly anticipated return of
“Surrounded”

Delivering a front-row comedy experience with an all-star
lineup only in VR!

Exclusively on Meta Horizon Worlds

Hosted by
Lil Rel Howery

The new season will feature some of today’s biggest names
in comedy, including:

Marlon Wayans - Fortune Feimster - Jack Whitehall

Mae Martin - Sam Morril - Mark Normand

Chris Redd - Dan Soder - Jay Pharoah - Meg Stalter - Hannah Berner

Felipe Esparza - Rosebud Baker - Joel Kim Booster - Brad Williams

Preacher Lawson - Nate Jackson - Sasheer Zamata - Brian Simpson

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Check out the trailer here

LOS ANGELES / MONTREAL, December 6, 2023 - Just For Laughs announces today that season two of the immersive VR stand-up comedy series, *Surrounded* (60x6) will return for six new episodes starting December 29, 2023, with a very festive Holiday Special, exclusively on

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Meta Horizon Worlds. Filmed at the prestigious 2023 Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL comedy festival, ***Surrounded*** is a hilarious unscripted comedy show where the audience inspires the jokes, and everyone is fair game!

With their Meta Quest VR headset, viewers are transported into the comedy show through Meta's Comedy Night Market, where they get to watch comedians performing improvised sets in the round, using the audience as inspiration. Viewers will be Surrounded with laughter!

Surrounded promises to deliver big laughs with this year's host, **Lil Rel Howery**. Episodes will feature today's top comedians including **Marlon Wayans, Jack Whitehall, Mae Martin, Fortune Feimster, Mark Normand, Chris Redd, Dan Soder, Jay Pharoah, Meg Stalter, Felipe Esparza, Rosebud Baker, Sam Morril, Joel Kim Booster, Hannah Berner, Nate Jackson, Brad Williams, Preacher Lawson, Sasheer Zamata, Brian Simpson, Steph Tolev, Annie Lederman, and Che Durena.**

“Really excited about hosting season 2. I had so, so, so much fun. This is crowd work and freestyling at its best.” – **Lil Rel Howery**

Premiering with a Holiday Special on December 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM PT, additional episodes will drop every Wednesday in January 2024. Each week, be part of the audience and witness an unscripted barrage of crowd work like you've never seen before!

Marina Di Pancrazio, Chief Content Revenue Officer for Just For Laughs, shares, “Season two of *Surrounded* finds us once again at the intersection of entertainment and innovation with our exceptional partners, Meta. We're always keen to outdo ourselves. This second season builds off the success of the first, delivering an elevated experience and incredible lineup of comedians to audiences.”

Spencer Griffin, the Head of TV Development at Just For Laughs adds, “Comedy shows in the metaverse are another way that Just for Laughs provides platforms for artists to showcase their hilarious talents. *Surrounded* not only offers an unparalleled experience for the artists but also for the audience who get to have the best seat in the house.”

Adapted exclusively for Meta Horizon Worlds, and filmed in VR, *Surrounded* originated as a stand-up comedy show created by Mike Falzone. The Just For Laughs MONTRÉAL festival is renowned as the world's largest comedy festival, with a rich history and reputation for launching the careers of comedy legends. The iconic festival provides the ideal setting for this unscripted humor that defines this one-of-a-kind virtual comedy experience.

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Filmed at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montréal in July 2023, *Surrounded* is executive produced by Marina Di Pancrazio, Bruce Hills, and Spencer Griffin of Just For Laughs; and Thomas Stockwell as Executive Producer for Meta, and Mike Falzone, who created the concept for the show.

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About Just For Laughs Group

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, Trevor Noah, Ali Wong, Hannah Gadsby, Hasan Minhaj, Jo Koy 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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