



OCTOBER 7 - 11, 2020



# Welcome to the 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival!

Wow - what a crazy, crazy year it's been so far! A world-wide pandemic, mask mandates and social distancing, Black Lives Matter, a politically-charged election year, burning forests, murder hornets were in there somewhere, and SO MUCH MORE. We all really need a laugh, perhaps now more than ever.

It just didn't feel right to celebrate a big milestone like 15 years of a comedy festival in 2020, so instead, this year we present the 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival: Celebrating 14 and A Half Years.

This year features performers from across the country in 9 different live shows and Special Events. Join us for the best laughs you can find October 7-11, 2020.

## The people who make it all possible:

Founder & Executive Producer .....	Matt Kemple
Co-Producers .....	Kaitlin McCarthy & Greg Bach
Production Managers .....	Roxanne Dobbs & Shelby Kaishian
Video Services .....	Traveling Lemeur Productions
Video Crew .....	Maria Pretzl, Nathaniel Schardin, and Lauren Barker
Live Stream .....	Jacob Woelfel
Photographers .....	Jake Hill, Sarah Rose Nelson
Volunteers .....	Elijah Holbrook, Carly Malison

## Special Thanks!

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## To ensure the safety of our guests, comics, staff and volunteers the following COVID-19 Guidelines & Precautions will be enforced:

- Face masks must be worn at all times while at the Milwaukee Comedy Festival.
- All guests must maintain a distance of 6 feet from individuals not in your party.
- Soap & water are available in the restrooms for thorough hand-washing. Hand sanitizer is also available at the box office, bar & by request.
- Credit & debit cards encouraged.
- If you are feeling sick or are awaiting the results of a COVID screening, please stay home.
- Failure to comply with these policies will result in denied entrance and/or being asked to leave the show. No refund will be given if tickets have been purchased.

**Official Kickoff at Dandy!**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**  
**7:30 pm**  
**at Dandy**

Don't miss the kickoff to the 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival! It's sure to be a hilarious night of laughs at one of the most unique venues in town -Dandy! This show perfectly blends vintage lamps and decor with top notch comedy.

Host Jeff Spankowski (Milwaukee), with Tony Foxworthy (Indianapolis), Ross Childs (Chicago) and Headliner Dana Ehrmann (Milwaukee).



**Captain Pabst Pilot House Show!**  
**Thursday, October 8, 2020**  
**7:30 pm**  
**at Captain Pabst Pilot House**

Grab a cold Pabst and enjoy some laughs at the Captain Pabst Pilot House for the second show in the 2020 MKE Comedy Fest! An awesome night of stand up comedy at a beautiful venue along with craft beer on tap!

Host Tim Brennan (Chicago), with Elijah Holbrook (Milwaukee), Kevin Kellam (Chicago), and headliner Mike Hover (Chicago).



**Friday Show at 7:30pm**  
**Friday, October 9, 2020**  
**7:30 pm**  
**at The Laughing Tap**

The 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival packs a ton of laughs in every show! It's sure to be a hilarious night of comedy at The Laughing Tap Milwaukee's home for comedy for the Friday 7:30pm show!

Host Aaron Bell (Philadelphia), with Yoni Heisler (Chicago), Sasha Rosser (Madison), and Headliner Saku Yanagawa (Chicago).



**Friday Show at 10pm**  
**Friday, October 9, 2020**  
**10:00 pm**  
**at The Laughing Tap**

The late show on Friday night at The Laughing Tap keeps the comedy going at 10pm! Stand up from across the country comes together for a memorable night of laughs.

Host Allison Summers (Nashville), with Christine Ferrera (Chicago), Jon Torres (Chicago), and Headliner Ramie Makhoulf (Minneapolis).



**Laughing Lunch Show!**  
**Saturday, October 10, 2020**  
**2:00 pm**  
**at The Laughing Tap**

Enjoy a bite to eat along with some laughs at the 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival Laughing Lunch! It's sure to be a hilarious afternoon to fill your belly with some grub and some comedy at The Laughing Tap!

The line up will feature sets from Aaron Bell, Sasha Rosser, Yoni Heisler, Saku Yanagawa, Allison Summers, Tok Moffat, and Kevin Kellam.



**Saturday Show at 7:30pm**  
**Saturday, October 10, 2020**  
**7:30 pm**  
**at The Laughing Tap**

The first Saturday night event is at 7:30pm at The Laughing Tap has plenty of great stand up comedy to enjoy! Milwaukee's home for comedy – The Laughing Tap is the perfect spot for this line up.

Host Tok Moffat (Chicago), with Saku Yanagawa (Chicago), Ton Johnson (Milwaukee), and Headliner John Egan (Green Bay).



**Saturday Show at 10pm**  
**Saturday, October 10, 2020**  
**10:00 pm**  
**at The Laughing Tap**

The late show at 10pm on Saturday night at The Laughing Tap is filled with a lineup of great comedy from all over the Midwest!

Host Shanda Sung (Bloomington), Elijah Holbrook (Milwaukee), with Ryan Webb (Grayslake), and Headliner David Louis (Milwaukee).



**The Hangover Show!**  
**Sunday, October 11, 2020**  
**2:00 pm**  
**at The Laughing Tap**

The Hangover Show is a showcase event presenting some of the best talent in the 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival! It's sure to be a hilarious afternoon of laughs at The Laughing Tap with specials on Bloody Marys and Mimosas.

Featuring Ross Childs, David Louis, Shanda Sung, Elijah Holbrook, Ryan Webb, Christine Ferrera, and Kevin Kellam.



## **Festival Headliner Mary Mack Sunday, October 11, 2020 7:00 pm at Lakefront Brewery**

Mary Mack (Hulu's *Solar Opposites*, *Conan*, *Adult Swim*) will headline the 2020 MCF at Keg Stand Up at Lakefront Brewery on Sunday, October 11, 2020. Mary Mack, most known for her voiceover work on Hulu's *Solar Opposites*, multiple performances on *Conan*, and countless television and podcast appearances, will be joined on stage by her husband and fellow comic Tim Harmston.

Tim has been seen on *Comedy Central* and *Late Show with David Letterman* and tours nationally. Mary and Tim will be joined by Host Brian Netzel (Buffalo), and Ton Johnson (Milwaukee).



## **About the Milwaukee Comedy Festival**

The 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival, celebrating 14 and a Half (thanks COVID!) years of laughs! Featuring performers from across the country in 9 different live shows and Special Events at multiple venues including The Laughing Tap, Lakefront Brewery, Dandy, and Captain Pabst Pilot House. Join us for the best laughs you can find October 7-11, 2020.

Over the years more than 20,000 people have laughed with the Milwaukee Comedy Festival! Audiences have traveled from all parts of Wisconsin to attend the fest, and as far away as Los Angeles to Boston for the city's biggest comedy event of the year. Since 2006, the festival has featured thousands of performers from across the country including New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle, Philadelphia, Denver and Austin as well as Canada including Toronto, Alberta and Vancouver. Our alumni have appeared in movies and television including *Comedy Central*, *Netflix*, *HBO*, *Saturday Night Live*, *MAD TV*, *BET*, *Conan*, *Late Nite* and many more.

More information on the 2020 Milwaukee Comedy Festival is available at [mkecomedyfest.com](http://mkecomedyfest.com)



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