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## PRESS RELEASE - DEC, 2022

### The Montreal Grand Finale

The city's premiere comedy competition comes to a close on December 11th and a new "Grand Champion" will be crowned! *Who will win the \$1000 Grand Prize?*

Sunday December 11th, 2022

**The Diving Bell Social Club**

3956 Boul St-Laurent, 3rd floor

Doors - 7:00 | Showtime - 8:00

\$25 ADV - \$30 DOOR

Tickets: [www.troystark.net/mtl-grand](http://www.troystark.net/mtl-grand)

**MONTREAL GRAND 2022**  
*Comedy Competition*  
**FINALE**

**LIAM REID**   **JULIETTE DANGER**   **HARRISON WEINREB**   **OUMER TEYEB**

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In June 2022, [Troy Stark](#) announced that after a 2-year break the Montreal Grand Open would be returning for its 3rd Season in Fall 2022 and that this year's Grand Prize is \$1000. He quickly realized this season was going to be the biggest contest yet, with over 140 local comedians signing up to compete.

## HISTORY

Back in 2017, was Creator Troy Stark's first foray at running a comedy competition "The Comedyworks Invitational," with a \$500 prize going to the winner. After the loss of Comedyworks, the contest became The MTL Grand Open in 2018 (with a \$1000 prize). In 2019 the MTL 2 Grand Open boasted a \$2000 prize for its Grand Champion.

### GRAND CHAMPIONS

Wassim El-Mounzer



Grand Champion 2019  
Wassim El-Mounzer won the "2 Grand Open" and took home a trophy stuffed with the \$2000 Grand Prize!

Rena Taylor



Grand Champion 2018  
Rena Taylor won the original "MTL Grand Open" and took home a giant check for \$1000.

Allie Pearse



Winner of the "ComedyWorks Invitational" (2017).  
Allie Pearse beat out the competition and was awarded \$500 and a trophy from the dollar store.

*Previous winners have gone on to perform at Just For Laughs, Edinburgh Fringe Fest, CBC, CTV and more. Allie Pearse is currently writing for Letterkenny.*

With the uncertainty of the last few years, it would have been impossible to run a 17-event tournament, starting in September and running all the way through to the Grand Finale on December 11, but creator/producer Troy Stark is determined to build the Grand each year.

Troy's goals in running the Montreal Grand Open are simple: create stage time and paid opportunities for English comedians in Montreal; give comedians an opportunity to showcase their best jokes in front of industry professionals; and grow the grand prize to \$5000, making it one of Canada's biggest comedy competitions.

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## THIS SEASON SO FAR

Starting back in September, Troy and compatriots have been running two MTL Grand shows a week, a total of ten Preliminary rounds and two Wild Card shows. In these shows, the audience voted for their Top 3 favorite acts of the night.

The 140 hopefuls became 36 Semi-Finalists who battled it out in November. Over the course of 4 Semi-Final rounds, the judges and audiences agreed on the eight funniest stand-ups. Now, these Top 8 finalists only have one obstacle left between them and the \$1000 Grand Prize:

## THE GRAND FINALE

On Sunday, December 11th, the Top 8 comics will bring their best bits for one final showdown. A panel of judges will decide who walks away \$1000 richer and will be given the title of 2022's *Grand Champion*.

### TOP 8 FINALISTS:

*John Cotrocois, Oumer Teyeb, Harrison Weinreb, Liam Reid  
Juliette Danger, Zak Kik, Dawn Ford, Yumi Blake*



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## HOST

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*Troy Stark's stand-up comedy has been featured on SiriusXM's Canada Laughs, The CW and MTV Canada. He's performed at Zoofest/Off-JFL and Montreal Fringe Festival.*



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## HEADLINER

*Leighland Beckman*

*Back by popular demand, Leighland Beckman and his playfully dirty songs have appeared on Just For Laughs, CBC Television, Montreal Fringe Festival and more.*



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