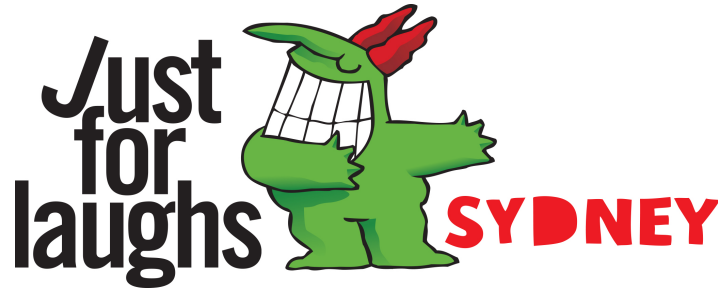


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**NATASHA LEGGERO • BEARDYMAN •
CHARLIE PICKERING and PETER HELLIAR
Added to the 6th Edition of Just For Laughs Sydney**

**JUST FOR LAUGHS SYDNEY 2016
SEPTEMBER 6 - 11**

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY JULY 4 AT 9am!

Just For Laughs Sydney is thrilled to announce that **Natasha Leggero, Beardyman, Charlie Pickering** and **Peter Helliard** will join previously announced **Trevor Noah, Alan Carr** and **Margaret Cho** as part of the festival's 6th edition line-up. Taking place from September 6 to 11, the annual week-long event is expanding its festival footprint to include shows at the Enmore Theatre in addition to the multitude of shows and performances held at the prestigious Sydney Opera House including the **Just For Laughs All-Star Gala** and **The Comedy Channel's JUST FOR LAUGHS - THE STAND UP SERIES**, which will be filmed exclusively for **Foxtel** in front of a live audience from **The Studio** at the **Sydney Opera House**. Tickets for the new shows added go on-sale this Monday, July 4 at 9AM.

BEARDYMAN - Imagine a machine that can let you record and mix music in real time – one that will enable musicians to get down the ideas in their head instantly, with no filter between the germs of a song and hearing it come alive straight away. Imagine the fevered genius capable of building such a perfect musical aid. Meet the **BEARDYTRON_5000mkIV** (Beardytron). And meet its creator...**Beardyman**, whose performances have been viewed over **60 million times** on **YouTube** alone with improvisation being at the heart of the creative process.

"This is an hour of dazzling skill from Beardyman... the bar for improv has been raised again." ★★★★★ Chortle

NATASHA LEGGERO is an accomplished actress, writer, and one of the hottest female comedians in the US at the moment, whose garnered attention across film, television and the web.

Leggero created, wrote, produced and stars in the Comedy Channel sitcom, *Another Period*. Set in 1902 as an American period sitcom and spoof on modern day reality shows, *Another Period* explores the debauchorous life of Newport, RI's socialites the Bellacourt's, focusing on fame-hungry sisters Lillian (Leggero) and Beatrice (Riki Lindhome). The series is produced by **Ben Stiller's** Red Hour Productions and has returned for season 2 in June 2016.

Stemming from her breakout appearance on the *Comedy Central Roast of James Franco*, **Natasha** was lauded as the stand out roaster on the *Comedy Central Roast of Justin Bieber*. The actress has also appeared in an episode of *Marry Me* and the hit show *Modern Family*. On the big screen, **Leggero** starred in two comedy films, "Neighbors" alongside **Seth Rogen**, and *Let's Be Cops* opposite **Jake Johnson** and **Damon Wayans, Jr.** She also had a role in the 2009 romantic comedy *He's Just Not That Into You*.

Leggero has built her body of work with numerous roles on prominent television series including NBC's *Community*, FX's *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *Arrested Development*, Comedy Central's *Reno 911* and *Drunk History*, ABC's *Suburgatory*, the sketch comedy *Key and Peele*, *Comedy Bang! Bang! Chelsea Lately*, and *The Tonight Show*, among many others. In 2012, the actress was featured in the Emmy® nominated web series, *Burning Love*. Produced by **Ben Stiller**, the scripted series parodies the popular reality television shows *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*. In addition, **Leggero's** voice can be heard on multiple animated series such as Comedy Central's *Ugly Americans* and *Brickleberry*, *The Life and Times of Tim* on HBO, as well as *Aqua Teen Hunger Force* and *China, IL* for the Cartoon Network's Adult Swim.

Like we said at the beginning, **Leggero's** garnered a lot of attention!

PETER HELLIAR first came to the nation's attention in 1999 as a cast member of *Rove's* first series on the Nine Network. When the show went to Network Ten in 2000, Pete went with it, becoming an integral part of the **Logie Award** winning variety show until it wound up at the end of 2009 after ten historic years on Australian TV. He is now a regular panelist on *The Project* and his stand-up comedy tours are always sold out.

In 2003, Pete took on **Australian Rules Football** with *After The Game*, which became *Before The Game* in 2004. The following year Pete created **Bryan Strauchan**, Collingwood rookie and instant superstar. "Strauchanie" created an AFL sensation, picking up the code's Personality Of The Year Award, getting his own car in the Grand Final Parade, and even being immortalised on his own official AFL Footy Card and winning Best On Ground at the 2009 EJ Whitten match.

Writing has always been at the centre of everything Pete has done as a comedian. In 1999, Pete started work on some film ideas, and in 2009 he found himself on the set of his very own feature film. *I Love You Too*, produced by Princess Pictures and starring **Brendan Cowell**, **Peter Dinklage**, **Yvonne Strahovski** and **Megan Gale** was released in 2010.

Edgy, polished and inventive, **CHARLIE PICKERING**, is one of the most exciting names in Australian comedy.

Charlie is a political junkie, law graduate and was the voice of his generation on Network Ten's quiz show *Talkin' 'bout Your Generation*. He was also the co-host of *The Project* for five years and now has his own news comedy show, chat show and a panel show all in one – the critically acclaimed *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering*.

Long before he scored gigs on TV's biggest shows, Charlie was touring internationally, winning awards and playing to sold-out houses. He has performed solo seasons at the Griffin Theatre in Sydney, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the Adelaide Fringe Festival, the Brisbane Comedy Festival and New Zealand Comedy Festival, not to mention performing spots at comedy clubs throughout Australia and entertaining the troops over in Afghanistan.

Charlie has earned many an accolade for his live work over the years, including nominations for the **Perrier Best Newcomer Award** in **Edinburgh**, the **Barry Award for Most Outstanding Show** at the **Melbourne International Comedy Festival**, as well as being named **Best International Guest by the NZ Comedy Guild**. He's even been nominated for a **Logie** and in 2011 picked up **Media Personality of the Year** in the **GQ Men of the Year Awards**.

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY JULY 4 AT 9am!

As previously announced, tickets are on-sale now for *The Daily Show's* **Trevor Noah** with two shows at the Concert Hall on August 28, **Alan Carr** on September 6 and **Margaret Cho** on September 9. Tickets are also on-sale for The Comedy Channel's **JUST FOR LAUGHS - THE STAND UP SERIES** as well as the annual **JUST FOR LAUGHS ALL-STAR GALA** which will feature a line-up of major international and Australian comedians.

For tickets and details go to justforlaughssydney.com.

More announcements still to come!

JUST FOR LAUGHS SYDNEY SEPTEMBER 6 TO 11

DAY	DATE	ARTIST	THEATRE	SHOWTIME
Sunday	28 August	Trevor Noah	Sydney Opera House - Concert Hall	7:00PM & 9:30 PM
Tuesday	6 September	Alan Carr	Sydney Opera House - Concert Hall	8:00PM
Wednesday	7 September	Beardyman	Sydney Opera House - Playhouse	9:15PM
Thursday	8 September	Peter Helliar	Sydney Opera House - Playhouse	7:00PM
Thursday	8 September	JFL Stand Up Series	Sydney Opera House - The Studio	7:15PM & 9:30PM
Thursday	8 September	Beardyman	Sydney Opera House - Playhouse	9:15PM
Friday	9 September	Margaret Cho	Sydney Opera House - Concert Hall	7:00PM
Friday	9 September	Charlie Pickering	Sydney Opera House - Playhouse	7:00PM
Friday	9 September	JFL Stand Up Series	Sydney Opera House - The Studio	7:15PM & 9:30PM
Saturday	10 September	The Just For Laughs All-Star Gala	Sydney Opera House - Concert Hall	7:00PM
Saturday	10 September	Charlie Pickering	Sydney Opera House - Playhouse	7:00PM
Saturday	10 September	JFL Stand Up Series	Sydney Opera House - The Studio	7:15PM & 9:30PM
Saturday	10 September	Peter Helliar	Sydney Opera House - Playhouse	9:15PM
Sunday	11 September	Natasha Leggero	Enmore Theatre	7:00PM

Tickets available at sydneyoperahouse.com/justforlaughs
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Tickets for **Natasha Leggero** are available at ticketek.com.au

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