

## SiriusXM Canada's national search for Top Comic awards \$15,000 grand prize and career jump with Just for Laughs

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*Special guest **Harland Williams** headlined Top Comic Finale in Toronto*

TORONTO, Oct. 2, 2015 /CNW/ - [SiriusXM Canada](#) (TSX: XSR), the country's leading audio entertainment company, crowned Derek Seguin of Montreal the winner in the sixth annual Top Comic competition at last night's finale held at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, as part of the *Just For Laughs' JFL42 Festival* in Toronto. In addition to winning the title of SiriusXM's Top Comic, which was broadcast live on SiriusXM's *Canada Laughs* (ch. 168), Seguin took home the \$15,000 grand prize. He will also perform at his own *JFL42 2016* headliner show and receive a televised performance at *Just For Laughs Montreal 2016*.

As part of the runners-up prizes, Matt Billon of Vancouver and Jordan Welwood of Winnipeg, will also perform at a televised *Just For Laughs Montreal 2016* show and be teamed up to headline a show as part of *JFL42 2016*.

Harland Williams, the quirky Toronto-born comic who has appeared in *Dumb & Dumber* and *There's Something About Mary*, closed out the finale to an uproarious crowd. As a frequent late show guest, Williams has appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *CONAN*, and most recently was seen in the sitcom *Package Deal*.

"To win this year's title, especially among such a talented group of Canadian comedians, is very special," said Seguin. "And to have the opportunity to share the stage with Harland Williams was an added bonus to an already memorable evening!"

"Derek came out swinging last night; what a set! We couldn't be happier with him and the comics who made up this year's stellar group of finalists," said Ben Miner, Canadian comic and host of SiriusXM's *Canada Laughs* channel.

The finale featured eight finalists from across Canada, who were chosen through a cross-country audition earlier this year, followed by a national online vote this summer. Representing Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and Halifax, were comedians Kelly Taylor, Ryan Dillon, Derek Seguin, Nigel Grinstead, Trixx, Steph Tolev, Matt Billon, and Jordan Welwood.

Five judges were tasked with the difficult choice of selecting the winner; they included Joe Thistel (SiriusXM), Zoe Rabbett (JFL), Don Ferguson (Royal Canadian Air Farce), Steve Kernzer (TV producer and creator of *Ed The Sock*), and Pete Holmes (comedian and podcast host).

Top Comic is part of SiriusXM Canada's [ongoing initiatives](#) to provide exposure to Canadian talent. Last year, Montreal's Faisal Butt took home the title of Sirius XM's Top Comic and all finalists went on to open for Russell Peters on the Canadian leg of his *Almost Famous World Tour*. Previous winners of SiriusXM Canada's Top Comic contest include Faisal Butt, Pete Zedlacher, Eric Andrews, Matt O'Brien, and Brian Stollery.

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