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LOL'S 'THE FRIDAY NIGHT MAIN EVENT!' FEATURES A FULL-CARD OF COMEDY HEAVYWEIGHTS

SUDBURY —LOL Sudbury will kick the weekend of the Festival off right with the jam-packed Friday Night Gala, **THE FRIDAY NIGHT MAIN EVENT!** A full roster of comedy mainstays and heavyweights, get ready for an evening of back-to-back-to-back laughs that will raise your heart rate, take your breath, and tone your abs! And that's not all... having catapulted up from the amateur comedy ranks, to make their professional comedy stage debut, LOL Sudbury is pleased to present the 2009 Winner of the **Great North Comedy Search!**, who will have 5 minutes of stage time along side the comedy pros.

Hosted by: Allyson Smith

A consistent fan favourite at home in Canada or wherever the punch line finds her, Allyson Smith brings her signature blend of brash social commentary and clever life insights to one of the most alluring shows around. No stranger to stage, screen or studio, Allyson's biting wit and cunning charisma have been featured on Much Music's *Video on Trial*, CTV / Comedy Network's *Comedy Now!*, as well as on CBC Radio's *Madly Off In All Directions* and *The Debaters*. She was a semi-finalist at the 2007 Seattle Comedy Contest, and earned an invitation to the prestigious *Just for Laughs Comedy Festival* in Montreal.

Mark Forward

The award winning stand-up/ actor/ writer Mark Forward has headlined comedy clubs across Canada. He was winner of the Canadian Comedy Award for 'Best Stand-up Newcomer' in 2005, and the prestigious 'Homegrown Comic Competition' at the 2008 *Just For Laughs Festival* He has numerous television credits including a featured appearance on CTV / Comedy Central's *Comedy Now!*, and The Comedy Networks's *The Jon Dore Television Show*, (for which his writing earned him another Canadian Comedy Award in 2008).

Aaron Berg

Winner of the 2007 COCA Comedian of the Year Award Aaron Berg recently made the move to New York. Nominated for the 2004 'Best One Person Show' and the 2005 'Best Stand-Up Newcomer' at the Canadian Comedy Awards, Aaron has also appeared in the award winning films *The Lookout* and *Skinheads*, and plays the role of Jo Jo Rhama in Troy Duffy's soon to be released *The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day*.

Dennis Ross

Winner of the Johnny Walker Red Comedy Competition in New Jersey, Dennis Ross can be seen in heavy rotation on the Comedy Network's *Club 54*. Hilariously truthful and clever, and boasting a comedy career spanning 20 years, Dennis has worked with the likes of Chris Rock, Lewis Black, Adam Sandler, Ray Romano, Robert Klien, Tommy Chong and David Brenner... to name a few.

Pete Zedlacher

Pete Zedlacher effortlessly mixes New York cool with a northern Canadian point-of-view. Winner of a 2006 Canadian Comedy Award for "Best Male Stand-up", Pete has quickly become one of the top headlining comics in the country. He has appeared on his own episode of *Comedy NOW!* for CTV / The Comedy Network. He has also appeared at the *Just For Laughs Festival* in Montreal an impressive 3 times, and will return to the festival this summer for his second gala.

Little Darren Frost

Uniquely eccentric and one of the reigning kings of "way-out" comedy, Darren Frost is a man whose sole purpose is to "slam a stapler against the forehead of popular culture." Darren was recently featured in an episode of Discovery Civilization's *Tribes of the 21st Century*. His numerous movie and television credits include appearances in *Hairspray*, *Assault on Precinct 13*, *Fever Pitch*, and *Don't Say a Word*. Darren has also been featured in many memorable commercials, including as the 'Cash For Life' Fairy, and 'Listerine's' Action Hero Bottle.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT MAIN EVENT! will take place on Friday, May 29th at 7 pm at Laurentian University's Fraser Auditorium. Tickets cost \$29.50, for Orchestra Seating and \$25.50 for the Balcony and can be purchased in advance on April 28th by calling (705) 688-1234, or by visiting the LOL Sudbury office at 49 Durham Street. **THE FRIDAY NIGHT MAIN EVENT!** is proudly sponsored by Q92.

The 3rd edition of Laugh Out Loud Sudbury Comedy Festival runs from May 26th to May 30th. For more information, please call (705) 688-1234 or visit www.lolsudbury.com

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