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# SEAN CARSON

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## **Profile**

Originally from Ottawa, now based in Montreal via Toronto, Sean Carson is one of the nation's most topical and relevant comedians. His versatile joke writing and original satire has earned him a reputation as both an indie and club favourite. As an accomplished host and MC, he knows how to command the attention of any room and truly connect with his electric storytelling and razor sharp performance. He is also a talented writer, producer, political candidate and community advocate.

## **Education**

### **Toronto Film School, Acting for Film, TV and Theatre – 2020-2021**

*Courses:* Acting for Camera, Theatre Acting, Voice, Movement, Clown, Directing & Producing, Writing  
*Projects and accomplishments:*

- Short silent film: directed, filmed, edited and produced, mastered accents: Received Pronunciation (British), Cockney, Middle American, Southern American, New York, German, developed a full clown routine, and wrote numerous short scripts

## **Experience**

### **JFL Stand Up and Pitch, Participant, Montreal QC – 2022**

1 of 5 projects invited to the Just For Laughs comedy festival in Montreal to pitch an original television show concept to a panel of CBC executives in front of a live audience. The live improvised stand up show, *Off The Rails* was well received and resulted in a partnership with growing production company, HYST Films. *Off The Rails* and HYST Films are currently creating the concept as a web series.

### **Off The Rails Comedy, Host/Executive Producer, Ottawa/Toronto ON – 2015-Present**

Founded a comedy brand around a monthly event where six comedians do 10-minute sets of improvised stand up based on audience suggestions. He not only developed the unique format, he also oversees bookings, marketing materials, social media and hosting/performing duties.

### **Rhinoceros Party Candidate, Toronto ON – 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023**

After doing a joke about voting Rhino in 2015, an audience member from the party approached Sean to run in the next election. In 2019, he formalized his nomination and launched his inaugural campaign in Toronto-Centre. He organized an engaging, satirical effort, ultimately losing in a landslide.

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### **Rhino's Horn, Host/Engineer, Toronto ON – 2020**

Rhino's Horn is a podcast programmed by Sean where he interviews prominent Canadian comedians and politicians. The goal was to amplify thought-provoking, Canadian voices and further the national dialogue around world events. Responsible for hosting, editing, audio engineering and social media.

### **Canadian Association of Stand Up Comedians (CASC), Toronto ON – 2018-2019**

Sean joined CASC in 2018 and began advocating on behalf of stand up comedians. As Ambassador Coordinator during the organization's formative stage, he helped forge a solid foundation to support, motivate and mobilize Canada's comedy community. Sean also travelled to Ottawa on CASC's behalf and lobbied Members of Parliament to have stand up comedy officially recognized as an art form.

### **Comedy Night at the Wellington, Host/Producer, Ottawa ON – 2016-2017**

Through the *Off The Rails* brand Sean established a weekly comedy show that showcased Ottawa's independent comedians. He coordinated the bookings, set up and takedown, marketing materials, social media, seating and hosting/performing. Before moving to Toronto, Sean mentored another comedian to take over, cementing the show's longevity.

### **Highlights**

- Regular paid performer at Absolute Comedy (Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston).
- Pioneered Ottawa's independent comedy scene by producing over 100 shows in 3 years.
- Voted best producer in 2016 at the annual Ottawa Comedy Roast and Awards Show.
- Organized corporate comedy shows through York Street Entertainment in Ottawa.

### **Skills**

- Relationship building
- Public outreach
- Genuine
- Curious
- Insightful
- Reflective
- Strong writer
- Nuanced and critical thinker
- Innovative storyteller
- Open to diverse perspectives and differing points of view
- Natural leadership qualities
- Seeks out constructive feedback
- Closely follows current affairs
- Culturally sensitive and aware

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