

# NEW YORK FUNNY SONG FEST SAYS GOODBYE

COMEDY MUSIC CELEBRATION IN IT'S 5<sup>TH</sup> & FINAL YEAR WILL ROCK OUT MAY 19-21  
NEW YORK, NY



For the past 4 years, the **New York Funny Songs Fest** has given a steady beat to the laughter and even inspired off-shoot festivals such as LA based comedy festival, **Tenacious D's Festival Supreme** and Chicago's **Laughing Stock**, but after the 5<sup>th</sup> and final year set to happen this May 19-21, 2016, the festival will say goodbye, at least in it's current form.

The festival is the brainchild of comedian, musician and relentless producer of fun and wild comedic antics, **Jessica Delfino**. Jessica is a veteran of the downtown NYC comedy scene since 2001 and has steadily launched (and performed at) a stream of parties, shows and events, including most recently the #WomenInComedy2016 group photo of over 200 New York City based female comedians which received accolades in the New York Times, Splitsider, Vulture, The Laugh Button, Bitch Magazine and more. For International Women's Day, she congregated a "rape whistle choir" of about 10 ladies to perform cover songs on rape whistles at the steps of City Hall, using humor to raise awareness to many recent rape cases, including one involving Ke\$ha vs. her current record producer, Dr. Luke. BBC and Brooklyn, among others, reported the event.

Other recent projects of Jessica's have included a video dedicated to challenging the street harassment of women that received over 100,000 views and mentions on Mashable, Dazed Magazine, Metro UK, Refinery29 and more, and the opening of The Unicorn, a music school and theater in lower Manhattan, located in a former storefront bodega on a small shady block of Chinatown. Delfino remodeled the space which runs comedy, storytelling, music shows and lessons 7 days a week. It is at The Unicorn where most of the 2016 New York Funny Songs Fest program will take place.

Some of the main shows this year will include Thursday night at **The Unicorn**, with **Just The Hits Ma'am**, a line up of local, noted comedic musicians, the **Out of Towners** showcase boasting visiting acts and **Late Laughs**, a late night comedy music concert. On Friday, **The Unicorn Parade** offers a mini-tour of Chinatown, complete with street performances along the way, followed by the Queen marathon of all comedy music shows, **50 Funny Songs**, hosted by **Carolyn Castiglia** and featuring 50 comedic musicians performing back to back at **Littlefield** in Brooklyn, alongside **Bitchcraft** at **Union Hall**, a long-running witchy-esque variety show hosted by **Selena Coppock** and **Lauren Maul**. On Saturday back at The Unicorn, an all afternoon brunch show called **20 Titillating Minutes** offers long sets by performers over a pancake breakfast (\$10 includes pancakes) with an industry panel to follow. The evening wraps up with **A Night of Dirty Songs** which is pretty much exactly what it sounds like, with Delfino and her world-wide celebrated "Dirty Folk Rock" songs at the helm. A full schedule of events follows on page 2 of this press release.

Other festival shows will take place in L.E.S. venues **Piano's** and **Bowery Electric**, at **Q.E.D.** in Astoria and at **Sunnyside Community Services** in Queens. Additional notable performers include **Rob Paravonian**, **Katie Goodman**, **Killy Dwyer**, **Elena Simon**, **The Dreamstalks**, **Squirm & Germ**, **Rebecca Vigil**, **Afterbirth Monkey**, **Camille Harris** and dozens of other comedic musicians who will travel from California, Kentucky and Missouri to be part of this year's festival. This year's sponsors include **Trish Nelson's Banter Girl** comedy production company, among others.

So what's next in Ms. Delfino's sachel of surprises? After the festival, she'll set to work finishing her newest solo show, "**Before My Water Breaks**", which is scheduled to run at **Joe's Pub** on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Ms. Delfino will then commit to her masterpiece: a baby son, due in late August of 2016.

For more information, please visit [www.NYFunnySongs.com](http://www.NYFunnySongs.com)  
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**NY FUNNY SONGS  
FEST CALENDAR  
&  
PROGRAM OF  
EVENTS**

**THURSDAY MAY 19**

**ALL THURSDAY NIGHT'S EVENTS  
ARE AT THE UNICORN, 105 HENRY  
STREET, CHINATOWN**

**5:30 PM CHECK YOURSELF (IN) BEFORE  
YOU WRECK YOURSELF (IN) \$FREE**  
Register, pick up your badge (rad, a badge!)  
and schedule, ask some questions, meet and  
mingle with performers and crew.  
[FACEBOOK EVENT LINK](#)

**6 PM HOWDY SHINDIG + COSTUME BALL \$5**  
Don your sweetest duds, enjoy some treats,  
make some new friends and get ready for a  
crazy few days! Q+A with performers on the  
red carpet and more. Best dressed cash prize  
presented. Hosted by Lauren Maul.  
Performances by Tahlia Robinson & special  
guests TBA.

**7 PM JUST THE HITS, MA'AM \$10**  
A line up of heavy hitters playing just the hits.  
Featuring Afterbirth Monkey, Camille Harris,  
Killy Dwyer, Jessica Delfino, Tim Ellis, Rob  
Paravonian, Rebecca Vigil and Amanda Poryes!

**8:30 PM OUT OF TOWNERS HOE-DOWN \$10**  
Non-New Yorkers rock your socks off. With Joe  
Manete, Jesse Barfield, Greg Tamblyn, Devo  
Spice and more!

**10 PM LATE LAUGHS \$10**  
A raucous evening of anything goes comedy  
songs. Lauren Maul, Noam Osband, Jim Melloan,  
Marian Rosin, Ben Pernick, Small Batch Mafia,  
Alfonso Cejudo, Robin Rothman.

**11 PM KARAOKE AFTER PARTY \$FREE**  
Secret location for VIP, Day & Season  
pass holders only

**50 FUNNY SONGS TENTATIVE LINE UP (HOSTED BY CAROLINE CASTIGLIA & JESSICA DELFINO)**  
*50 Funny Songs will be held at Littlefield, 522 DeGraw at Sackett Street, Brooklyn, NY*

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. WILL NEWMAN              | 11. EVAN ZELNICK  | 21. GREG TAMBLYN          | 31. SANDIP BUCH       | 41. BOB MUIR                  |
| 2. CAMILLE HARRIS           | 12. KATIE JEAN    | 22. TAHLIA ROBINSON       | 32. SQUIRM & GERM     | 42. VICTOR VARNADO            |
| 3. KATIE ARNOLD             | 13. MARIAN ROSIN  | 23. SAM & BILL            | 33. DEVO SPICE        | 43. WADE BOWEN                |
| 4. REBECCA VIGIL            | 14. JIM MELLOAN   | 24. POP FILTER/A. BLOTNER | 34. TIM ELLIS         | 44. MARK SHYZER               |
| 5. KILLY DWYER              | 15. KATIE GOODMAN | 25. BEN PERNICK           | 35. TOOK EDALOW       | 45. AMELITA LIJEK             |
| 6. DAVA KRAUSE              | 16. JOE MANETE    | 26. GLEN RAPHAEL          | 36. JOY M. SELDIN     | 46. LAUREN MAUL               |
| 7. JENNY RUIZA +<br>JESENIA | 17. ROBIN ROTHMAN | 27. SMALL BATCH MAFIA     | 37. ANTHONY KAPFER    | 47. AMANDA PORYES             |
| 8. JESSE BARFIELD           | 18. EVAN LAURENCE | 28. AFTERBIRTH MONKEY     | 38. RYAN KATSU RIVERA | 48. ILIANA INOCENCIO          |
| 9. ROBERT MUIR              | 19. PURPLE BRAIN  | 29. BEN RAUCH             | 39. STEVE GOODIE      | 49. JANE B                    |
| 10. OLLIE RANKIN            | 20. NOAM OSBAND   | 30. ALFONSO CEJUDO        | 40. KIMBERLY STEWART  | 50. THE DREAMSTALKS           |
|                             |                   |                           |                       | 51. SAMANTHA JANE<br>GUREWITZ |



**FRIDAY MAY 20**

**FRIDAY NIGHT'S LOCATIONS VARY, PLEASE  
CHECK DETAILS AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

**4 PM JUST KIDDIN' \$5 @ THE UNICORN**  
Funny songs by and for kids, plus some tips  
on how to write your own silly songs.  
Camille Harris hosts. With Lauren Maul, Purple  
Brain and other guests TBA.

**5:30 PM OFFICIAL UNICORN PARADE \$FREE**  
Meet at 105 Henry Street for the Annual  
Unicorn Parade. Dress up like a Unicorn and let  
your freak flag fly! Parade Marshalls: Jessica  
Delfino & Kelly Dwyer. With Tahlia Robinson,  
Robin Rothman, Greg Tamblyn, Sam & Bill and  
more.

**6:30 PM CELEBRATION MIC! \$10 @ THE  
UNICORN** This happy hour open mic includes a  
tasty beverage. Share your comedy, craft or  
funny songs or just watch others perform. Sign  
up at 6 PM. Host TBA.

**7:00 PM 50 FUNNY SONGS \$10 @ LITTLEFIELD**  
A rapid fire medley of 50 comedic musicians  
singing 1 funny song each. A festival favorite!  
Featuring The Dreamstalks, Afterbirth Monkey,  
Camille Harris, Katie Goodman, Kelly Dwyer &  
45 more. (See below for full line-up) Hosted by  
Carolyn Castiglia and Jessica Delfino. Doors at  
7, show at 8. Advance tickets purchase strongly  
advised. [ADVANCE TICKET LINK](#)

**7:30-9 BITCHCRAFT @ UNION HALL**  
It's lady's night at this witchy, feminist, sing-  
along-y, feel good musical variety show!  
Hosted by Lauren Maul & Selena Coppock, with  
Amelita Lijek, Squirm & Germ, The  
Dreamstalks, Amanda Poryes & more.  
[ADVANCE TICKET LINK](#)

**10 PM 50 FUNNY SONGS AFTER PARTY, \$FREE**  
Let's kick back and have fun now that Friday  
night's events are done! At Littlefield.

**SATURDAY MAY 21**

**SATURDAY NIGHT'S LOCATION VARY, PLEASE  
CHECK DETAILS AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

**10:30-11:30 SUNNYSONGS @ SUNNYSIDE, 43-  
39th ST, 7 to 40th Street, next to NY Sports Clu**  
**\$FREE** Join Lauren Maul and friends as they sha  
re their funny music at Sunnyside Community  
Services, a not for profit agency that offers  
programs for all ages in Queens, NY. Established  
as a senior center in 1974, they now offer servio  
to approx 14,000 people each year of all ages.  
With Ollie Rankin, Kimberly Stewart, Greg  
Tamblyn, Marian Rosin + more.

**11 AM 20 TITILLATING MINUTES BRUNCH \$10**  
**THE UNICORN includes pancake brunch**  
Hosted by Jessica Delfino. [FACEBOOK EVENT LI](#)  
11:20 AM ELENA SIMON 1:40 PM AMELITA LIJEK  
11:40 AM SQUIRM + GERM 2 PM DREAMSTALKS  
12 PM AFTERBIRTH MONK 2:20 PM NOAM OSBAND  
12:20 PM ANTHONY KAPF 2:40 PM JESSE BARFIELD  
12:40 PM SAM & BILL 3 PM BILL DYSZEL  
1 PM JOE MANETE 3:20 KILLY DWYER  
1:20 PM JENNY RUIZ 3:40 AMANDA PORYES

**4:30 PM INDUSTRY PANEL \$10 @ THE UNICORN**  
A panel of supreme industry movers and shakers  
will be on hand to answer your questions about  
how funny songs fit in the comedy world, and  
how to advance your professional career. With  
Maureen Langan and more, TBA. Moderated by  
Jessica Delfino.

**6 PM FuMP PRESENTS, \$5 @ THE UNICORN**  
Performers from the FuMP (Funny Music Projec  
host a great show! With Devo Spice, Steve  
Goodie, Glen Raphael and more!

**5-7 PM MUSICAL SCHMORGASBORD \$FREE @  
PIANO'S** A mix of funny songs, parody,  
musical improv & more. Host TBA. With Adam  
Blotner, Evan Laurence, Joy M. Seldin,  
Bob Muir, Mark Shyzer & more. [EVENT LINK](#)

**6-8 PM RAP BATTLE @ BOWERY ELECTRIC \$5**  
It's a comedic rap battle! Hosted by Victor  
Varnado + Shockwave, featuring Jesse Barfield,  
Alfonso Cejudo & more!

**7:30 PM DON'T FEED THE MUSICIANS @ QED  
\$FREE with NYFSF badge** Rob Paravonian hosts  
Ben Pernick, Small Batch Mafia, Dreamstalks &  
more in beautiful downtown Astoria, Queens.

**9 PM A NIGHT OF DIRTY SONGS \$10 @ THE  
UNICORN**  
Some of the naughtiest and quirkiest performer  
of the fest show you what they've got. **RATED R**  
Hosted by Jessica Delfino. With Noam Osband,  
Evan Zelnick, Will Newman, Dava Krause & mor

