

## Trailblazing Trans Comedian Val Needs Your Vote: A Journey of Laughter & Identity in the \$10K Funniest Canadian Contest!

From Inner Struggle to Comedy Stage Triumph: Val's Inspiring Story of Gender Fluidity and Unwavering Humour!

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, March 18, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Val's ascent from a comedy-loving teenager to a standout contender in Edge 102.1's "\$10K <u>Funniest Canadian</u>" competition is a tale of resilience, authenticity, and the power of laughter. As a high schooler, Val's comedy dream began modestly, with



Al Val headshot, by Ryan Dillon

stand-up compilations on an iPod Mini and contemplative moments mowing lawns. The journey ahead, however, was lined with profound self-discovery and the embrace of their true identity as a transgender woman.

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Canada's support with this competition is vital for me and the 2SLGBTQ+ community. It fuels our journey of acceptance and unity." Initially donning a mask of over-the-top machismo on stage, Val grappled with the complexities of gender identity and sexuality in private. The transformative moment came in February 2018, during a set at Vancouver Yuk Yuk's. In a bold, heartfelt revelation, Val came out as transgender, turning a moment of vulnerability into an empowering and unforgettable comedic experience. This pivotal moment marked the beginning of Val's true comedic voice, intertwining personal trials with humour and sparking

deeper connections with audiences.

Val's comedy transcends mere entertainment; it's a beacon for understanding and acceptance in a world grappling with gender norms and identity. By openly exploring their gender fluidity through comedy, Val challenges societal perceptions and offers a unique, resonant voice in the comedy landscape.

The importance of visibility and support for transgender individuals in media and entertainment cannot be overstated. Val's presence and success on stage and online amplify the voices of a marginalised community, promoting inclusivity and empathy through humour. As a comedian, Val not only entertains but also educates and inspires, proving that personal authenticity can coexist with professional success.

Today, Val is not just a comedian; she is a symbol of courage and change. With an upcoming special "So Brave" on YouTube, and performances slated for the <u>Gay AF Comedy</u> Tour, Val's journey is a testament to the transformative power of embracing one's truth. Additionally, their podcast "PodGis" serves as a platform for discussing the nuances of being a trans woman in comedy and society at large. When speaking about the competition she said, "Canada's support with this competition is vital for me and the 2SLGBTQ+ community. It fuels our journey of acceptance and unity."

Val's story resonates beyond comedy clubs and online platforms; it's a



Al Val at Just for Laughs Montreal, at Jo Koy - 2022 by Joseph El-Hage



Al Val performing at the Rainbow Griffins Comedy Night, Toronto, by Mathieu Taillardas

beacon of hope and a call to action for greater acceptance and understanding of transgender experiences. By supporting Val, we're not just celebrating a talented comedian; we're championing a brighter, more inclusive future in the world of comedy and beyond. Join Val on this incredible journey and be part of a movement where laughter and identity coalesce to create a world of understanding and joy.

Follow @alvalcomedy on Instagram for engaging, candid stories, and don't forget to vote for Val in the "\$10K Funniest Canadian" competition daily at <u>https://bit.ly/voteforalval</u>. Let's rally behind Val – a comedian who's not only breaking the glass ceiling but also rebuilding it in vibrant colours of hope and inclusivity.

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