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## The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Vancouver International Improv Festival welcomes multimedia comedy sensations **PICNICFACE!**

Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, 2011 at Performance Works  
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*"I think there's room for us fat, bloated ex-Kids in the Hall to be remembered fondly next to this thrilling, young, new group. I invite comparisons."*

- **Mark McKinney**, Kids in the Hall and Executive Producer, **PICNICFACE**

**VANCOUVER, BC** – What do you get when you add eight talented comedians, **25 million YouTube hits**, a **Comedy Network television show** (*PICNICFACE*), a **HarperCollins** book (*Picnicface's Canada*) and forthcoming feature film (*Roller Town*)? You get Picnicface, the "many headed comedy hydra" that's set to blow the Canadian comedy scene out of the water this fall.

But first, **they're popping into Vancouver to perform live** at this year's Vancouver International Improv Festival. Yes, you read that right.

See, before they were the **Canada's great white comedy hope**, Picnicface was just a group of fresh-faced young improvisers performing a weekly show at Halifax's King's College. And before that, two of its founding members, **Mark Little** (a New Westminster native) and **Kyle Dooley** met as teens at the long-running ImprovCamp—an annual improv summer camp helmed by none other than VIIF Festival Producer **Alistair Cook**.

It's therefore a bit of a homecoming for the group, who often use improvisation as the basis for their beloved sketch and web video work. **Picnicface will be headlining the festival on Saturday, October 1 at 9:30pm**, and Little, Dooley and the lovely **Evany Rosen** will be performing as part of the International Ensemble on Wednesday, September 28 at 9:30pm and Saturday, October 1 at 7:30pm. The group's director and videographer extraordinaire, **Andrew Bush**, will also be teaching a workshop on "**the Picnicface method**" as part of the annual VIIF workshop series.

Picnicface joins a stellar lineup of fellow improv giants including Edmonton's **Rapid Fire Theatre** and their show **The Harold of Galactus**—an improvised superhero comic—as well as Los Angeles' Popular Science (winner of **Best Show at the 2010 Del Close Awards** in LA), and Atlanta's **Dad's Garage Theatre** and their format Kill the Dog, an improvised Hollywood movie starring Matt Horgan and **Amber Nash** (the voice of Pam on the FX series *Archer*).

All this, plus the FREE Monday night local showcase starring hometown heroes **The Sunday Service** and Hip.Bang!, queer improv outfit The Bobbers, and many, many more all week long at Performance Works. **Festival passes—all shows, all week—are still just \$45**. The best comedy from here, across Canada and the US, for \$45? **Yes, you read that right, too.**

**IN BRIEF:** The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Vancouver International Improv Festival, **Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, 2011** at Performance Works on Granville Island. Shows 7:30 and 9:30pm. Tickets \$10/\$12, Evening Passes \$20, Festival Passes just \$45. **Early Bird Passes \$35!** Monday night **FREE**. Schedule and more [www.vancouverimprovest.com](http://www.vancouverimprovest.com)

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