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STAND-UP GUYS - Canadian icon's Comedy Crew does it Just For Laughs

Rick Mercer has spent a good chunk of his 34 years making people laugh ... and says he was flattered to be asked to host the cross-country Just For Laughs tour ... although he didn't instantly jump at the chance.

"I know when you host something like this, the show will live or die based on the acts you're introducing," he says. "So the first question was obviously, 'Who's going to be on the show?'"

Mercer was thrilled about the roster of talent, which includes Brit comic John Moloney, Montrealer Joey Elias, soft-spoken Mitch Fatel and super hoser Derek Edwards.

"I think Derek Edwards is hysterical," Mercer raves.

"I don't know the man very well, but I spent time with him in an airport in Iqaluit once. We both work in Canadian show business, so naturally that's where we met. I'm such a huge fan of his, so the minute I heard he was on the tour, I was in."

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