

COMING UP: Queen St. coming to Main St.

Comedians looking for laughs at 19 on Park

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Being funny is something Canadians are good at.

"Living in a cold country, you've got to have a sense of humour," said Morgan Flood, producer of the ALtdot Comedy Lounge tour.

The show stops at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park July 21. It kicks off the theatre's live comedy series.

Alternative comedy, which is what ALtdot is primarily known for, is more than a set-up followed by a punch line.

It includes sketch comedy, improv, performance art or a monologue. It's also an opportunity for comedians to test out new material.

ALtdot Comedy is based in the backroom of Queen Street's Rivoli and has played host to Kids in the Hall, Barenaked Ladies as well as Corky

and the Juice Pigs before they made it big.

But producers did not want to keep all of this talent to themselves, which is why they have taken the show on the road.

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The Stouffville show will feature about seven comedians, including the obscure Winston Spear.

Perry Perlmutar is also on the bill. His experiences as an ESL teacher and marriage to a Muslim woman - he's Jewish - provide much of his material.

The Torontonians has appeared on MuchMusic's Video On Trial.

Also scheduled to appear are Canadian Comedy Award win-

ners Mark DeBonis and Ron Sparks, XM Satellite Radio's Next Top Comic winner Matt O'Brien and best stand-up newcomer nominee at this year's Canadian Comedy Awards, DJ Demers.

"(Every comedian) may not be your cup of tea, but overall, you had a great show," Mr. Flood said.

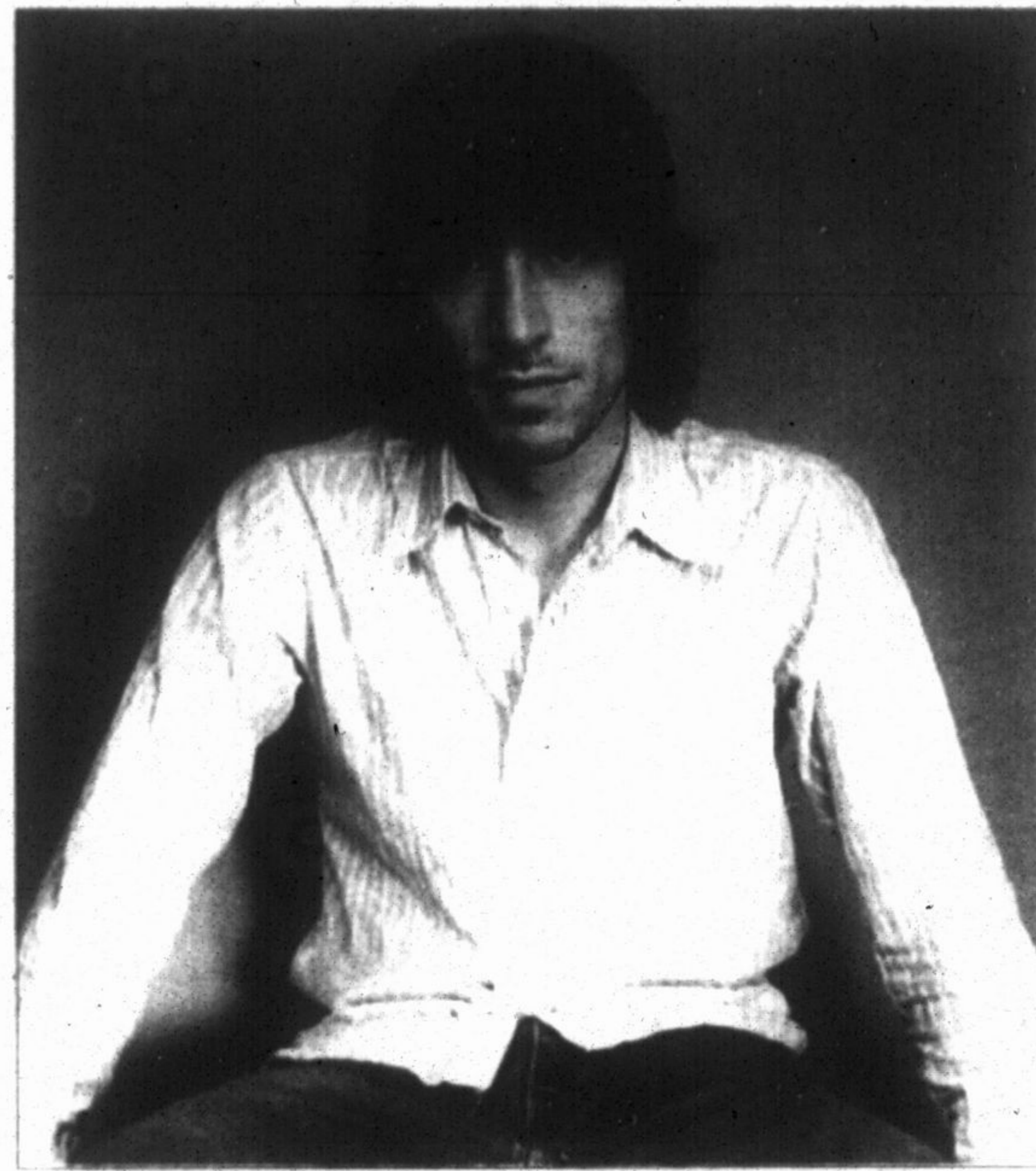
Tickets are \$20 and restricted to people 18 years and older. Showtime is 8 p.m.

For tickets and more information, go to <http://nineteenonthePark.com/altdot-comedy-lounge>

The ALtdot Comedy Lounge also does a live broadcast once a month that can be watched online through its Facebook Fan Page www.facebook.com/AltdotComedyLounge.

Its next broadcast will be July 18 at 9 p.m.

ALtdot Comedy Lounge can also be found on Twitter @AltdotComedy



You may recognize Perry Perlmutar from MuchMusic's Video On Trial. He'll be one of seven comedians on stage at 19 on the Park in downtown Stouffville next Thursday.

MUSIC & ART

Performers from the Stouffville music scene will be front and centre during Art in the Park at the Markham Museum this weekend.


Included are:

- Ewan Dobson, who has more than three million hits on YouTube for his tune Time 2.
- Marie-Lynn Hammond, who played Mariposa last weekend.
- Cris Cuddy, Pierre Boredeau, Don and Marion Drexler, Mike Burns and Tommy Pullin and Friends.

For more information, including an entertainment schedule, go to www.artintheparkmarkham.com

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