

Author-Comedians Mary Walsh and Mark Critch Laugh off Winter at One of the Four Corners of the Earth

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Fogo Island, NL., 5 March 2019— Marking Fogo Island Inn's sixth birthday, two of Newfoundland's greatest talents, author-comedians Mary Walsh and Mark Critch, take up residence at Fogo Island Inn this spring. Mary Walsh leads two days of laughs and adventure on the first weekend of April (April 5-7, 2019), while Mark Critch will keep Easter weekend guests entertained with hilarious hijinks between April 19-22, 2019.

No stranger to television audiences, Mary Walsh has won multiple awards for both writing and performance, and has starred and created CBC's wildly popular take on current affairs, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*. Walsh also wrote, produced and starred in the Gemini award-winning *Hatching, Matching and Dispatching*, which returned to CBC in 2017 as a feature-length presentation called *A Christmas Fury*, with Walsh and the original cast reprising their roles.

A born-and-raised Newfoundlander, Mary Walsh's April visit is her second to Fogo Island in as many years—in 2018, she was a Writer-in-Residence with Shorefast, when she did a reading from her first novel, the Canadian best seller, *Crying For The Moon*, and worked on her upcoming book, *The Girl Who Grew Up Next Door to Her Family*. Guests of the Inn will hear Mary preview excerpts from the book, attend a Q&A in the Inn's Gathering Hall, and accompany the author-actor on a riotous snowshoe excursion.

One of the most recognizable faces in Canadian comedy, Mark Critch has won multiple awards for both writing and performance. Starring on CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* for the past 14 years, Critch has acted as an anchor and "roving reporter," bringing celebrities and politicians to Canadian living rooms across the nation. Critch also hosts CBC's Halifax Comedy Festival, and has delighted diverse audiences in CBC's world-renowned *Just for Laughs* series.

During his special engagement weekend at Fogo Island Inn, Mark will read from his recently-published memoir, ***Son of a Critch***, a heartfelt and outrageously funny look back at his formative years growing up in 1980s Newfoundland. Mark's visit will include

joining in on the annual community Easter Egg Hunt and participating in an old-fashioned square dance as part of his Island Orientation with fellow guests.

Smiles are all around well in advance of Mary Walsh and Mark Critch's arrival on Fogo Island thanks to the Inn's special **6th Birthday Stay on Us** offer. From April 1 until May 8, 2019, all past guests booking a 3-night stay only pay for 2 nights, and new guests booking a 4-night stay only pay for 3 nights.

Full-board **Laugh Off Winter** itineraries with **Mary Walsh** (April 5-7, 2019) or **Mark Critch** (April 19-22, 2019) include: all meals, full use of the Inn's facilities, an Island Orientation with a Community Host, outdoor excursions, a Friday evening welcome reception, and post-supper Q&A and book readings with Mary Walsh or Mark Critch. To secure your stay, call International Reservations at **+1 709 658 3444**, US & Canada Reservations at **+1 855 268 9277** or email reservations@fogoislandinn.ca

ABOUT FOGO ISLAND INN

The beneficial owner of Fogo Island Inn is the community of Fogo Island. The Inn is a community asset and all surpluses are reinvested in the community to help secure long-lasting resilience. More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#). Fogo Island Inn has achieved international recognition for its place specific, embodied form of hospitality. The Inn has made Elite Traveler's list of the Top 100 Hotels in the World for 2018 and 2019. Travel + Leisure (T+L) readers also voted Fogo Island Inn Top Resort Hotel, Canada in 2018 for the second consecutive year. Fogo Island Inn was named Top Hotel in Canada by Condé Nast Traveler readers in both 2017 and 2018. Hideaway Report members picked the Inn as 2018's Most Culturally Connected Hotel, on the heels of its selection as one of Andrew Harper's Top 20 Hideaways in the World for 2017. The Inn has an Economic Nutrition certification mark that shows how a purchase of a room night impacts the local and global economy by detailing where the money is distributed. More information on the Inn's Economic Nutrition certification can be found [here](#).

ACCESS TO FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Gander, Newfoundland is the international gateway to Fogo Island. Commercial flights from Toronto with connections in St. John's or Halifax can bring travellers to Gander in just over four hours. The Inn offers a land-and-ferry pick-up and return service to Gander. Travel from Gander to Fogo Island takes two hours by car or around 30 minutes by charter plane or helicopter. All transfer logistics and accommodations can be arranged by the Inn's reservations team at: **855-268-9277** or reservations@fogoislandinn.ca.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#) or by calling **1-855-268-9277** (toll free) or direct at **709-658-3444**.

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