

FAQ



How can I watch “Saturday Night Live?”

“SNL” airs Saturdays live on NBC at 11:30 p.m. EST; 10:30 p.m. CDT; 9:30 p.m. MST; and 8:30 p.m. PST. The show’s season typically runs from October to late May. Alternatively, you can download the NBC Peacock app and create an account with the Peacock Premium plan to stream the show after it has aired. For \$4.99 a month, Peacock Premium also gives you access to every past episode of “Saturday Night Live” and the option to watch the show live in your timezone.

Who are the current “SNL” cast members?

The show divides its cast into two different categories, the newer featured members and the established repertory members. Currently, the featured cast members of season 48 are Marcello Hernandez, James Austin Johnson, Molly Kearney, Michael Longfellow, Sarah Sherman, and Devon Walker. The repertory cast members include Michael Che, Mikey Day, Andrew Dismukes, Chloe Fineman, Heidi Gardner, Punkie Johnson, Colin Hanks, Colin Hanks, Ego Nwodim, Cecily Strong, Kenan Thompson, and Bowen Yang.

How do I join the “Saturday Night Live” cast?

While “SNL” doesn’t hold open casting calls, we have an array of scouts in cities across the country looking for upcoming comedic talent. Previous cast members have been scouted at places such as an open-mic night or improvisational comedy group performances. Our scouts also monitor comedy published on the internet to recruit a diverse and well-rounded cast.

Is the show scripted?

Yes, “Saturday Night Live” is a scripted sketch comedy show. While there are instances of improvisation throughout the runtime, the cast members have rehearsed the sketches prior and read scripted lines from cue cards during the actual live performance. The show's writers spend the week leading up to the show ideating and writing the sketches.

Does “SNL” accept audience submissions for sketch and joke ideas?

No, “Saturday Night Live” is unable to accept sketch and joke submissions from the public. If you’re seeking a job involved with the creation or production of the show, you can visit the [NBCUniversal career site](#) to learn more.

Are any portions of the show pre-recorded?

Yes, “SNL” features a few pre-recorded portions, including parody commercials and “SNL” Digital Shorts. The cold open, host monologue, the remainder of the sketches, Weekend Update and the musical performances are live.

How do I get tickets to be in the live studio audience?

“Saturday Night Live” audience members are selected at random through an email lottery. Entry to the lottery is free and can be submitted for the upcoming season at any time within the month of August. If you are selected as a winner of the lottery, you will receive two tickets to the show. You are unable to choose preferred show dates, but will be notified of your given show date and time if you win the lottery.

How do I enter the “SNL” ticket lottery?

To enter the lottery, email your submission to SNLTICKETS@NBCUNI.COM and include your full name, email address, and why you would like to be a part of the “SNL” studio audience. Only one ticket entry per household is permitted. You must be 16 years or older to attend the show. “SNL” audience members must be fully vaccinated by the day of their attendance and in line with NBC COVID-19 protocols. Guests must also provide valid photo ID and proof of vaccination at the door, or else they will be denied entry.