

CBC ANNOUNCES THE 12 CANADIAN KIDS VYING FOR THE TITLE OF CANADA'S SMARTEST PERSON JUNIOR HOSTED BY PAUL SUN-HYUNG LEE

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CBC today announced the 12 remarkable Canadian kids who will compete on **CANADA'S SMARTEST PERSON JUNIOR**, premiering Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. (8:30 NT) on CBC, the [CBC TV streaming app](#) and [cbc.ca/watch](#). Over the course of six episodes, the competition will determine which incredible young Canadian will be crowned as the first ever Canada's Smartest Person Junior. Like Canada's Smartest Person, the junior format is inspired by The Theory of Multiple Intelligences. Over six weeks, 12 Canadian kids aged 9–12 will showcase their smarts in fun and innovative challenges across six categories: physical, musical, social, linguistic, logical and visual. The new CBC competition series is hosted by two-time Canadian Screen Award Winner [Paul Sun-Hyung Lee](#) (*Kim's Convenience*).

In a twist on the original format, audiences will see the same competitors week-to-week. Those with the strongest performances each week will advance to the next episode, while the others will be up for elimination. In the season finale, the top six finalists will go head-

to-head one final time. The competition will culminate in a heart-stopping showdown between the top two combatants in the world's most intense intelligence obstacle course, the Super Gauntlet. The young competitors are:

- **Alexia Sabau**, 12, from Calgary, Alberta
- **Arjun Ram**, 12, from Hamilton, Ontario
- **Ashley Taylor**, 11, from Guelph, Ontario
- **Danica Scully**, 11, from Halifax, Nova Scotia
- **Liam Henderson**, 11, from Sarnia, Ontario
- **Liam Veale**, 12, from Saint John, New Brunswick
- **Mateus Soto**, 11, from Toronto, Ontario
- **Matthew Shimon**, 12, from Sydney, Nova Scotia
- **Matthew Yu**, 10, from West Vancouver, B.C.
- **Misuzu Tamaki**, 11, from Markham, Ontario
- **Sandra Nitchi**, 11, from Montreal, Quebec
- **Zoe Devalia**, 11, from Scarborough, Ontario

CANADA'S SMARTEST PERSON JUNIOR is produced by Media Headquarters in association with CBC. The series executive producer and creator is Robert Cohen. For CBC, Sally Catto is General Manager, Programming; Jennifer Dettman is Executive Director, Unscripted Content; and Susan Taylor is Executive in Charge of Production. Media Headquarters, now part of Kew Media Group, retains the international rights. The format has sold in 12 territories worldwide including France, Germany, Sweden, Turkey and Argentina.

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