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## SNL's Lorne Michaels Unveils Election Satire Strategy

### Description

For decades, "Saturday Night Live" has adeptly lampooned politicians, striving to unearth humor within a highly contentious arena.

Creator Lorne Michaels recently asserted that the forthcoming milestone 50th season will exhibit no departure from this tradition. He perceives the weeks leading up to the November election as an opportune moment to welcome back cherished former cast members to Studio 8H.

"I wish to commemorate this season by inviting individuals who have contributed to and cherish the show — not solely as hosts but as guests. The impending election provides a perfect platform for this, encompassing five or six episodes," Michaels articulated in an [interview](#) published on Thursday.

Michaels has confirmed that "SNL" alumna Maya Rudolph will reprise her role as Vice President Kamala Harris. Additionally, he indicated that Steve Martin will also make an appearance this season, albeit not in the capacity of portraying Harris's running mate Tim Walz, despite extensive online advocacy for such a portrayal.

Regarding the portrayal of former President Donald Trump, Michaels refrained from confirming whether the erstwhile "SNL" impersonator Alec Baldwin would return, yet he assured that current cast member James Austin Johnson, who has similarly embodied the former president, "will be present" in some capacity.

"Trump has evolved," Michaels remarked. "We shall need to reimagine the impression anew because, as evidenced by the debate, show business mandates that one cannot re-present a stale rendition. Thus, every character necessitates reevaluation."

"We possess the talent necessary to portray the candidates, and it promises to be an enjoyable endeavor," he added.

"One cannot lecture the audience; alas, contemporary politics often oscillates toward lecturing. Our stance is akin to acknowledging that both sides can exhibit folly," Michaels elucidated regarding "SNL's" approach to political satire. "Comedy must reign supreme; we remain, above all, a comedy program."

"SNL" is poised to commence its 50th season on September 28 on NBC, with "Hacks" star Jean Smart as the host and Jelly Roll gracing the stage as the musical guest.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Lampooned** /læm'pu:nd/ (verb): Publicly criticized or mocked in a humorous way.
2. **Contentious** /kən'tenʃəs/ (adjective): Causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.
3. **Cherished** /'tʃɛr.ɪʃt/ (adjective): Beloved or held dear; valued highly.



4. **Impersonator** /ɪm'pɜːrsə,neɪtər/ (noun): A person who pretends to be someone else often for entertainment.
5. **Reimagine** /,riːɪ'mædʒ.ɪn/ (verb): To imagine again or in a different way.
6. **Elucidated** /ɪ'luː.sɪ.deɪtɪd/ (verb): Made something clear; explained.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Which milestone season is  
Option: 25th season  
Option: 40th season  
Option: 50th season  
Option: 60th season
2. Who will reprise her role as Vice President Kamala Harris in the upcoming season of  
Option: Maya Rudolph  
Option: Kate McKinnon  
Option: Tina Fey  
Option: Amy Poehler
3. Which actor will make an appearance in the 50th season of  
Option: Jack Black  
Option: Steve Martin  
Option: Will Ferrell  
Option: Mickey Mouse
4. Who is confirmed to portray former President Donald Trump in the upcoming season of  
Option: Alec Baldwin  
Option: James Austin Johnson  
Option: Jim Carrey  
Option: Bill Hader
5. According to Lorne Michaels, why do they need to reimagine the impression of Trump?  
Option: Because Trump aged significantly  
Option: Due to popular demand for a new portrayal  
Option: As show business mandates fresh renditions  
Option: Since Alec Baldwin refused to reprise the role



6. When is the 50th season of

- Option: September 15
- Option: September 20
- Option: September 28
- Option: October 5

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 50th season 2. Maya Rudolph 3. Steve Martin 4. James Austin Johnson 5. As show business mandates fresh renditions 6. September 28

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What is the meaning of the word "contention"?

- Option: A. Harmony
- Option: B. Disagreement
- Option: C. Creativity
- Option: D. Clarity

2. Which word best describes something that is deeply loved or valued?

- Option: A. Revealed
- Option: B. Forgotten
- Option: C. Cherished
- Option: D. Abandoned

3. An \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy.

- Option: A. Opponent
- Option: B. Advocate
- Option: C. Critic
- Option: D. Adversary

4. Vitiligo is a skin condition characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Darkening of skin
- Option: B. Skin pigmentation loss
- Option: C. Skin thickening
- Option: D. Excessive sweating

5. A \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of a subject is one that is subtle and sensitive to details or variations.



- Option: A. Complex
- Option: B. Basic
- Option: C. Nuanced
- Option: D. Generic

6. Malnourishment is a condition caused by \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Excessive eating
- Option: B. Proper nutrition
- Option: C. Inadequate diet
- Option: D. Regular exercise

7. What does the term "discrimination" refer to?

- Option: A. Fair treatment
- Option: B. Unjust or prejudicial treatment
- Option: C. Equality
- Option: D. Shared opportunities

8. Restitution involves the act of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Giving gifts
- Option: B. Compensation or repayment
- Option: C. Penalties
- Option: D. Forgiveness

9. To transcend means to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Understand deeply
- Option: B. Rise above or go beyond
- Option: C. Stay in the same place
- Option: D. Confront directly

10. An impersonator is someone who \_\_\_\_\_.

- Option: A. Mimics or imitates another person
- Option: B. Creates original works of art
- Option: C. Represents a company
- Option: D. Advocates for change

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The issue was highly \_\_\_\_\_ leading to heated debates among experts.

12. Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of the legal system can be challenging for non-lawyers.



13. Their \_\_\_\_\_ friendship lasted over four decades standing the test of time.
14. It was time to \_\_\_\_\_ the traditional approach and come up with innovative ideas.
15. The community showed remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ in rebuilding after the disaster.
16. The fashion brand launched an \_\_\_\_\_ campaign to inspire people to dream big.
17. The political cartoon \_\_\_\_\_ the government's handling of the crisis.
18. She had an \_\_\_\_\_ career receiving numerous awards for her work.
19. Using \_\_\_\_\_ language towards others is not acceptable behavior.
20. The plot to overthrow the government was part of a \_\_\_\_\_ scheme by the rebels.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. After a long day at work she sat quietly her next career move.
22. The legal case involved a complex of business contracts and personal relationships.
23. The song's lyrics had a deep emotional with the listeners.
24. The fallen soldiers were on Remembrance Day for their sacrifice.
25. The restaurant had a cozy and inviting perfect for a romantic dinner.
26. Children in impoverished regions are at risk of due to lack of access to proper nutrition.
27. The organization provided aid to refugees in war-torn countries.
28. Michael Jackson famously suffered from a skin condition called causing loss of pigmentation.
29. Employment laws protect individuals from unfair based on race or gender.
30. She has been a strong for animal rights leading campaigns against animal cruelty.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. Disagreement 2. C. Cherished 3. B. Advocate 4. B. Skin pigmentation loss 5. C. Nuanced



6. C. Inadequate diet 7. B. Unjust or prejudicial treatment 8. B. Compensation or repayment 9. B. Rise above or go beyond 10. A. Mimics or imitates another person

**Gap-Fill:** 11. contentious 12. intricacies 13. enduring 14. reimagine 15. resilience 16. aspirational 17. lampooned 18. illustrious 19. derogatory 20. nefarious

**Matching sentence:** 1. contemplating 2. entanglement 3. resonance 4. commemorated 5. ambiance 6. malnourishment 7. humanitarian 8. vitiligo 9. discrimination 10. advocate

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