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# British Invasion

James Corden comes to Mississauga

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**Y**ou likely saw him hosting this year's Grammy awards or on the cover of the March issue of *Esquire Magazine*, or perhaps you have caught him hosting the *The Late Late Show With James Corden* on CBS, but for those who have not heard yet heard of James Corden, here are two words that will put a face, and a voice, to the name—*Carpool Karaoke!*

He's the lovable British chap you've most likely seen driving around in his car with Adele, Madonna or even former First Lady Michelle Obama, belting out the tunes. Corden's *Carpool Karaoke* with Adele went viral with almost 130 million views, making it the most-watched *YouTube* video of 2016.

Recently the British superstar (who now lives in L.A.) ventured to Canada for the first time to host the 5th Annual *Laugh Out Loud* gala in support of Trillium Health Partners' My Hospital Fund. The event was held at Mississauga's International Centre and was a huge success, raising \$1.1 million as announced on stage that night.

We caught up with James backstage to ask him a few questions, well, actually there were so many media who showed up for the pre-show media scrum, we walked with James through the kitchen (where he grabbed a quick bread stick) enroute to his dressing room. Here are some of the questions we asked, along with questions asked by journalists attending the media event.

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*How do you explain the popularity of The Late Late Show, and the phenomenon your Carpool Karaoke segment has created on social media?*

"I don't know really. I think the show is connecting with viewers because of our unabashed joy and our hope to be a light at the end of the day, or throughout the day if you are watching the show on YouTube. We love what we do. Really there's no point doing anything if you are not having fun!

In terms of *Carpool Karaoke*, it took a long time for us to get anyone to do it! You know, this unknown TV talk show host calls up the biggest stars and asks them to get into a car with him, and then sing! We were really lucky that Mariah Carey said yes. If it wasn't for Mariah, *Carpool Karaoke* wouldn't exist. I am thankful she took a chance."

*How do you choose guests for Carpool Karaoke?*

"There are two rules. They have to have a lot of hits and I have to be a really big fan."

*This is your first time in Canada. What do you think of the country so far?*

"I am a big fan! With your health care and gun control, Canada is a shining light in these troubled times. I am really happy to be here, although I am not spending enough time here in Miss-i-saw-gwaaaaa. I think it should be pronounced like this. It sounds like ANYTHING could happen here. I think I will ask for some sort of executive order to have the pronunciation changed. I must say however that I am taking a big risk coming here. I am an immigrant after all, and they may not let me back in the country." (He repeated this line on stage that night and a woman yelled out, 'I'll marry you James.' He is, however, already married with two children.

*Hosting the Grammy Awards two weeks ago, did anything go on behind the scenes that you can share?*

“Most of the time I was just backstage looking for snacks!” he laughs. “There was a room filled with huge glass jars of M&M’s and Skittles and such. That was my Grammy defining moment—the phenomenal snackage!”

*Favourite Carpool Karaoke guest?*

“Beyonce. I’m such a big fan. And Bruno Mars, Adele, Michelle Obama, really, all of them. It is a really great being in their orbit for two hours. After, it’s a bit of a letdown, it’s like, ahhh, it’s done now. I am so lucky to be in such an environment with people admire.”

*Comedic influences?*

“Ronnie Barker, Jerry Seinfeld, Martin Short.”

*Favourite musical?*

“Guys and Dolls.”

*Favourite place on earth?*

“Wherever my wife and children are.”

*Biggest accomplishment?*

“My children.”

*Favourite sport?*

“Football. You call it soccer here right? We invented the game and the entire planet calls it football!

I think I better call the Queen and have her schedule a call to have the name changed here in Miss-i-saw-gwaaaaa.” 🇬🇧

Proceeds from the 5th Annual *Laugh Out Loud* event benefit Trillium Health Partners’ My Hospital Fund which represents seven core hospital programs that enable care across the entire clinical platform: Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory and Genetics, Pharmacy, Neuro/MSK and Medicine. Trillium Health Partners is comprised of The Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre.

One of the auction items up for grabs was “The James Corden Experience-Value: Priceless! Donated by *The*



*Late Late Show*, it includes airfare for two to Los Angeles with accommodation at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills plus other goodies including a Napa Valley Wine Train trip.

James also mentioned he would interview the lucky winner on his show. Maybe he’ll even take the winner for a car ride. Better start practicing your karaoke skills just in case!