



Queer CBC radio producer, writer and comedian Trevor Campbell announces *You Made Me Queer! - LIVE!*, the first live production of his Sonar Network podcast, **YOU MADE ME QUEER!**, an “accusatory” comedic interview podcast celebrating queer origin stories

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**TORONTO, Ontario, Nov. 3, 2021** -- “Ray of sunshine” (Yohomo) **Trevor Campbell**, a regular freelance writer, producer and host of CBC’s *The Doc Project* will hold the first live production of his Sonar Network podcast, *You Made Me Queer!*. Campbell will host *YMMQ! - LIVE!* with his usual brand of gleeful enthusiasm, queer joy and quick wit that made *YMMQ!* an early success. *You Made Me Queer! - Live* will be held in the **Comedy Bar Cabaret Space (945 Bloor Street W.) on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 8pm to 9pm.**

The event will be an exciting interactive extension of the *YMMQ!* podcast, where Campbell invites a 2SLGBTQIA+ guest to double-down on the “gay agenda” and point the finger of blame at who and/or what “made” them queer - a playful cipher which allows them to laugh, cringe and cheer through their queer origin stories.

*You Made Me Queer! LIVE!*’s guest will be **Amanda Corder**, star of CBC’s groundbreaking comedy *Sort Of*. Corder has also been featured on *Baroness Von Sketch Show* and *The Expanse*. Corder will surprise Campbell with the people, places and experiences that helped her discover her queer identity - all through the lens of red hot retribution!

The show will also feature a special version of *YMMQ!*’s patented party game, *Queer, Queerer, Queerest!* which tasks guests with ranking three selections from least to most “queer.” At the Comedy Bar show, audience members will get the chance to play along and Corder will have the added task of guessing how attendees have voted. They’ll also be a chance to win prizes.

Tickets are \$10 and available on [Comedy Bar’s website](#). The show will be recorded and broadcast in 2022 as the podcast’s first live episode.

### **More about You Made Me Queer!**

#### **The world’s first “accusatory” podcast**

*YMMQ!* is an “accusatory” podcast: each episode, Campbell and his hilarious guests have the chance to “blame” who and/or what “made” them queer. The nostalgia-rich conversation that follows joyfully skewers debates surrounding nature/nurture, orientation and gender identity, the “gay agenda” and a host of other hot topics - all through the fantastic and rarely heard stories of each guest’s discovery of their place on the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. *YMMQ!* reclaims one of the most pervasive accusations of identity politics and makes it, well... queer.

Still in its inaugural month, *YMMQ!* was included on [Yohomo’s list of Top Queer Podcasts 2021](#) and selected as a recommended podcast by *Xtra!*.

*YMMQ!* debuted its first season (released weekly) on Thursday, March 4, 2021. It began its second season (released bi-weekly) as part of the Sonar Network on Thursday, August 12, 2021.

#### **A diverse roster of incredible guests**

Now in its second season, past guests of *YMMQ!* include performer and writer Paul Bellini (*Kids in the Hall*), actress Heather Matarazzo (*Welcome to the Dollhouse*, *Princess Diaries*), comedian Gavin Crawford (*This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, *Because News*), comedian and host Tranna Wintour (CBC’s *Chosen Family*), drag queen Jinx Monsoon (*RuPaul’s Drag Race* winner), writer Joshua Whitehead (*Johnny Appleseed*, *Full Metal Indigiqueer*), drag queen Farra N Hyte (OutTV’s *Call Me Mother*), actor Michael Lomenda (*Jersey Boys*) and many more.

## **Campbell's absurdist and joyful approach to interviews**

Called a "ray of sunshine" (Yohomo) and with a comic flair reminiscent of a "young, still lovable Jim Carrey" (Toronto Star), Campbell's absurdist sense of humour, playful energy and deep curiosity in his guest's experience elicits a unique interview. A graduate of Sheridan College's musical theatre program and seasoned performer with an unusual resume of theatre and film credits, Campbell supplemented his training by studying improv with San Francisco's Stage Werx and Toronto's Bad Dog Theatre Company. He developed his interview style while working overseas as a journalist for Tokyo-based NGO Peace Boat, where he had the opportunity to interview everyone from activists and entertainers to heads of state. This singular combination makes each interview fresh, energetic and quick to pivot in response to his guests.

"I have a very eclectic resume, which tends to confuse people," says Campbell, "but it's my best asset. It helps me relate to my guests and engage with their experiences. Even I've never been in their shoes, I might have a pair of knock-offs." His experience as a performer and improviser keeps conversations engaging. "I think comedians - especially improvisers - make interesting interviewers because they create a space that rewards play. Improv is about staying engaged and generous, and taking big swings. It encourages honest reactions, and that's when people say things that surprise both you and themselves."

In a saturated podcast market, Campbell thinks *YMMQ!* does something unique. "So many interview podcasts rehash the same stories. I centred *YMMQ!* around a taboo that's too provocative to be polite about, so things get personal right off the bat."

## **Unapologetically queer but with a wide appeal**

Even though Campbell and his guests all identify as being somewhere on the 2SLGBTQIA+ spectrum, *YMMQ!* is for everyone. "Anyone can relate to the excitement and awkwardness of self discovery in one way or another" Campbell says. But *YMMQ!* is still unapologetically queer, and highlights the diversity of experience on the rainbow spectrum. Minorities are often tasked with being teachers, but through sharing their stories of queer awakening, 2SLGBTQIA+ people can foster awareness on their own terms.

"I've spent a lot of time trying to speak eloquently about my own gender and sexuality, especially through the advocacy work I was involved with while living in Japan. And yes, I think it's so important to speak accurately and equitably about gender and sexuality, but on the other hand - it's refreshing to put down that big bag of statistics and academic terms and just blame my queerness on Josh Brolin and that cut-off sweatshirt he wore in *Goonies*."

## **Listen to YMMQ! now!**

All 27 episodes of *YMMQ!* are available wherever you get your podcasts. New episodes are released bi-weekly on Thursday. Average running time is approximately 50 minutes.

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