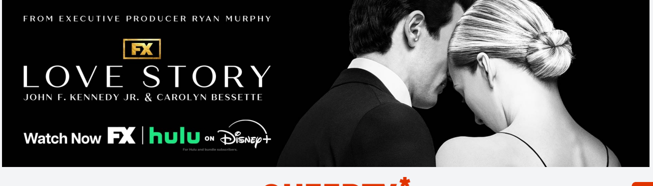

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dishin' it Priyanka dishes on getting messy, *Heated Rivalry* & the secret to a happy relationship

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These days, it feels like all eyes are on our neighbors to the North thanks to the runaway success of *Heated Rivalry*, but forget those hockey bums for a second and pay some respect to true Canadian royalty…

What's her name? Priyanka!

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After becoming the first crowned queen of *Canada's Drag Race*, Priyanka shot into the stratosphere of international fame & acclaim, and she hasn't taken her heel off our necks since (just how we like it).

A true multi-hyphenate, she's done it all over these past few years. Her original music's stayed in heavy rotation, from her killer debut album *Devastatia* to her most recent single "god i'm messy," an anthem for the messy queens everywhere. And she's given us capital-A *Acting* with appearances in **Netflix** comedy *Glamorous* and as the lead of the campy rom-com *It's All Sunshine And Rainbows*.

Plus she's been putting her pre-drag experience as a children's TV host to good use, becoming a guide & mentor for the final season of HBO's incredible docu-series *We're Here*, and now hosting a show all her own for Crave called *Drag Brunch Saved My Life*, where she gives Canadian restaurants makeovers fit for a (drag) queen.

With *Drag Brunch* set to return for a second season (the first is **now streaming in the U.S. via WOW Presents Plus**) and "god i'm messy" at the top of our playlists, we thought it was the perfect time to check in with the icon for **our long-running Q&A series Dishin' It**. In our conversation, Priyanka opens up the formative movie she saw with her "closeted boyfriend," her dream pop collab, and what she thinsk is the gayest thing you can order at brunch. And, yes, of course we asked her for her thoughts on *Heated Rivalry*…

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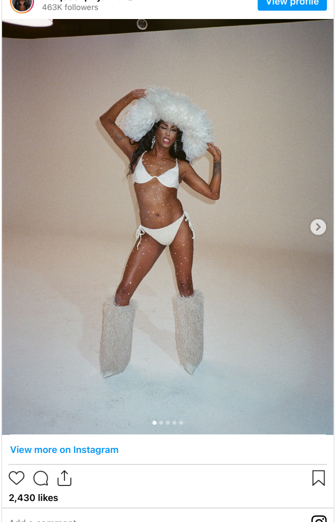

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Our ice-breaker: Is there a piece of media—whether a movie, TV series, book, album, theater, video game, etc…—that has played an important role in your understanding of queerness and the queer community, or your own identity? Why does it stand out to you?

Song Of Achilles. I'm reading it right now and I am gagged at how ICONIC it is. I'll also never forget the first time my ex-boyfriend showed me ***Brokeback Mountain***. We were both closeted boyfriends so seeing that was SUPER crazy. I don't know how to explain it but *Scream*, *Spice World*, *Charlie's Angels*, *White Chicks* are also so gay!!!

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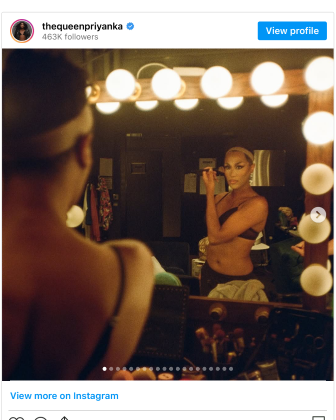

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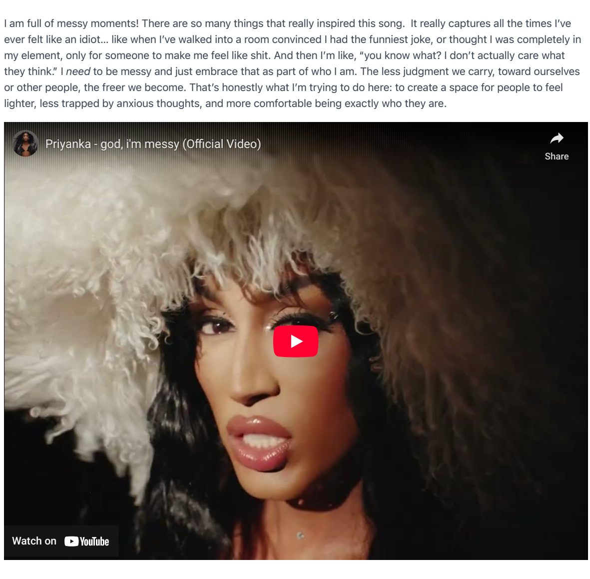
Your latest track "god I'm messy" is such a great anthem for all the messy b*tches out there. Is there a specific "messy" incident of yours that inspired the song, or just general messy behavior? Why is our messiness something we should embrace?

I am full of messy moments! There are so many things that really inspired this song. It really captures all the times I've ever felt like an idiot… like when I've walked into a room convinced I had the funniest joke, or thought I was completely in my element, only for someone to make me feel like shit. And then I'm like, "you know what? I don't actually care what they think." I *need* to be messy and just embrace that as part of who I am. The less judgment we carry, toward ourselves or other people, the freer we become. That's honestly what I'm trying to do here: to create a space for people to feel lighter, less trapped by anxious thoughts, and more comfortable being exactly who they are.



You've had some fire collabs throughout your music career—if you could link up with any pop girl for a new song, who would ti be and why?

JADE IS MY ULTIMATE ICON. I love her so much. She's amazing, and I've never met someone as kind as her. She's not only an amazing artist, but she also continues to give back to our community. We are lucky to have her!

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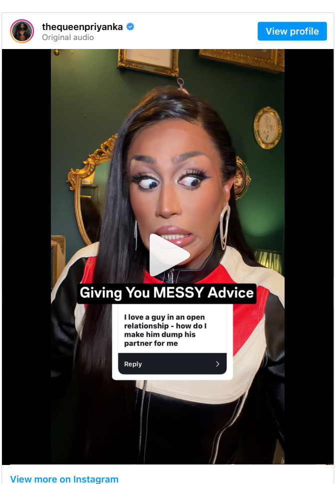

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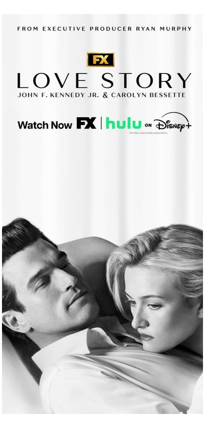
With the first season of *Drag Brunch Saved My Life* now on WOW Presents Plus, so what would you say has been the most surprising and/or challenging thing about filming at these restaurants for the series?

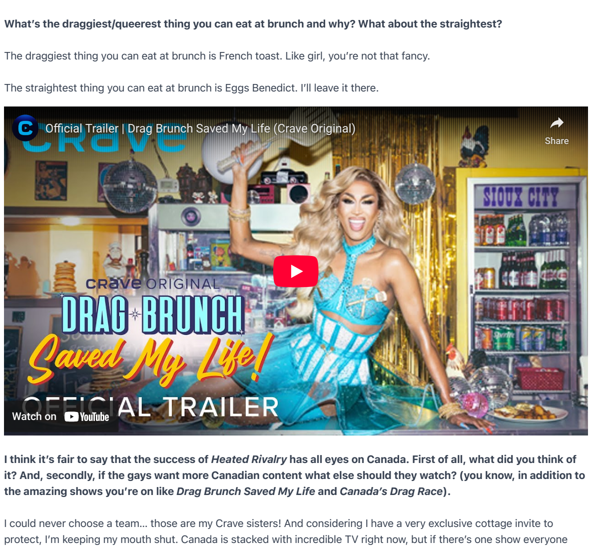
What surprised me most was the depth of connection we found with everyone. *Drag Brunch Saved My Life* really captures human-to-human connection, and the power of empathy, generosity, and care. I didn't anticipate just how many incredible, deeply personal stories we'd uncover throughout the season. We're currently filming season two and it's even crazier!

What's the draggiest/queerest thing you can eat at brunch and why? What about the straightest?

The draggiest thing you can eat at brunch is French toast. Like girl, you're not that fancy.

The straightest thing you can eat at brunch is Eggs Benedict. I'll leave it there.





I think it's fair to say that the success of *Heated Rivalry* has all eyes on Canada. First of all, what did you think of it? And, secondly, if the gays want more Canadian content what else should they watch? (you know, in addition to the amazing shows you're on like *Drag Brunch Saved My Life* and *Canada's Drag Race*).

I could never choose a team… those are my Crave sisters! And considering I have a very exclusive cottage invite to protect, I'm keeping my mouth shut. Canada is stacked with incredible TV right now, but if there's one show everyone *needs* to watch, it's *Sort Of*.

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And of course a huge congratulations goes out to you on your recent engagement after 5 years together! So what we want to know is: What's the secret to a happy, successful relationship?

Oh my God, thank you so much! I can't wait to get married! I've realized the relationships we grow up seeing in movies aren't what real love looks like…it's even better. The key to a good relationship is over-communicating, even when it's uncomfortable. Checking in. Being honest when it would be easier not to be. Planning date nights. It's about finding your partner in crime, and cultivating a sense of partnership to help each other function in beautiful, productive, loving ways. That's the kind of love I'm excited about.

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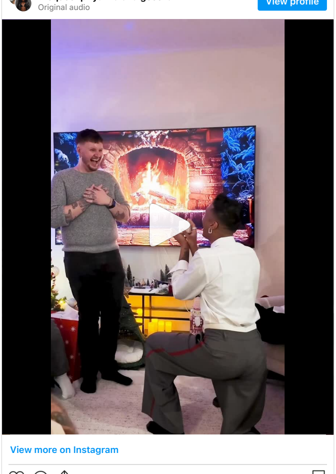

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And, in closing: Who is an LGBTQ+ artist/performer/creator that you think is doing really cool work right now? Why are they someone we should all be paying attention to?

Vivek Shraya – they're such a groundbreaking individual whose work spans books, music, and visual art that has really helped shine a light and expand the conversation on queer identity and experience.

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Priyanka's latest single is out now. And don't miss her on *Drag Brunch Saved My Life* now streaming on WOW Presents Plus.

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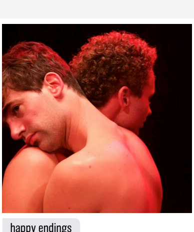
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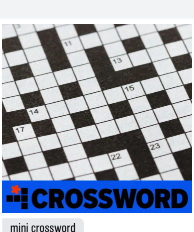
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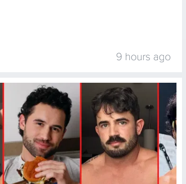
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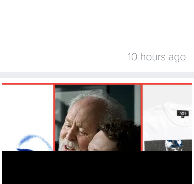
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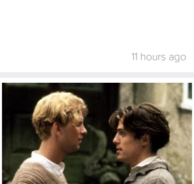
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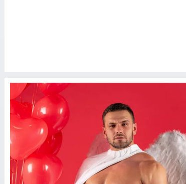
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