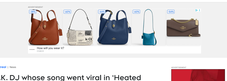

U.K. DJ whose song went viral in 'Heated Rivalry' going on tour across Canada

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U.K. DJ Jack Wilshere filmed updates to CTV News about the success he's had since his song was featured in "Heated Rivalry" and his upcoming Canadian tour.

U.K. electronic music producer and DJ Harrison was painting the walls of his new house last summer when he got a phone call that would later change his life and the trajectory of his career.

The creators of a Canadian TV series were reaching out to him about the 2022 remix of the song Hit The Things We Said by Russian pop duo t.A.T.u. and wanted to include it in the show.

"They said, 'Hey, we've got this show, and your song's perfect for it. Would you let us use it?' I said, 'Yeah, of course,' and that was it," he said.

Little did he know when he said yes that the show Crave's gay hockey romance drama "Heated Rivalry" would become an international hit and the remix would soon going to be hunted down the collective vocals of scores of fans around the world.

Harrison, a U.K. producer and DJ, filmed a video for CTV News about how his song "Hit The Things We Said" became a hit in the TV series "Heated Rivalry."

"It never thought that it be getting messages from Germany and Russia and Canada and everywhere else saying, 'Hey, we've been watching this show and it's allowed me to do amazing collaborations," he said on stream with CTV News.

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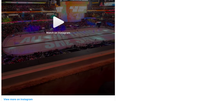
He's now embarking on a Canadian tour for the first time with stops in eight cities across the country including Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Regina and Kitchener, Ontario.

A playlist for Harrison's cover of the TV "Things We Said" is placed during one of the show's most memorable scenes.

The two love-hockey players, Canadian Shane Hollander and Russian Ilya Rozanov, cross paths on a night out at a Montreal nightclub and lock eyes from across the dance floor, unable to shake the chemistry they secretly have for each other in public.



Harrison, who's also a songwriter and vocalist, said it took about half a day to come up with the track for the remix — which features his vocals — and he's seeks to perfect the sound of the song, which has now been streamed more than 2 million times and said the number of streams of Harrison's remix surged more than 1,700,000 per week.

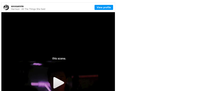
Behind the shows, the song had grown under the radar, with about four million streams on the platform over the last three years, Harrison said. Now, the streams have surged to more than 20 million on Spotify alone. He describes it as the unlikely drama song of "Heated Rivalry."

The viral track has also been streamed more than one billion times on TikTok, Twitch is a number 1 and Harrison "wouldn't be here," he said CTV News. "I'd be lost in the wilderness without that song."

The song's success wasn't just finished in the streaming platforms.

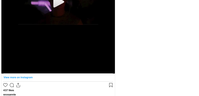
It's been played at actual NHL hockey games, NBC used it to promote figure skating at the Olympics, it's been performed by Canadian pop star Tate McRae and it's countless reels on Instagram by the fans of Jackie's series.

It has also become the soundtrack on countless videos from hardcore fans who re-created the viral scene on social media.



It has also opened doors to new projects. Harrison is set to release an orchestral version of "All The Things She Said" featuring his own vocals in Italian guest-blend orchestra conductor Ivo Joseph William Morgan, and has collaborated with Canadian DJ Jack Wilshere.

He's now in the middle of a new project with The Venroux for a remix of the Alexander Ebert 2007 song "Underwater."



They think these (and) opportunities that you never thought you'd get where you were, like, Michael Bublé or something," he said.

"So I'm, it's, it changes my life, and a lot of people seem to be getting very happy about it, and it's, it's, it's,

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