

## Biography

Carsim Birmingham is a 24-year-old vocalist/songwriter currently living in Vancouver, BC and originally from the Commonwealth of Dominica in the Caribbean. He has been singing from the tender age of 5 (says his mom) and has always continued to do so up until this point. Carsim's vocal stylings are heavily inspired by genres such as R&B, Neo-soul and Gospel drawing upon artists such as Luther Vandross, Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey to name a few. Carsim initially moved to Vancouver to pursue a bachelor's degree in French literature at UBC and recently completed this goal however, the dream of becoming a captivating performer on stage was always at the forefront of his ambitions. With aspirations to perform on Broadway and at sold-out concerts one day, he is continuing his musical journey after being a finalist on this year's Canada's Got Talent Season 4.

Carsim's upbringing was very humble and simple with his mom, a caterer, and his dad, a fisherman. With his mother at the epicentre of his musical aspirations, acting as the foundation to his devotion to the musical artform, he aspires to give back to her a hundred-fold for the challenges she has overcome and the sacrifices that she made to provide him the opportunities he has today.

Despite a life filled with a myriad of wins and vibrant colours of achievement, the struggle to fit in within a society that may not accept him for who he really was instilled much fear, anxiety and insecurity within him. With the topic of sexuality deemed so taboo within the Caribbean, there was not much room for self-expression. So, with the help of music and the encouragement of his mother, Carsim redirected his pain and anguish into music. He hopes to one day sing/write melodious tempos that touch the souls and minds of any- and everyone who hears, allowing them access to his path through their hurt.

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