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Matthew: Hi, how's it going? My name's Matthew and this is Episode one of the Randomonium podcast.

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Matthew: What is the Randomonium podcast? It's a podcast where each month where a guest and I will discuss random topics plunging into random rants throughout. In this episode a guest And I are going to be talking about who, in our opinion, is the greatest Canadian, in my opinion it's Seth Rogen. The special guest for this episode is Jack McWilliam, who has had many years of improv experience even being part of the UBC improv team.

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Jack: So my name is Jack. I just recently graduated from UBC, like about two months ago. Now, currently, I'm just working as a production assistant for the commercial film industry and then I also do like a little bit of handyman work on the side. But yeah. So just working a little bit.

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Matthew: Now, what's your opinion on Seth Rogen?

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Jack: I'm a pretty big Seth Rogen fan. I think I kind of once I started getting into comedy was like the same time he was. I was probably like six or seven when I first saw something That Seth Rogen did, which was like Freaks and Geeks. But my buddies and I used to love Superbad and like a bunch of movies like, you know, childish movies. But I think he's a little more humble Then people, like, give him credit for you know, he does like a lot of movies that maybe some people don't really like that much. But he is like, you know, he he's very self-deprecating as well. And so he's not like a lot of other celebrities in the film industry right now. I think it's easy for, like you and I or someone to, like, relate to him because, like, he's kind of from where we were. But also he is a good role model because he's like a hard worker. And, you know, if you like, read about him, he's been doing like standup since he was like 12 or 13 years old. Like so he's someone that's like dedicated to his craft.

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Matthew: If you had to pick, like, who you thought was the greatest Canadian, like, Right off the top of your head who would you pick, as like the greatest Canadian.

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Jack: I probably would say, like Terry Fox. That's a that's. Yeah, I think is pretty iconic Canadian. Yeah, I always liked Terry Fox.

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Matthew: Yeah, So you've been a fan of Seth Rogen for you said since you were like what, seven.

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Jack: Yeah. I mean I think the first time I saw him was like Freaks and Geeks which I watched when I was pretty young just because I was the last child in my family. So I guess I wasn't really like looked over to but weren't really watching over my shoulder what I was watching when I was younger. So, yeah, I think, like, I've known about him for a super long time.

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Matthew: And so so if you had to pick, like, your favorite Seth Rogen movie, what would that be in Your opinion?

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Jack: I think it would be Superbad. Superbad. Yeah.

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Matthew: And did you see that right when it came out, like in theaters or.

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Jack: I think it maybe took me a couple of years to see that one. It's yeah. I don't really know when it came out I think came out like 2007 or something. I don't know if I saw it for a couple years after that. It is pretty like definitely rated R.

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Matthew: so time to move on to trivia now.

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Jack: Yeah. Let's go for it. All right. So first one, where did he go to high school. Where did Seth Rogen Go to high school.

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Seth Rogen went to Point Grey.

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Matthew: Yes. What year was he born. Bonus points, if you know the exact day.

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Jack: Oh, wow. That's actually quite a tough one. I don't know. I'm going to go with nineteen eighty two.

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Matthew: That's right.

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Jack: s that right. I don't know the exact date. OK, wow I can't believe I got that right.

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Matthew: Yeah. Which is also a good coincidence for the project. This podcast is based around because it's all like I guess nineteen eighty two comes from like the what is it like the rezoning of the Constitution. Yes. That's two days before the Queen signed the new one. So it really is pretty interesting. Yeah. And the third one is what charity did he found.

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Jack: Oh oh. Is it hilarity for charity like that?

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Matthew: Yeah

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Jack: yeah, and it does like a bunch of shows with them and stuff and a bunch of. Do you know what it funds for?

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Speaker 2: That's yeah. I mean, it's called what does entirely, although I'm pretty sure it's for Alzheimer's that.

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Speaker 2: Oh yeah. When I was reading about it and that's like his big thing, he's really into like Alzheimer's research and. Yeah. What was his best movie.

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Jack: Just so that's just my opinion or his best like movie in terms of money

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Matthew: like I don't really think about it money. I've just kind of like I like general opinion probably.

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Jack: That's a tough one. I wonder maybe like Pineapple Express or yeah.

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Matthew: Oh, I didn't even think about that, I kind of just went with Superbad.

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Jack: Yeah, I feel like if it wasn't too and I think Superbad probably has the best reputation. Yeah. But a lot of people know Pineapple Express like kind of like that.

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Matthew: Yeah. That's a good one too. I, I liked that one I watched it recently actually. Yeah. All right. This one is where was his first comedy gig.

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Jack: Oh you're looking for a specific location or just the town.

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Speaker 2: I don't know. Like I'd say the type of like show OK Yeah. Did you know It was at a lesbian bar, is what he said.

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Jack: I think it probably would have been a standup show, right?

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Matthew: Did you know It was at a lesbian bar, is what he said.

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Jack: He did standup shows that like. I think yuck, yuck, some like a few bars and then, yeah, yeah, some of the places around town are, you know, that's really funny. I didn't know that.

Matthew : And what was his first writing credit on IMDB?

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Jack: Oh, that's a tough one, um, is it SNL?

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Matthew: No, it's a show called Undeclared No. OK, no, I've never heard of that. I don't know if he did.

Jack: OK, no, I've never heard of that. I don't know if he did.

Matthew: I thought I read somewhere that he did writing before that. But when I imdb, it looks like that's his. Yeah.

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Jack: Yeah. That must have been the one where he had like maybe had the biggest role in writing it. So that's like what, the first big one or something.

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Matthew: Yeah. And the final question is they played the character in Superbad whose fake I.D. said his name was Mclovin.

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Jack: Christopher Minse plasse.

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Matthew: That's correct. I know what I do. You did very well, actually, I think you got you didn't get missed one going out the first three six.

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Matthew: I don't think you got or you got like seven, I guess, half point.

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Jack: Yeah, and then and then 10. So but I passed you passed?

Matthew: Yeah. We'll take a pass the trivia, so you got to make a good start. But all right. So you kind of know what he's doing now. Like, have you watched, like, the new series he produced?

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Jack: Yes, I have watched a little bit of it. I'm like only about two episodes in, though, because I started it like last week. But my dad my dad raves about it a lot. He tells me I should watch it. Same with my doctor.

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Matthew: Yeah, it's good I watched it.

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Matthew: I remember when I watched the first season was when I was that I think I was in like Whistler and I think in like a day and a half. Yeah. Which doesn't.

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Jack: Yeah. But everyone says they'll just kind of been binge watching it once they get there. But I want to say I watch a lot more movie, as I say, than I watch TV currently. So I think that might be why I haven't really got into it yet.

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Matthew: Yeah. I mean I watch a lot of different ways to I but I'm more of like a I kind of just like find a show and then I watch all of it and eat out a lot of time.

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Matthew: That's kind of. Yes. Did you see his customers, the hilarity for charity I think on the 20th. Yeah. Did you watch that?

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Jack: No, I did not see it.

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Matthew: Unfortunately, I missed it because I didn't know I thought it was going to be later. Yeah, it was like, yeah,

Jack: I'm sure they're great because he had very funny friends as well. Yeah. This one was like I think it was I'm pretty sure it was like trivia, like it was a game show, OK.

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Jack: No, I haven't seen that. I should probably check it out.

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Matthew: Yeah. So I guess my final question is kind of what do you in your opinion, what do you think it takes to be a great Canadian?

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Jack: That's a really good question. I think it is a combination of things, of working hard, being in the like, being a bit of a leader at times and being like tenacious as well as humble. I think like in Canada, we really value, like, people who are humble not to like full of themselves in a way. And I think that's what kind of resonates with a lot of people. So, you know, if you're putting yourself on the line to maybe represent other people who are not as represented or, you know, I see Terry Fox because I think he kind of represents a lot of the values that, like Canadians think they want or think they they have.

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Matthew: You know, in your opinion, do you think Seth Rogen would fit into that? Do you think Seth Rogen is like I mean, not the greatest Canadian, but like a great Canadian?

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Jack: I yeah, do think so. I mean, like I think he's very willing to put himself out there and like, you know, speak up for communities that maybe don't have as big a voice as he personally has, you know, and whether it's like, you know, the Alzheimer's or the like the BLM movement or stuff like that, I think he's like pretty willing to, like, show those values that I was talking about earlier, you know. Plus, I think on the other side of it is kind of like relatively childish and like funny, so people appreciate that as well.

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Matthew: After listening to my interview with Jack, I hope you guys can see why, in my opinion and based off of the evidence I have provided by Seth Rogen is the greatest Canadian.

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Matthew: Thanks for listening to the first episode of the Randomonium podcast. If you enjoyed it, you can subscribe so you can catch the next episode as soon as it comes out. Also, just a quick spoiler before I go. The next episode of this podcast is most likely about World War Two, so I'll go for that.