

Maclean's September cover story digs into why Justin Trudeau and Katy Perry can't stop making headlines

Cultural critic Kathy Chow spent months investigating the relationship that has fascinated and infuriated Canadians. Interviews available as of August 25.

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September issue cover story, "The Prime Minister and the Pop Star," on August 25. Written by cultural critic Kathy Chow, the piece traces the improbable romance between former prime minister Justin Trudeau and pop star Katy Perry, drawing on original interviews with Trudeau's friends, former staff and associates to ask why the relationship has struck such a nerve.

Chow's reporting traces the arc of Trudeau's rise and fall in Canadian politics, and sets his romance with Perry against the broader shift from the optimism of the 2010s to the disenchantment of the present day.

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Chow holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Yale and is a fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School. Her critical eye and academic rigour bring an insightful lens to a story that has largely lived in tabloid territory.

Interview availability

Chow will be available for interviews beginning August 25, when the story is published online. Given the story's cultural reach, she is a strong booking for TV, radio and podcast formats looking to discuss what this relationship says about the moment we're in.

No interviews may be conducted, and no details of the story may be published or broadcast, before August 25.

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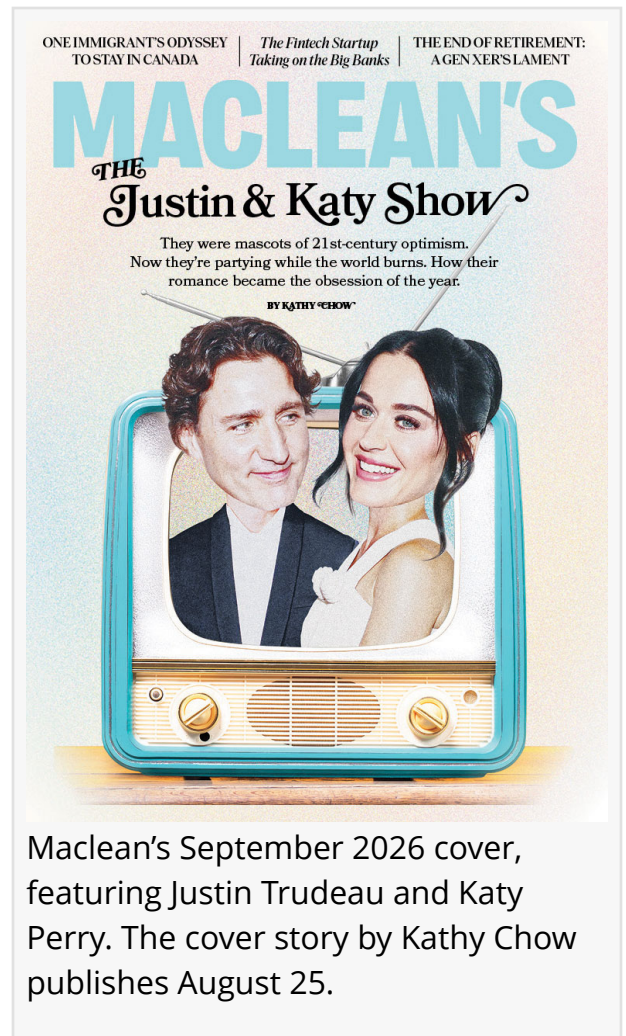
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