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Ottawa singer making waves in online karaoke community

OTTAWA, June 1, 2015 - Local singer, Chantale Sauvé, has performed a duet with popular British pop singer Jessie J, thanks to the power of technology.

Watch the duet with Jessie J.

Sauvé, a lifelong singer and avid cosplayer, has been using Smule's *Sing!* app for almost two years, accumulating more than 6,000 fans and followers. She holds the distinction of being the first Sing! user to incorporate cosplay into her songs, singing Disney songs as both Anna and Elsa from Frozen, Belle from Beauty and the Beast, as well as paying tribute to superstars like Madonna and Lady Gaga.

Smule's *Sing!* blog and various social media outlets recently featured Sauvé in their <u>User Spotlight</u>, recognizing her for her innovative use of the app and unique approach to their newest video feature. Her costumes have inspired many other users to don wigs and paint their faces to join her in duets.

Sing! was recently cast into the media spotlight when UK user Tom Bleasby sang a pitch perfect duet that went viral with Jessie J, one of the few professional singers using the app. Sauvé joined Jessie J for a harmonic rendition of the Brit's song *Flashlight*, and has sung with viral sensation Bleasby belting out a classic Celine Dion tune.

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Chantale Sauvé, dubbed the Queen of Harmonies by her online fans, has been singing since childhood in school choirs and music groups, even singing backup for Shania Twain when the Canadian superstar came to Ottawa in 1998 for her *Come on Over* tour. Sauvé also plays guitar and writes her own music. In recent years she discovered her love of cosplay, a hobby involving costume making and makeup to portray characters from pop culture. She blended these two passions and has made a name for herself in the online world.

Sing! is a free app available for apple and android that allows users to sing along to karaoke tracks and join others for duets.

Sauvé can be found on Sing! at <u>www.smule.com/chanticleer</u> and on Twitter as <u>@Chanti_Cleer</u>.

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