

**Mel:** My name is Melayna Williams. I'm a writer and cultural critic, and I am known for hosting this podcast. And in my opinion, not being known enough.

**Dalton:** My name's Dalton Higgins. I'm a publicist and an author. I'm a father and I have so many interests, I'm almost a textbook polyglot.

**Mel:** Black tea is a podcast where we're going to discuss issues relevant to the black community, in Canada and globally. As protests have erupted around the world and more people are being forced to acknowledge racism, there's no better time to understand that black issues are everyone's issues.

**Dalton:** I've been talking about black popular culture before the black squares, before Wakanda and before it became a trending topic for the non-black types. So for me, Black Tea is raw, frank conversations with black movers and shakers. This season we're talking about politics, economics, music, sports, and popular culture.

What makes Black Tea special is it's just black. Straight, no chaser. Mel and I are unapologetically black. It's also the first time I don't have to be the token black guy. My cohost is an actual black human being. That's just worth celebrating.

**Mel:** And we don't have to talk about how white people are reacting to us. This is not going to be some sort of like black square, Allyship 101 situation.

We're brewing black tea because we feel like these conversations are still important. They still need to be had. And a lot of people feel like they can't happen. So we hope to amplify voices that aren't usually highlighted, specifically in Canadian culture. And we want to really continue to provide a safe space for black people.

**Dalton:** This is like Black History Month on steroids.

**Mel:** We will be spilling even more Tea on August 11. So please get into an entanglement with Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts.

**Dalton:** Presented by Fido.