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The man behind the scenes

Have you ever wondered how celebrities become so famous and popular? Whose pushing those magical on air buttons that make celebrities look and sound so good. Who's really responsible for their success?

We caught up with one of Toronto's most respected talk show radio producers, Mike Damergis, the man behind the popular radio show, "Prime Time with Bob McCowan". He has the task of producing one of Toronto's most listened to talk shows, which can be heard weekdays between 4pm and 7 pm on The Fan 590, Toronto's leading sports radio station. When Damergis was asked how much pressure he is under in producing such a high rated show in the city. Damergis responded by saying, its great, however it's thanks to McCowan. He's so good at taking the pressure off the rest of the cast. McCowan is able to quickly catch, cover and improvise his way through any behind-the-scenes errors and on air delays we could be experiencing. This make my job a lot easier, indicated the very creative Damergis and that's what makes McCowan the best in the business.

Born and raised in the United States, Damergis's broadcast dream began in 1987 when he became a lot more focused on pursuing his career dream. He attended school at Iona College, located in Rochelle New York, the home of the very popular Dick Van Dyke Show. While studying in New York, he worked very diligently on a part-time internship basis at W.N.E.W. a New York AM Radio Station. However, his lucky break came in 1996 in Toronto, Canada when he attended Humber College. He got his break when he volunteered in a co-op broadcasting program, which just happened to place Damergis on Toronto's leading radio sports station, The Fan 590.

Now age 32, the well-respected Damergis produces one of the most listened to talk shows in North America: prime Time with Bob McCowan". In closing Damergis hopes to further his career one day by having the opportunity to host his own talk show.

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