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# Joint interview with Claudia Jordan and Karamo Brown Stars of 'The Next 15'

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following the lives of former reality stars and what truly happens after the cameras stop rolling.

Already interviewed last year, the gorgeous TV Host & Model **Karamo Brown** is back with Radio Personality and Actress **Claudia Jordan** for a punchy joint interview with Examiner **Leny Navarro**.

**Examiner Leny Navarro:** Guys, how were you introduced to the project, and what first got you interested?

**Claudia Jordan:** Producer **Carlos King** told me “if you don’t go back to **Real Housewives of Atlanta**, something else will come up I promise.” And I believe the rest is history!

**Karamo Brown:** Carlos King is also a good friend of mine. He has been following my career steps and offered to take me to the next level, which he has done with *The Next :15*.

**LN:** What can we expect from both of you on the show and how is it different from your previous experiences?

**CJ:** I get the chance to showcase more of my talents, a wiser side of me. However, you will see that my patience has improved but I still don’t have time for stupidity, ignorance or jealousy. On a positive note, I felt more prepared to deal with reality television this time around. With *Real Housewives of Atlanta*, I was just thrown into it, but now I have gained confidence with *The Next :15*.

**KB** I was only 23 when I appeared on **MTV’s**

**Real World.** With time comes maturity, I am a 35 year old Entrepreneur and a father so you will get to see my growth. Honestly, I am not the one for games and business remains my priority. On a funny note, Claudia and I can get really shady together!

**LN:** I love the chemistry you two have. On a serious note, do you think that **The Next :15** will truly give a new edge in **reality television**?

**CJ:** Absolutely, you have reality stars of several shows coming together. It is almost like an All-Stars TV show. It offers a second chance for some, as it brings a stagnant career back to life.

**KB:** Definitely as you get to see what truly happens behind the scenes. You are witnessing the real phases of a show being made, and that has never been seen before.

**LN:** Do you ever watch other shows? What are your favorite ones?

**CJ:** I look at **Love and Hip-hop**, I love how certain situations can derail, a bit of a train wreck! I still watch Housewives and one of my favorite shows to watch is 'My 600 lb Life' on **TLC**.

**KB:** Like claudia, I love the Love & Hip Hop franchise and the **Housewives** franchise. Plus, I adore the reality shows on **TVOne**.

**LN:** Who have been your influences in the industry?

**CJ:** I've always been a fan of Jayne Kennedy Overton as I respect how she paved the way by

kicking down doors for those who came after. I'm also very found of Oprah and Angela Bassett.

**KB:** My main influences have been **RuPaul**, Television Personality Montel Williams, Dr. Drew and the men that stand beside me like **Jussie Smollett**, Lloyd Boston.

**LN:** Karamo, with your production skills, would you ever consider producing a similar format?

**KB:** Yes **Leny**, I have just sold my first network show, which you will be hearing about soon and I am in the process of selling non-scripted reality shows. So stay tuned, let's talk about it in our third interview!

**LN:** Claudia, what is your most memorable experience working in television?

**CJ:** I would have to say standing onstage cohosting the Miss Universe **pageant** knowing that it was viewed by over half a billion viewers. It was close to my heart as I started my career in pageantry, so I feel like I've come full circle.

**LN:** I wonder what question have you always wanted to ask each other?

**Claudia to Karamo:** Were you scared to come out as the first gay African-American star on reality television?

**Karamo:** I wasn't scared but I wanted to make sure I did it the right way. I put a lot of stress on myself. With being the first openly **gay** African American to be cast on reality tv, you have to make sure you don't embarrass yourself and

your community. I still pray every single day that I am making them proud.

**Karamo to Claudia:** what's your biggest fear?

**Claudia:** I would say failure as I am always so scared to fail.

**Karamo to Claudia:** Do you ever feel like you will have children?

**Claudia:** To become a mom now would be great, but I just feel that it will happen when it's supposed to.

**LN:** Finally, tell us one thing readers will be surprised to learn about you?

**CJ:** People think that I mean or bitchy, and it was heavy on mind as the people I know always tell me that I'm too nice , so I don't know if I have a 'resting b&%#@ face' but I just consider myself to be a person who fights for what's right. I guess this can come across as mean but I am far from it.

**KB:** I am ready to get married and have more kids. My career is taking off and things are going great on the professional level. I want to take that next step whenever the time is right.

Catch an all-new episode of The Next :15 [here](#).

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