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Ask Your #WCV with Rose Cora Perry, Canadian Musician, of The Truth Untold

What is your definition of romance?

In the absence of respect, support and mutuality, only “liking” is possible.

Romance is not simply about being “romantic” - it’s about “working” at your relationship - listening, responding, understanding, and just plain “being there” for each other.

It’s about ensuring that both your and your partner’s needs are heard and fulfilled. It’s about understanding that life has ups and downs and you need to be equally prepared and willing to “pick up the slack” when your partner is experiencing challenges just as much as you’re eager to celebrate the good times.

What is the best piece of romance advice you have ever received?

Never try and “force” your relationship status.

When we’re single, we can get lonely and desire to share/make memories with a partner, but scouring dating websites for “Mr/Mrs Right” or trying to look for a “connection” that isn’t really there will never result in longterm happiness.

Timing, as with everything else, matters. You need to be happy with yourself first and the right person will come along. Have standards and stick to them. You matter.

What's the strangest thing someone has done to get your attention?

Last year, I received a photo from a male fan displaying his "goods". No message - just the photo.

In my naivety, I had to crank my head a couple of times to even realize what it was I was looking at.

My inner dialogue was like, "okay, I see grey fabric and seams and some sort of bulge...dear god! I just received a pic of you know what."

Then I laughed, showed it to my drummer and suggested he respond instead.

If there was one piece of advice you could give to other men/women out there, what would it be?

If a relationship ever causes you to compromise on who you are, what's important to you - your dreams, your goals, your identity - and what kind of lifestyle you want to lead, it's an unhealthy one for both of you.

Be yourself and you will attract the right partner. Real love is finding someone who sees all of the good and all of the bad inside of you, accepts you for all that you are and encourages you to grow alongside him/her.

You may not always see eye-to-eye and yes, but being in the right relationship will challenge you in positive ways - ways that will allow you both to become better people for having met each other.

How do you keep the romance alive in your relationships?

Spontaneity and humour :)