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FOUR NAMES ADDED TO NIAGARA FALLS ARTS WALL OF FAME

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When you've been entertaining for as long as Jim Cooper has, it's hard to turn it off.

"I feel so lucky to be here, then again, at my age I feel lucky to be anywhere," said Cooper as he was inducted into the Niagara Falls Arts & Culture Wall of Fame on Saturday. "When you get to be my age, then say you're in the golden years, but the only thing golden about these years is my urine."

In 1994, Cooper created Oh Canada Eh?, a family dinner-theatre attraction that has delighted generations of tourists in Niagara Falls. In 1999 the show moved

into its own custom-built log cabin theatre on Lundy's Lane with seating for 250. Since then, Oh Canada Eh? has won the Niagara Falls Visitor and Convention Bureau's Attraction Award seven times. Cooper personally performed in more than 2,000 shows before retiring in 2015.

On Saturday he was one of four inductees to the wall of fame.

He was inducted alongside Alan Barillaro, an Oscar-winning animator who works at Pixar; Antoine Gaber, a celebrated photographer, film producer and impressionist painter; and Isabelle Rezazadeh, also known as Rezz in her alter-ego as a techno musician and DJ.



(Above) Jim Cooper waves to supporters after being inducted into the Arts and Culture Wall of Fame. (Below) Cooper was one of four people inducted into the Niagara Falls Arts and Culture Wall of Fame on Saturday. From left were: councillor Wayne Campbell, MP Rob Nicholson, MPP Wayne Gates, Cooper, and Dino Fazio and Laura Moffat from the Niagara Falls Arts and Culture Committee.