

Katy Perry makes dreams come true for Aurora's biggest fans



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It has been a very exciting and star-studded summer for Anthea and Dabria Peta, as through a classic case of "at the right place at the right time" led them to meet and befriend their pop star idol Katy Perry.

Last month the Peta family had planned a Sunday trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village that was nearly cancelled due to rain and cloudy skies. Despite their parent's attempts to convince them to go somewhere else for some indoor fun, Anthea, 8, and Dabria, 7, insisted that the trip must go on, rain or shine. The entire family loaded the car along with Anthea's favorite stuffed animal "Kitty Purry", unaware of the unexpected surprise awaiting them at their destination.

Once they arrived, Anthea and Dabria immediately recognized a "special visitor" and wasted no time approaching her to ask: "Are you the real Katy Perry?" To this Perry playfully answered, "today is my day off, so I am not Katy Perry today, but I will be again tomorrow!"

Perry was in Toronto for her Prismatic World Tour, and had stopped at Pioneer Village during her day off between shows. She gladly took the time to talk to the girls about their summer camp experiences, love for her music and their upcoming school year.

Anthea and Dabria, who have always enjoyed singing and dancing, were thrilled with the opportunity to talk to Perry about her music, performances and life as a pop star. They even had the chance to meet Perry's touring sidekick, her dog Butters.

In addition to spending time with Anthea and Dabria, Perry also invited them as her guests to her final concert of the Prismatic Tour in Toronto the following evening. The girls' mother, Andrada Peta, described what happened next as "an explosion of happiness, the girls ran to me screaming: This is the best day of my life! Can we pretty please go?"

The girls described Perry's concert as "amazing", and that they had "the coolest and best time ever" as they enjoyed the show from their eleventh-row seats with handmade posters and stuffed animal "Kitty Purry" in tow. They were particularly impressed with Perry's many vibrant costumes and hairstyles as well as the grand finale of her song "Firework", which was accompanied by a live firework display.

"The girls have always been passionate about dancing and singing," the girl's mother said. "But now, after meeting Katy, they are talking more intensively about their wish to perform in a show like Katy's."

However, what impressed the girls most about their encounter with their beloved pop idol was her kindness. "My favourite thing

about Katy Perry is that she is very nice to people,? said Anthea. Dabria agreed with her sister claiming ?Katy is very nice to everybody and I think that makes her very special and unique.?