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“The Path That I’m On’ with Richard Skipper

Today we are #LIVEintheHIVE with the multi-talented and multi-award-winning performer, host and raconteur, RICHARD SKIPPER, for a spirited conversation about the power of positivity, the rough edges of ambition and embracing our third act potential, the shifting landscape of the NYC cabaret scene, and of course, we’ll hear juicy stories from his treasure trove of performance history.

Richard is best known for his impersonation of Carol Channing for twenty years and for chronicling the history of the beloved musical Hello Dolly, by Jerry Herman, which recently celebrated its 60th anniversary in his show.

In this episode we touch on...

- Richard Skipper Celebrates Hello Dolly, his show weaving songs and stories about Hello Dolly and his relationship with Carol Channing – with guest appearances from the many performers who have been a part of the Hello Dolly family.
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- Our innate desire to be seen, heard, and connected.
- Leaving social media, and letting go of its addiction, anxiety, and time consumption.
- The power of stepping out of our comfort zones and asking for what we need and want.
- “Richard is the embodiment of Hello Dolly”. What drew Richard to impersonate Carol Channing for 20 years and to embrace the powerful and timeless message of Hello Dolly, one of taking chances and thinking outside the box that resonates still in these challenging times.
- With his encyclopedic knowledge of the history of Hello Dolly, Channing herself urged Richard to write a book.
- The Shadow aspects of impersonation work.
- While this wasn’t my direct question, Richard shares the understanding of the fundamental difference between impersonation and drag.
- An ambitious life vs. a Third Act mission – the edge between an ambitious life and a simpler life of ease.
- The power of positivity vs negativity bias, and what living on the edge of everyday means to Richard.
- We spoke of a follow-up conversation about the future of the cabaret community.
- All this, and so much more...

Richard Skipper is a celebrated entertainer, writer, and master of ceremonies – and has built a reputation as a multi-talented performer with a passion for Broadway, cabaret, and classic Hollywood entertainment.

Richard is perhaps best known for his tribute performances as Carol Channing, the iconic star of Hello, Dolly! His portrayal of Channing earned him widespread acclaim, and he became one of the most well-known Carol Channing impersonators in the entertainment world.

In addition to his dynamic cabaret performances, Richard created Richard Skipper Celebrates, a series of live events, interviews, and blog posts that honor various figures in show business, covering a wide range of topics, from Broadway history to classic Hollywood, featuring interviews with notable entertainers, singers, and theater personalities.

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