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RICH HOPKINS



*** STUNT COORDINATOR * STUNTMAN * ACTION ACTOR
* PRO DRIVER * 2ND UNIT DIRECTOR * PRODUCER ***
• *** TV & RADIO PERSONALITY ***

From birth, Rich Hopkins, (affectionately known as the "King of Extreme"), developed a taste for adrenaline!! "My first "Stunt" was when as a toddler my dad would throw me up in the air and catch me", "One time I crashed into the headboard on my way down...and the rest is History". As a kid, Rich never did acquire a "mainstream" sport mentality. "It seemed that I was always on the *Losing Team*. But, "I" didn't suck. Everyone else did!!". So he decided early on that "Individualized Sports" were best for him. "This way I can be accountable if I pull it off or not". Not 5 or 10 other guys.!!"

Bouncing around the country with his airline pilot family & father that was transferred city to city, Rich adapted quickly to meeting new people. After settling back in his birth place of San Diego in the mid 70's, HE was finally **HOME!**

I loved Torrey Pines High School in Del Mar, California. "It was a great experience, cool atmosphere and fun friends "Surfing" for Phys Ed class was awesome!" even though my "Theater Production" teacher failed me, and he told me that I would NEVER be in the "Entertainment Business" Rich proved him wrong... To date, Rich is one of the, if not THE most accomplished TPHS Alumni in the Film & TV industry to date!

"All I wanted in life was to be a "PRO Surfer". In 1984, After suffering a broken neck as a passenger in a serious "head on" car collision, that dream was over.... However, while in the hospital, Rich was diagnosed with an "ASD Arterial Septal Defect" (Hole in the Heart) Dr. Pat Daley came to the rescue on "Cinco De Mayo" 1986 and performed precision surgery. Rich made a full recovery, and to date has overcome multiple injuries and surgeries. (*List Available*)

In 1986, Rich had the good fortune of working with motivational pioneer, Anthony Robbins. Rich worked his way through the "Mail Room" to become one of Tony's assistants, Rich visited in his "Del Mar Castle" on occasion, and even took Tony's kids surfing. Being affiliated with Tony's company, Rich had opportunities of attending other "speakers" events and learn from them as well. Finally, Rich had the urge for a change and told "Tony" "Thanx for everything but, my dream is not to work for you, I want to be in the Film & TV industry", so he left and headed to "LA" in the Summer of 1988.

While learning the business as a struggling actor, Rich realized that he could utilize his "Action Sports" experience to segue his career into "Stunts". In 1991 he moved to Las Vegas, and while working at 24 Hour Fitness started his Stunt & Action Sports Company "Thrillseekers Unlimited" in June of 1992, started primarily as an "Action Sports Vacation Company", this led to doing Live Shows and Corporate events, then to Action Sports TV shows, and Commercials, and now every aspect of filming relating to Stunts. And to date, we are still going "Peddle to the Metal"!

From film, television, music videos and commercials, to live events, Rich has been a driving force behind the extreme/action sports industry since the beginning, and basically *COINED* the phrase "Extreme Sports" in the early 90's, way before there was a such thing as the "X-Games" or Action Sports.

Throughout Rich's career he continued to excel in countless "Over the Edge" sports, events and productions, Rich further extends his expertise in the industry as a consultant & "Brand Specialist", Motivational Speaker and TV personality and has worked with such brands as Ironclad Gloves, Skechers, Powerbar, Brut Actif, Outback Mountainboards, Sector Sport Watches, Moto-Sk8, Zabas Mexican Grill and Blu-Blocker Sunglasses.

Always on the "cutting-edge," Rich is a true pioneer, his tireless drive and vision has brought action sports to all mediums of the entertainment industry for over a quarter century!! Rich has received accolades for performing the "World's 1st Pyrotechnic Bungy Jump" April 2nd 1996 (he has done 3 to date), Performing the "World's 1st Pyrotechnic Motorized In-Line Skate Run" in 2001, and his "1000' Skyscraper descender / rappel in Dallas, Texas from the Renaissance Tower on Halloween 2002 as "SPIDERMAN" for the Blockbuster/Columbia Tri-Star DVD release of the hit movie. He was also a finalist in the "1996 X-Games" World Bungy Jumping Championships.



For 38+ years now, Rich has worked on over 300 films, television shows, commercials, music videos, and live events as a professional Actor, Stuntman and/or Stunt Coordinator, 2nd Unit Director & Stunt & Professional Driver. Thrillseekers Unlimited has produced hundreds of "Live Shows" since its beginning. Further shaping the industry, Thrillseekers Unlimited was the first company to offer all inclusive "Extreme Sports & Stunt Vacations" to the public. Rich has been featured and interviewed by countless local, regional, national and International TV shows, magazines, newspapers, and radio stations regarding the exciting and dangerous work he does.

Throughout his career, Rich has worked closely with an impressive array of celebrities in varying capacities, Including:

Actors & Celebrities: Al Pacino, Mel Gibson, Ben Affleck, Nicholas Cage, Vince Vaughn, Mickey Roarke, Wesley Snipes, Kevin Hart, Sir Richard Branson, Criss Angel, Mark Hamill, Caleb Landry Jones, Simon Rex, Sarah Palin, Tony Todd, Kiernan Shipka "Dog the Bounty Hunter", Tara Reid, Danny Trejo, Dave Franco, Michael Biehn, Dakota Fanning, Malin Ackerman, Evan Rachel Wood, Tom Arnold, Zoe Kravitz, Chef Robert Irvine, Chris Mintz-Plasse, Jeff Fahey, Frank Dillane, Tiffany Haddish, Crispin Glover, Jon Bernthal, James Duval, Frankie Lapenna, Carrot Top, Noah Hathaway, Nadine Velasquez, Andy Mackenzie, Patrick Swayze, Gary Busey, Alyssa Milano, James Earl Jones, Dan Cortese, Fabio (Stunt Double), Christopher Lloyd, Morgan Fairchild, Dina Meyer, Tony Denison, Ronen Rubenstein, Kenny Johnson (Stunt Double), Lester Holt (NBC Anchor), Vinnie Pastore, Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, "Impractical Jokers" Cast, "Pawn Stars" Cast, "American Restoration" Cast, "Gold Rush" Cast

Bands & Musicians: U2, Mariah Carey, Sting, Lady Gaga, The Killers, Celine Dion, N'SYNC, Imagine Dragons (2 Videos), Tyga, 21 Savage, Queen Latifah, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Midland, Jhay Cortez/Bad Bunny/J Balvin, UB40, Patti Austin, Go West, Interviews Include: "Metal Masters TV" with Skid Row, Extreme, Slaughter, Warrant, Dokken, Vince Neil, Collective Soul, Ugly Kid Joe, Type O Negative, + More

Athletes: F1 Driver Nico Rosberg, Jeff Gordon, Las Vegas Golden Knights players Ryan Reaves & Max Pacioretty, Tennis Pros: Andre Agassi (Stunt Double), Anna Kournikova, Venus Williams, Andy Murray, LA Raiders: Bob Golic & Howie Long, Terry Bradshaw, Summer Sanders, Randy Couture, Phil Mickelson, Interviews with TJ Lavin, Mat Hoffman, Arlo Eisenberg, + More

Rich Hopkins is one of the few men in the industry that has been able to excel in the stunts that he specializes in and Coordinates: Fire Burns, High Falls, Zip-Lines, Air Rams, Ratchets, Wire Work, Weapons, Bullet Hits (Squibs), Car Transfers, Stunt & Precision Driving, and Stunt Fighting as well as a wide variety of extreme sports and stunts. Additional action includes: ATV'S, Rock Climbing, Skiing, Surfing, Jet-Skiing, Cliff/Bridge Jumping, Firewalking, Snowboarding, In-Line Skating, Bungy Jumping, Paragliding, Skydiving, Sand Surfing, Mountainboarding, Kayaking, Moto SK8 Racing, and even Hovercrafts.

Rich has contributed countless hours to Charities, (especially ones that help children). Including: Adam Bergen's "87 Plays Foundation", MADD, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Make a Wish, D.A.R.E., Candelighters Foundation, Spread the Word Nevada. Rich has produced, stunt coordinated, performed, and hosted for all of these. Rich has been a Driving Instructor for "Drivers Edge" teaching defensive and evasive driving techniques to teens. He was also a Defensive Driving Instructor for the City Of Las Vegas (Team Payne)

Widely recognized as one of the "Extreme Pioneers" in Action/Adventure/Adrenaline Sports, whatever you call it, Rich Hopkins continues to help guide the industry into the future, and to bring "Action" to the world. With public demand for these stunts, sports and activities sharply on the rise, Rich Hopkins is infectiously spreading his desire for "Safety on Set" catapulting the action sports & stunt industry into the Future!



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