



RICH HOPKINS

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

From birth, Rich Hopkins, (affectionately known as the "King of Extreme"), developed a taste for adrenaline!!... "My First "Stunt" was when my dad would throw me up in the air and catch me as a toddler", "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 an airline pilot 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 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 to be 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 accident.. 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 and performed precision surgery and Rich owes his life to him!

In the Mid 80's, 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 his 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 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 1988.

After booking a bunch of "gigs" as a struggling actor, Rich realized that he could utilize his "Action Sports" knowledge to segue his career into "Stunts". In 1991 he moved to Las Vegas, then started his Stunt & Action Sports Company "Thrillseekers Unlimited" in 1992 in Las Vegas, the sky has been the limit since then.

From film, television, music videos and commercials, to live events, Rich has been a driving force behind the extreme 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 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 nearly a quarter century!! Rich has received accolades for performing the "World's 1st Pyrotechnic Bungy Jump" (he has done 3 to date), Performing the "World's 1st Pyrotechnic Motorized In-Line Skate Run" and his "1000' Skyscraper desender / rappel in Dallas, Texas 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 30 years now, Rich has worked on a wide variety of films, television shows, commercials, music videos, and live events as a professional Stuntman and/or Stunt Coordinator or 2nd Unit Director. Thrillseekers Unlimited has produced hundreds of "Live Shows" since its beginning in 1992. 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.

Rich's TV & Film credits include acting, performing stunts, and/or stunt coordinating on "Criss Angel Mindfreak & Trickd UP", "Impractical Jokers," "Sushi Girl", "Sin City Saints," "Viena & the Fantomes," "Smiley Face Killers," "Gold Rush Alaska," "Til Death Do Us Apart 2," "Clarity," "Brain Games," "Now You See Me," "Art of the Dead," "Dark Around the Stars," "Lost in Vegas," "The Gambler", NBC's "The Real Wedding Crashers," "Red Herring," "2 Fast/2 Furious," "ZZYZX," "Circuit 3," "Vegas Vampires," "Lie," "First Platoon," "Law of Nines," "VH1 Divas Duets," "Switch Killer," "Bleach," "Anon Man," Leave No Trace," "S.W.A.T.," "Point Break," "Mirage", "Party Bus to Hell," "Southern Pride," "Ski School," "The Doors," "The Master," "Circus Halligalli" (Germany), America's Most Wanted," "MTV's Road Rules" & MTV's Real World", The Grand Tour (Top Gear)

Throughout his career, Rich has worked closely with an impressive array of celebrities in varying capacities. Including: Virgin Chairman Sir Richard Branson, Mariah Carey, The Killers, Jeff Gordon, Imagine Dragons, Queen Latifah, Chef Robert Irvine, Criss Angel, Sting, Mark Hamill, Lady Gaga, Sarah Palin, Tony Todd, "Dog The Bounty Hunter", Jet Li, Tara Reid, Danny Trejo, Dave Franco, Michael Biehn, Richard Grieco, Dakota Fanning, Malin Ackerman, Evan Rachel Wood, Tom Arnold, Zoe Kravitz, Chris Mintz-Plasse, Jeff Fahey, Crispin Glover, James Duval, Noah Hathaway, Nadine Velasquez, Andy Mackenzie, N'SYNC, Celine Dion, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Patrick Swayze, Gary Busey, Alyssa Milano, James Earl Jones, Dan Cortese, N'Sync, Fabio (Stunt Double), Christopher Lloyd, Morgan Fairchild, Dina Meyer, Tony Denison, Summer Sanders (Olympic Gold Medal Swimmer), Tennis Pro's: Andre Agassi (as Stunt Double), Anna Kournikova, Venus Williams and Andy Murray. Kenny Johnson (The Shield), Vinnie Pastore (Sopranos), LA Raiders: Bob Golic & Howie Long, Terry Bradshaw, Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, Just to name a few..

Some of Rich's commercial credits include: Goodyear Assurant, Sony Ericsson, Home Depot, SPX, Toyota/Scion "Declaration", FOX NFL "We Work Well Together", KIA "Sorrento-Grand Slam" (Andre' Agassi's Double), Sports Authority "Can't Wait til Winter", Palms Hotel "Dust to Gold", NJEI Energy Drink (3 Spots), Carlsberg Beer, Champs Sports, Mojave Max "To the Max" (4 Spots), Hot N Juicy Crawfish (Producer) Toyota Trucks, Lincoln Mercury, Hyundai Genesis, "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" (Fabio's stunt double), Dodge Trucks, Sector No Limits, Nike "Rock and Roll Tennis," Boca Burgers, Speedy Auto Center, Lycos "Win Anna's Stuff", Lincoln Mercury, ESPN Networks - X-Games Video, Eider, L.A. Gear "Nightlife, "South Point Hotel & Casino" Rolltech, "Back to the Future" Promos, Cannery Casino/Resort and Bally's Hotel Casino, Park MGM.

Rich and the "Thrillseekers Unlimited Teams" have produced and coordinated hundreds of live & corporate shows around the world for such clients as AEG Live, Government of Aruba, Pepsi Cola, Bacardi, Bud Light, ESPN 2, Discovery Channel, Lexus, Toyota, Jaguar/ Land Rover, Intel, Navistar, Coldwell Banker, Blockbuster Entertainment, Linked In, Robert Irvines "Public House", Citibank, Hewlett Packard, Red Bull, Zabas, UFL "Las Vegas Locos", Six Flags/ Hurricane Harbor, Nike, Sprint, Virgin America, IBM, Philips Electronics, Sea-Doo, Miller Brewing, La Salle Bank, Prefix Corp, Auto Expo Mundial, Imagination Entertainment, Iris Experience, Javelin Productions, Bounce USA, Promotional Edge, High Impact Promotions, Milwaukee Tools, Siemens, Harley Davidson, Fandango, Standard Bank, Red Peg Marketing, Cisco Systems, Farmers' Insurance, USA Hosts, R.P.M.C., Events by Halo, Kramer International, Universal Interactive, Motorcycle Mayhem, No Fear, Stryker, Jockey, Geek Squad, Best Buy, Enterasys Networks, Informatica, International Trucks, George P. Johnson.

Rich has produced segments for NASCAR Media Group, "Livin Large" (Dick Clark-Carsey/ Werner), "Inside Edition," "Real TV," The Learning Channel, MTV and FOX Sports. In 2000, he is also produced and hosted his first pilot, "Thrillnet TV." Interviews include: Ken Bradshaw (Big Wave Surfer), Sean Tucker (Aerobatic Pilot) Bruce Penhall (Offshore Powerboat Racer) and Blas Elias (Drummer for Slaughter)

Before Thrillnet TV, Rich produced and hosted "Planet X TV" for four years on Prime Network (now FOX Sports West). He interviewed and worked with Sublime, Lit, Chris Fischetti, Kevin Lyman (Founder of Warped Tour), Mat Hoffman, Arlo Eisenberg, Matt Mantz, T.J. Lavin, A.J. Hackett, Chris Gentry, Ron Semiao, Vic Pappadato, Rob Machado, Veronica Kay Ricardo Laguna and many more. In addition, Rich produced and hosted Billboard Award Nominee, "Metal Masters." As host, he interviewed artists such as: Skid Row, Warrant, Vince Neil Band, Dokken, Cinderella, Quiet Riot, Type O Negative, Extreme, Collective Soul, Brother Cane, Ugly Kid Joe, Ronnie James Dio and Slaughter.



Considered a leader in the "Thrill-World," Rich has been featured countless times on numerous networks and shows worldwide for his work with Thrillseekers Unlimited. His coverage includes: "The Today Show," with Peter Greenberg, "Weekend Today Show," with Lester Holt, MSNBC's "Live With Lester Holt," OLN's 25 Craziest Rides, Sky Action TV, USA Network's "Dinner & A Movie," Travel Channel's "Amazing Daredevils," "Fox News Live," "Entertainment Tonight," TLC's "Daredevils and Speed Demons," CNN's "American Edge," "Inside Edition," "TLC's "Sports Disasters", "ESPN's Outdoor Adventure Magazine," History Channels, "Tactical To Practical," HD Net's "Get Out," "Maximum Exposure," "You Gotta See This," "I Dare You," "ATV News" (Aruba), "Great Escapes" (Australia), "Marumi" (Japan), Smoking Gun, "Life, Camera, Action" (6 episodes), "Top X" (TBS), "Real TV" (6 episodes), "Extreme Weekend," "Envy TV", "The Gordon Elliott Show," "Bay Area Backroads", "Ritmo Deportivo (Telemundo)," "Hard Copy" and dozens of ABC, NBC, CBS & FOX regional & local affiliates across the country.

In addition to all of the television shows and broadcast news coverage, Rich and Thrillseekers Unlimited have been featured in and received top-level print coverage in the United States as well as abroad. Features and coverage include: "USA Today," "Newsweek," "Wall Street Journal," "Reader's Digest – Top 100," "Stuff Magazine," "Forbes," "New York Times," "ESPN Magazine," "INC. Magazine," "Loaded (UK)," "Glamour," "Men's Health," "American Way," "Vacations Magazine's TOP 100 Vacations," "Hemispheres," "Spirit Magazine," "Travel Age West," "Los Angeles Times," "Miami Herald," "Chicago Sun-Times," Ad Age's "Creativity," "Meetings Ideas," "Las Vegas Sun," "Travel & Leisure", "Las Vegas Review-Journal," "American Edge," "Las Vegas Weekly", "Channels," "Harley Davidson Catalogs," "Press-Enterprise," "Sacramento Bee," "Las Vegas City Life," "Telegraph" (U.K.), and "Abenteuer und Reisen" (Germany). Rich is also a Published Writer and has written for Film Industry magazine "Inside Stunts Magazine" as well as having five WGA Registered television Projects..

Rich has also been interviewed and done promotions for numerous radio stations and programs, including, 104.3 NOW FM "Doghouse" FOX Sports Radio, Mankow's Morning Madness, KOMP Radio, Nightlife/Talk America Network, PM/FM 92.9 Edge (Australia), X107.5 Extreme Radio, Ron Furtell's Sports Moment, Sportstalk.com, KKQZ-FM "The Edge", Vegas Sports Talk, and Sunday Morning (Canada), Las Vegas Green Room, The Richey Show.

Rich Hopkins is one of the few men in the industry that has been able after 30+ years in the business to excel in the stunts that he specializes in.. Fire Burns, High Falls, Zip-Lines, Air Rams, Ratchets, Wire Work, Weapons, Bullet Hits (Squibs), Car Transfers, Stunt Driving, and Stunt Fighting as well as a wide variety of extreme sports and stunts. He specializes in ATV'S, Rock Climbing, Skiing, Surfing, Jet-Skiing, Cliff/Bridge Jumping, Firewalking, Windsurfing, Snowboarding, In-Line Skating, Bungy Jumping, Paragliding, Skydiving, Sand Surfing, Skydiving Wind Tunnel, 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, DARE, Candelighters Foundation, Spread the Word Nevada. Rich has produced, stunt coordinated, performed, and hosted for all of these. Rich is a Driving Instructor for "Drivers Edge" teaching defensive and evasive driving techniques to teens, 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 "Extreme Sports" to the world. With public demand for these sports and activities sharply on the rise, Rich Hopkins is infectiously spreading his thirst for "The Rush," catapulting the action sports industry into the Future!



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