



RICH HOPKINS

*** STUNT COORDINATOR * STUNTMAN * 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 I was thrown up in the AIR by my dad as a baby”, “I crashed into a headboard on my way down...and the rest is History”. Rich never did acquire a “mainstream” sport mentality.. “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 9 or 12 other guys..!!”

Bouncing around from city to city 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, San Diego (North Coast), 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”... I 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 left Rich with a broken neck, 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”, /Limo Driver, to assistant, even worked in his “Del Mar Castle” on occasion, and even took his kids surfing. Being affiliated with Tony’s company, Rich had opportunities to 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 1986

After booking a bunch of “gigs” as struggling as an actor, Rich realized that he could utilized his “Action Sports” knowledge to segue his career into “Stunts”... After starting his Stunt & Action Sports Company, “Thrillseekers Unlimited” in 1992 in Las Vegas, the sky has been the limit for close to 20 years!!

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, even before there was a such thing as the “X-Games”.

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 for 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), doing 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 over 25 years, 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", "Sushi Girl", "The Gambler", NBC's "The Real Wedding Crashers," "Red Herring," "2 Fast/2 Furious," "ZZYZX," "Vegas Vampires," Circuit 3," "First Platoon," "Law of Nines," "VH1 Divas Duets," "Switch Killer," "Leave No Trace," "S.W.A.T.," "Point Break," "Mirage", "Southern Pride," "Ski School," "The Doors," "The Master," "America's Most Wanted," "MTV's Road Rules & Real World"...

Throughout his career, Rich has worked closely with an impressive array of celebrities in varying capacities. Including: Virgin Chairman, Sir Richard Branson, Mariah Carey, Jet Li, Jeff Gordon, Queen Latifah, Criss Angel, Mark Hamill, Tony Todd, Danny Trejo, Michael Biehn, Jeff Fahey, James Duval, Noah Hathaway, Andy Mackenzie, N'SYNC, Celine Dion, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Patrick Swayze, Gary Busey, Alyssa Milano, James Earl Jones, Dan Cortese, N'Sync, Fabio (as Stunt Double), Christopher Lloyd, Morgan Fairchild, 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), Bob Golic & Howie Long of the L.A. Raiders, Terry Bradshaw and even Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman to pin-up girl Bobbi Billard, Just to name a few..

Some of Rich's commercial credits include: Sony Ericsson, Home Depot, SPX, Toyota/Scion, FOX NFL "Globe of Death", KIA/"Sorrento" (Andre' Agassi's Double), Sports Authority, Carlsberg Beer, Toyota Trucks, Lincoln Mercury, "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" (Fabio's Double), Dodge Trucks, Sector No Limits, Nike "Rock and Roll Tennis," Boca Burgers, Speedy Auto Center, Lycos, Lincoln Mercury, ESPN Networks - X-Games Video, L.A. Gear "Nightlife," "Back to the Future" promos, Cannery Casino/Resort and Bally's Hotel Casino.

Rich and the "Thrillseekers Unlimited Teams" have produced and coordinated hundreds of live & corporate shows around the world for such clients as Henry Eman, the Prime Minister of Aruba, Pepsi Cola, Bacardi, Bud Light, ESPN 2, Discovery Channel, Lexus/Toyota, Blockbuster Entertainment, 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, Prefix Corp, Auto Expo Mundial, Imagination Entertainment, Iris Experience, Javelin Productions, Bounce USA, Promotional Edge, High Impact Promotions, Harley Davidson, Fandango, Red Peg Marketing, Cisco Systems, Farmers' Insurance, USA Hosts, R.P.M.C., Events by Halo, Kramer International, Motorcycle Mayhem, No Fear, Stryker, Jockey, Geek Squad & Best Buy and Enterasys Networks.

No stranger to "Behind the Scenes," Rich is moving even more into producing, As producer on "The Gambler", "Mafia Wars, Motel De Gracia, Rich has produced & shot 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" 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 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," the 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 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," "Channels," "Harley Davidson Catalogs," "Press-Enterprise," "Sacramento Bee," "Las Vegas City Life," "Telegraph" (U.K.), and "Abenteuer and 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).

Rich Hopkins is one of the few men in the industry that has been able after 20+ years in the business to excel in the stunts that he specializes in.. Fire Burns, High Falls, Zip-Lines, Air Rams, Ratchets, Wire Work, most 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 contributes countless hours to Charities, especially that help children.. Including Adam Bergen's "87 Plays Foundation", MADD, DARE, Make a Wish, Candelighters Foundation, Spread the Word Nevada. Rich has produced, stunt coordinated and performed even hosted for all of these.

Widely recognized as one of the "Extreme Pioneers" in Action/Adventure/Adrenaline Sports and Stunts, 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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