

## Richard Turner's Resumé, Bio, and Awards

Meet Richard Turner. He has been called one of the world's most influential and inspirational figures of modern times. A card manipulator who creates "Astonishment Beyond Comprehension."

Richard was the subject of the acclaimed feature documentary film DEALT. The film received rave reviews in publications from the *New York Times* to the *L.A. Times*. DEALT received a rating of 95 on Rotten Tomatoes and a 5-star rating on iTunes. Raymond Teller, the normally silent half of the Penn & Teller duo, exclaimed, "DEALT knocked me dead...A great documentary!"

Variety Magazine stated, "Nothing Short of Dazzling." Watch the DEALT Trailer: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F\\_DQ1ruYck&t=53s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_DQ1ruYck&t=53s)

### Background

Multiple award-winner and Magic Castle Hall of Fame inductee Richard Turner is a world-renowned Card Mechanic whose skills cannot be replicated, according to experts and scientists from esteemed centers of learning that include Harvard and the University of Moscow. Turner's skills leave audiences baffled beyond belief! His peers acknowledge that he is a master of his craft, and that Richard manipulates a deck of cards like no other human being on the planet.

He developed his unique abilities and trademark techniques by practicing 14 hours a day, 7 days a week, for many decades. Richard's outward skills with playing cards, his humor, poise, confidence, and eloquence are incomparable. He is a global celebrity who is a recognized Fortune 500 keynote speaker-entertainer with clients such as Apple, Facebook, AT&T, IBM, ARCO Chemical, VIV Labs, U. S. Air Force, USAA, Southwest Airlines, Harley Davidson, and scores of others.

In addition to these companies, Richard has entertained millions of people including notables like Johnny Carson, Bob Hope, Lee Greenwood, Colin Powell (US Secretary of State) and Muhammad Ali. Turner also has a Black Belt Master Ranking 6<sup>th</sup> degree in Wado Kai-style Karate, a feat that he achieved in 2012. His amazing 1984 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt test was so grueling, taking on ten consecutive fighters, that it was televised and featured on the front page of the *Los Angeles Times* Sports Section.

Richard is also the CEO of tech company "52 Productions" with his co-founder, Adam Cheyer, COO. Adam is a tech entrepreneur best known as the creator of SIRI. 52 Productions' mission is to develop conversational-interface gaming apps.





The media embraces Richard on a regular basis including television appearances and magazine and newspaper articles that have been broadcast and published in over 200 countries. His appearances include TV shows such as Russia's brain-based show "Super-Human Incredible People," "CBS Sunday Morning," "Ripley's Believe It or Not," "NBC 1<sup>st</sup> Look," "ValueTainment" with Patrick Bet-David, and many others. He also had a cameo appearance in the Oscar-nominated film "Tree of Life" with Brad Pitt, Jessica Chastain, and Sean Penn. Beijing producers announced that "more than one billion people watched him on China Central Television-CCTV."

He fooled Penn & Teller on their long-running TV series, "Fool Us," faster than anyone in the history of the show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtPUyUD-CYY>

But what makes all of Turner's accomplishments truly incredible is that he is blind and has been since childhood. Thankfully, he discovered at an early age that being blind empowered him with an ability to develop an enhanced sense of touch that, when he picked up a deck of cards, it changed his life forever. "I developed my 'mind's eye' to an exceptional degree," Turner explains, "and I tested myself through the risky mental and physical challenges of martial arts fighting, shark hunting, cliff diving, tightrope-walking, trapeze-swinging, and the high-stakes of underworld gambling."

Richard Turner's inspirational one-man play and his keynote program, "Winning with the Hand You Have Been D. E. A. L. T." motivate through his humorous life stories and incomparable skills.

D. E. A. L. T. is an acronym for "Dreams - Excellence - Analysis - Loyalty - Tenacity."

His message is poignant.

*"In the game of life, don't let anyone tell you that you can't play, or something is impossible. Take possible out of impossible. Respectful success comes from those who go for their **D**reams, achieve a state of **E**xcellence, **A**nalyze any obstacles and their assets, stay **L**oyal to virtues such as honesty and integrity, and have the **T**enacity to break down any barriers!"*

Richard's keynote MIT presentation can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyV8Xw9TscA>

### **What is next for Richard Turner?**

Variety magazine recently announced that Richard and his DEALT film producers have signed a deal to produce an A-List feature film, based entirely on Richard's frenetically fascinating life story.

## Quotes

*"Richard Turner is the greatest card mechanic of all time!"* – Muhammad Ali

*"Turner's life story is too incredible for fiction."* – CBS This Morning Producer David Rubin

*"People repeatedly say it is the most astounding act of sheer skill they have ever witnessed."* – Milt Larsen (President and founder of the Magic Castle)

*"Nothing Short of Dazzling."* – Variety magazine

*"Richard Turner is one of the finest slight-of-hand artists who has ever lived. He fooled us with every single move he did!"* – Penn Jillette (Penn & Teller)

*"Don't let anyone tell you there's anything you can't do."* – "Tree of Life" star Brad Pitt

*"It's hard to express in words the impact of your inspirational talk at MIT. That message and the way in which you delivered it will be remembered for a lifetime by all who attended."* – Alan Oppenheim, Ford Professor of Engineering at MIT

*"Richard Turner is the greatest magician and card mechanic on the planet whose skills will never be equaled, nor can they be replicated!"* – Mr. Maric (Japan's premiere magician)

*"You must have one of the most developed tactile neural networks of anybody on the Planet Earth."* – Dr. Ogi Ogas (Harvard neuroscientist)

The head of the Neuroscience Department at Moscow University stated, *"We have been studying Richard's brain and his haptic network throughout the Russian educational system for over a dozen years."*

*"Richard Turner does things with cards that no one else in the world can do. No one!"*  
– [Professor Dai Vernon](#) (The most influential magician of the twentieth century)

*"Richard was the highlight of our leadership offsite. His presentation was as captivating as it was humorous. His list of accomplishments and skills as a card mechanic challenged our definition of human limitation and left us awestruck. To spend time with Richard is to spend time with a living legend."*

– Facebook CFO David Wehner



## Awards and Honors

2021 IBM "Presidential Citation"

2020 twice honored on Russia's brain-based show, "Super-Human Incredible People"

2019 & 2018 Japanese TBS miniseries "Number One Knows" voted as world's greatest card mechanic

2018 Subject of Michael Nye's Museum touring feature, "My Heart is Not Blind."

2018 Winner of German TV special "Showdown of the World's Greatest Magicians"

2017 Magic Castle AMA "Close Up Magician of the Year"

2017 Subject of the award-winning documentary film, "DEALT"

2017 Winner of Penn & Teller's "Fool Us"

2017 "Comic Con" recognized as the real life "Daredevil"

2014 Magic Castle AMA "Close Up Magician of the Year"

2013 Nominated as "Lecturer of the Year"

2012 Black Belt Master Ranking, Sixth Degree

2011 *Believe the Unbelievable* Book of World Records for his "Eight-Coin Roll."

1998 "Rotary Club Community Leadership Award"

1997 "FBI Director's Community Leadership Award"

1996 "Honorary Inspector, Air Force Thunderbirds," US Air Force

1994 "Honorary Naval Flight Officer," US Navy

1993 TBS Japanese "World Genius" Prize Winner

1993 "Honorary Commander," US Air Force

1992 Inducted into the "Magic Castle's Hall of Fame"

1984 Fights ten men for first Black Belt

1982 Siegfried & Roy's First Place Winner, "Golden Lion Award"

1979 First Place, "Lin Searles Award for Excellence in Card Manipulation"

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