



BIOGRAPHY

Ricardo Chávez has been defined as a “Renaissance Man” because of his many rare talents. He is a multi-award-winning actor, known internationally for his successful career of more than three decades in the entertainment industry. He is also an Author, Speaker, Life Coach, Producer, Entrepreneur, Martial Artist and Philanthropist. He is a man with a passion for life, who believes in humanity and its great potential for happiness. Ricardo is above all an old soul, who believes in the love and loyalty of a comradeship, where values and principles now abandoned by the modern world continue to live within him.

Ricardo was born in Mexico City on November 24th into a middle-class family. He is the youngest of three siblings. His father, an engineer, and his mother, a housewife, were both in the entertainment business before getting married. Don Juan sang traditional Mexican music and even performed as an opener for Pedro Infante many times. Doña Hilda, a very beautiful woman, was a model.

From the time of his birth, Ricardo was fortunate enough to have an “angel” next to him: his nanny, Amelia, who raised him and took care of him with the love of a true spiritual mother. The sacrifice and dedication of this great woman, as he puts it, are the purest examples of real, unconditional love that helped shape Ricardo into the man he is today.

From an early age, Ricardo has been passionate about seeking answers to our spiritual origins, reality, human nature and psychology. He has always felt the need to solve the mysteries that might explain human suffering, and to be able to comfort those who suffer the most on our planet.

Always indulging the old soul inside of him, books became Ricardo’s best friends at an early age. His mother remembers how he would devour any book he would come across with as a child. She used to buy him every new book or collection of classical music. His favorite books were encyclopedias. He would find in them the answers to the questions that adults could not or would not answer.

That is how he began his path toward the exploration of different arts, disciplines and philosophies to try to find answers to his increasingly profound questions.

When Ricardo was very young, his father introduced him to Martial Arts, where he found refuge for his innate need to achieve a balance of spirituality, discipline and a code of honor. He was chosen to become part of two national teams in his country for both Tae Kwon Do and Judo. He is a black belt in both disciplines, as well as in Kumdo, the art of the Korean sword. Later on in life, he fought professionally as a Full-Contact fighter. Currently, Ricardo continues practicing Martial Arts with Iaido, the ancient Japanese art of the Samurai sword, being his favorite.

To understand who Ricardo was as a child, let's just say that while his friends would ask for the newest toys, he dreamt of having a medieval suit of armor, an antique sword or violin classes.

His spiritual baggage was obvious.

From a very young age Ricardo felt the compelling need to express himself through art in his quest for the expression of the great spiritual wealth within him, and the release of the whirlwind of feelings and emotions caused by so many unanswered questions. At first, he dreamt about becoming a singer but through the years, he would discover his true passion: Acting.

Ricardo formally started his journey toward success at the age of 16, when for the first time, he set foot on the stage of the theatre. During that time, he was already studying for his bachelor's at the world-renowned Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes of México, the birthplace of great, world-famous dancers. He was working towards becoming a Classical Dance Performer, as well as a Flamenco Dancer with a legend in the art: Maestro Fernando Valdéz.

Although he continued working in theatre and improving as an actor, he later decided to give modeling a try after being discovered by an important fashion show coordinator. The results of that decision were immediate. He rapidly gained popularity and traveled to several continents as the spokesmodel for leading brands such as Hugo Boss and Armani. Nevertheless, acting was a necessity for his soul. He opted to permanently leave his modeling career to return to his immense passion, committing to it his body and soul.

With multiple awards for his talent, 23 soap operas, 22 theater plays, 8 movies and over 150 television shows and series under his belt, Ricardo decided to put "pause" on his career in order to dedicate himself to writing his first book "*Your Life Does Not Have To Be A Soap Opera*©", which was a Best-Seller in several categories for many years. The book is available in both English and Spanish on several continents. He is currently

writing three more books, with the first one expected to be published at the beginning of 2021.

Ricardo is currently living in Los Angeles, where he continues reaping success in his acting career, while still writing his next literary works, also leading conferences, talks and seminars.

This multi-talented artist is also a successful entrepreneur. He is the founder and CEO of a Production Company, a Publishing Company, along with his line of smart-aging beauty products, *Divas Never Age*®.

Ricardo has cultivated an impeccable reputation through the years by always leading a life free of scandals or embarrassing situations. His main interest is his family and the legacy he can leave behind.

During his career, Ricardo has always kept in touch with those who have helped make his professional success a reality through his social media. He is well liked and respected by the press, his peers, his fans and the Industry in general.

In the past few years, Ricardo has been awarded several times due to his artistic and philanthropic work. Some of these awards are the prestigious APAE Award for his philanthropic work, the Latin Pride National Awards, the No Limits Talent Award, the Fame Magazine Award, the Orchid USA Award and many more.

Some of his most important experiences and achievements include:

- Professional Classic Ballet Dancer under the tutelage of the great Maestro Jorge Sánchez.
- Professional dancer under the tutelage of Flamenco Dance Legend, Maestro Fernando Valdéz.
- He was personally trained by Grand-Master Ejo Takata Sensei in Zen philosophy, practice and Shiatsu.
- Martial Artist with 3 black belts in 3 different arts (Judo, Tae Kwon Do and Kumdo).
- Member of 3 national teams for his country in 3 different sports (Judo, Rowing and Tae Kwon Do).
- Successful entrepreneur whose most important achievements include his publishing companies, graphic arts businesses, a clothing factory, the multi award-winning Fine Dining Italian Restaurant “Il Vaticano” and currently a production company, a publishing Company, and his beauty line of products, “Divas Never Age®.”
- He is an internationally renowned actor who has received multiple awards.
- He has also received multiple awards for philanthropy.
- He has millions of fans all over the world with whom he keeps in direct contact through his social media.

- Tireless advocate for the less fortunate and other noble causes.
- Member of the prestigious International Shriners Club.
- Member of the Supreme Council of Mexico.
- Member of the Supreme Council of Miami.
- He works with institutions that are dedicated to philanthropic work and to the continuous study toward spiritual and physical freedom for humanity.
- Highly sought-after Motivational Speaker.
- Author of the book and concept “Your Life Does Not Have To Be A Soap Opera®”, which is transforming lives around the world.
- Life Coach, helping others to reach success and conquer their dreams.
- Actively participates in campaigns to raise awareness and help women victims of domestic abuse.

As the media have said, Ricardo Chavez has a “heart of fire and a child-like smile,” and believes in the existence of Divinity, with infinite mercy as its main characteristic. His religion is Love.

His philosophy is one of Love and Respect for all living beings and for the planet. His goal is to spread Light and Awareness to all those who are still stuck in the Darkness.

Through his official website www.RicardoChavez.com, he is helping millions of people transform themselves in different aspects of their lives.

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