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## 18 Year Old Singer-Songwriter Richard Tichelman Talks About Success

**Vancouver, BC** - Richard Tichelman (TICK-EL-MAN), is an 18-year-old Singer/Songwriter, from Surrey BC who's original songs range in Pop/Folk genres. 2018 was kicked off with a trip to Los Angeles to record 3 new songs (release dates TBA) and working on progressing his music journey with Big Billy Clark on his side.

2017 Richard won singer & songwriter at the IMTA's in Los Angeles, CA,. In 2015 Richard won the title Abbotsford Idol, with that he opened for Aaron Pritchett and Emerson Drive. He had the privilege of opening the Abbotsford Air Show with the US & Canadian anthems. He won 2nd place in the everIathing 2015 Wall of Stars in a song writing competition with his song "Dream". Performed at Celebrities Night Club at the RAW artist showcase in Vancouver. Richard was also chosen from 4,000 children across Canada as the top 12 on the YTV's the Next Star.

### **What made you decide on singing?**

I had not considered singing as my career until I was 16 years old. I was performing at Celebrities Nightclub with the RAW Artists showcase in 2015 and my two uncles, who had never seen me perform before, were there. Once the performance was finished they both came to shake my hand and told me how proud they were of me. It was at that moment I realized this was what I wanted to do.

### **Who do you look to as a teacher or mentor in the showbiz industry?**

There has been lots of mentors throughout the years for me, such as vocal coaches, friends and business associates. Two that I am very fond of are; Jim Black, a Musician and mentor and Tom Myring, a high school teacher.

### **What success tips would you offer a young person that would like to do what you are doing?**

Three tips that I have for anyone pursuing this kind of career; make sure you write material from your heart, always leave an impression, and perform like there is no tomorrow.

### **What is the hardest part of your singing career?**

There are so many people who don't believe that this is a viable career, so the hardest part of my path is staying in the mindset that got me here.

### **Do you believe that talent or skill is something that you are born with or not?**

I think you are born with your talent, but hard work and motivation will always bring you to the top.

### **What's the easiest part of the business?**

The easiest part of what I do, is loving what I do. It takes the edge of the hard times and make the good times even better.

### **What does success mean to you?**

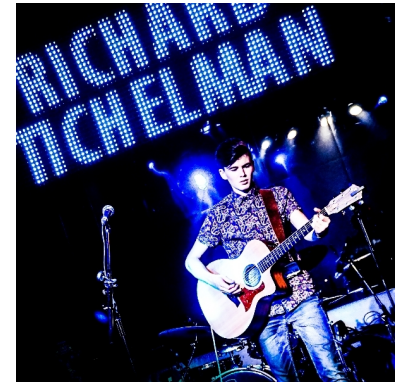
Success is not one big thing, it is a whole lot of accomplishments built up over time. Which every accomplishment its been surreal to feel that you are actually moving forward in your path. To succeed in this career you much have dedication, creativity and individuality.

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## How important is practice and training for you?

I practice anywhere from 4 to 5 hours per day; whether it be singing, writing, composing or rehearsing. Practice, training and learning is the most important thing you can do for yourself. Without these things you cannot achieve something great.

## How do you handle stress on the road or when performing?

To relax and release stress I like to spend time with my family and my dog. I love walks and I have recently learned to meditate.

## What things do you miss being in acting?

I miss being with my friends, missing dance competitions, and I don't get to do activities like art and gym classes. I'm home schooled, so I usually do school work on the TV or movie set or before dance classes.

## What things are you grateful for and appreciate everyday?

I am grateful and appreciate everyday my strong support group who back me up, who are my family, friends and mentors.

## What do you value most and want more than anything?

I value that I get to make people happy with my music, I want more than anything to make a difference to someone.

## Do you have a favorite quote or saying that you live by?

My favorite quote is; "When I was a child ... I was a dreamer. I read comic books, and I was the hero of the comic book. I saw movies, and I was the hero in the movie. So every dream I have ever dreamed has come true a 100 times" By Elvis Presley.

## What motivates you to get up in the morning?

My work motivates me to get up in the morning, and its different every day.

## Where do you see yourself in 3 to 5 years from now?

In the next 3 to 5 years from now I would like to be able to sell out shows and play music to large groups.

## If you could be an opening act for any performer who would it be?

If I could be an opening act to any performer I would have to say that I would love to go back in time and open for Elvis.