

CABARET CAREER CHECKLIST

Creative/Production Process (10)

| I can name the 4 most important considerations in creating a <i>sellable</i> show. |
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| I understand story structure and how to apply it to creating a show. |
| I feel confident in my ability to create a compelling script. |
| I feel confident in my ability to create a cleverly-crafted show. |
| I know how to get my hands on unpublished, rare, and out-of-print music. |
| I understand what openers, closers, 11:00 numbers, and encores should accomplish. |
| I know how to set a budget for producing and marketing a show. |
| I understand how to choose the best Musical Dir. for me and how to communicate w/ them. |
| I understand how to choose the best Director for me and when to bring them into process. |
| I know how to organize my work flow to maximize my creative, practice, and rehearsal time. |

Marketing/Booking Process (20)

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| | I can name the must-have marketing tools every cabaret artist needs. | | | |
| | I know what my website must have. | | | |
| | I know how to design my own website or tell a designer what my website should look like. | | | |
| | I know the difference between an EPK and an EMK, what they include, and how to use them. | | | |
| | I know how to write a proper Sales Blurb. | | | |
| | I know how to write an Artist Bio. | | | |
| | I know how to write an enticing show description. | | | |
| | I know what a One Sheet is, what it should include, and how to use it. | | | |
| | I can name at least 10 types of venues to which I could market/book my shows. | | | |
| | I know the 4 major types of bookings and understand the financial arrangements of each. | | | |
| | I understand the booking process from start to finish. | | | |
| | I know how to research venues. | | | |
| | I know how to contact venues and build relationships with presenters. | | | |
| | I have a method for tracking venues and my contact with presenters. | | | |
| | I can name at least 4 other avenues to booking, beyond direct contact. | | | |
| | I feel comfortable negotiating fees and know what I should ask for in different situations. | | | |
| | I know what different types of contracts should include. | | | |
| | I have my own contracts for different types of bookings. | | | |
| | I know what a tech rider is, when I need one, and what it should include. | | | |
| | I know how to find inexpensive outsourcing. | | | |
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Publicity/Show Promotion (9)

| | I know when it is/isn't my job to promote my shows. |
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| | I can name at last 3 different ways to build my audience/fan base. |
| | I can name at least 10 different avenues for promoting my shows. |

| -1 | know how to create a promo schedule. |
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| I | know how to use social media to promote my shows. |
| 1 | understand email marketing, best practices, how to build my email list. |
| 1 | know how to leverage reviews & press quotes. |
| 1 | know how to write a press release. |
| 1 | know to find and reach out to appropriate press contacts. |

Technical Aspects (11)

| I know what a light cue list is and what it should include. |
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| I have my own light cue list for each of my shows. |
| I know what a stage plot is and what it should include. |
| I have my own stage plot for each of my shows. |
| I know how to run (i.e. take charge of) my own sound check. |
| I understand the different between the house and monitor mixes. |
| I know which mix can make or break my performance. |
| I understand reverb, EQ. |
| I know what causes feedback and what I can do to prevent it. |
| I know what to look for when purchasing my own sound system. |
| I am confident in my microphone technique. |

Add 1 point for each item you were able to check off this list. How did you do? _____/50

| If you scored | Then |
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| 35 or below | Cabaret Academy is definitely for you! In just 12 weeks, you'll be able to check off every item on this list and be well on your way to implementing all of it. You'll get coaching, course content in bite-sized pieces, loads of templates and other helpful materials, support, accountability, and a community of like-minded artists to help you reach the goals you set for yourself. |
| 36 to 50 | Kudos to you! You're already a pro or well on your way. However, understanding and implementing are two different things. If you need help creating these materials, getting into a steady habit of using them, and/or just generally getting your butt in gear, join the Cabaret Academy. You will get coaching, access to course materials to fill in any knowledge gaps, support, accountability, and a community of like-minded artists to help you reach your goals. |