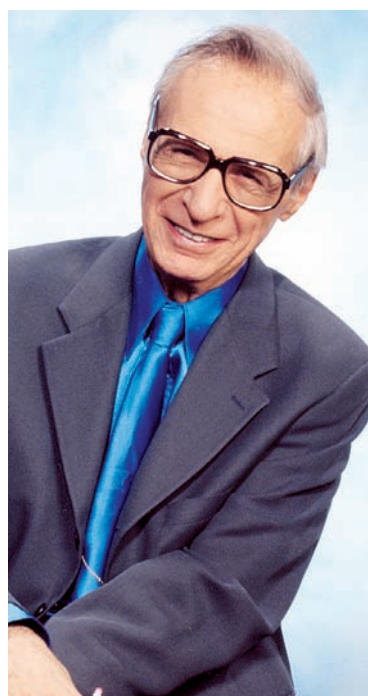


Inside the Mind of the Amazing Kreskin

He is known as the Amazing Kreskin, his father was Polish and his mother's family (last name Cantalo), originated from Sicily. He is considered the world's foremost mentalist who has traveled the world reading people's minds and making predictions about a variety of subjects. His performances have delighted and unnerved audiences in both large and small venues for years.



'THE AMAZING KRESKIN' was the inspiration for the late Johnny Carson's 'Carnac the Magnificent.'

Kreskin was born in Montclair, New Jersey and discovered his unique ability as a very young boy when he played the game of hot and cold. He had asked his younger brother to hide a penny upstairs in his grandparent's house and then without any further discussion, he went into a room next to the kitchen, climbed a chair and found the penny on the curtain rod. One of his teachers was amazed with his uncanny gift and would set aside time each week for show and tell. His teachers and family continued to encourage his talent and ability and by his early teens he began small performances.

Recently, on a break from his busy schedule performing in Las Vegas, Mr. Kreskin spoke to me about his life and

his most memorable performances.

Have you ever been to your maternal grandparents' hometown in Italy?

Mr. Kreskin: No, but I would love to go there someday. My schedule is so busy. This past year I made over 300 appearances all over the world. I have performed in Rome and Capri and I've traveled all over the world. The last vacation I had was 13 years ago. To be in this business you have to be a gypsy!

I read that during your performances you leave the venue and your check for your fee is hidden somewhere in the audience. When you return if you don't find the check you waive the fee to charity. Over the course of your career to date, have you ever not found the check?

Mr. Kreskin: It's happened just nine times. One of the more recent events was during a performance in New Zealand. I wasn't able to find the check and I donated my \$51,000 fee to a children's charity. There was a very big story about it in the *National Press*.

Where are some of the more interesting places you have found your checks hidden?

Mr. Kreskin: Well, just a few days ago in Vegas I finally found the check stuffed way down in the cushions of a chair. Another time I walked into the audience and went up to a man and asked him to open his mouth. I thought he had placed the check there. I didn't see it but then I noticed he had an upper plate and asked him to remove it. And there was the check! Another time I found the check stuffed in a turkey.

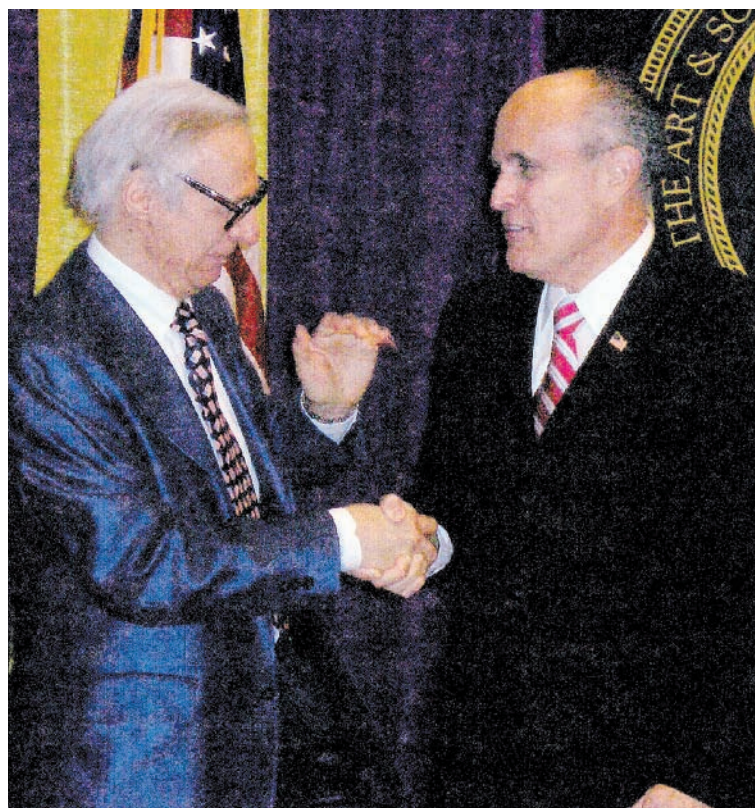
Tell us about some of your more memorable readings.

Mr. Kreskin: I was challenged by Robin Leach ("Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous") to prove my abilities and asked to fly to New York and find him somewhere in the city. The challenge was set up with Cindy Adams from the *New York Post*. I arrived at the airport and got in the limo and without any communication between myself

and Cindy or the other people involved, I began to give directions to the driver. I eventually directed the driver to a building in New York City where I found Mr. Leach in the loft. Another time, I was asked to find the co-host of a new TV series who was somewhere in the state of California. I flew to LA, eventually took a small plane to a small town, walked down a desolate road and found him playing golf near a group of condos.

Are you physically and mentally drained after these challenges and performances?

Mr. Kreskin: Yes, most of my performances are about one and a half hours each. But with challenges like the ones I just described I am extremely exhausted after. During another event I was asked to find a jelly bean hidden somewhere



KRESKIN greets former NY Mayor Rudy Giuliani.



MR. KRESKIN with former Republican Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee.

at the Oregon State Fair. After I found it you could have wiped me off the floor.

Are there some people you can't "read"?

Mr. Kreskin: Yes, first I must be in the room with them. Audience size doesn't matter but I need some feedback and they need to be able to concen-

trate.

In addition to his requests for both large performances and smaller private parties, Mr. Kreskin has also been asked numerous times over the years to use his ability to help law enforcement agencies solve their cases. The story of his amazing ability was told in the 2009 film *The Great*

Buck Howard. He had his own show, the "Amazing World of Kreskin," for many years which now has over 30 episodes posted on www.hulu.com. He is currently performing at the Riviera in Las Vegas but there are also many clips of his interviews and performances online on sites such as www.youtube.com.