# CABARET CAREER CHECKLIST

Use this list to assess your level of cabaret career know-how.

#### **Creative/Production Process (8)**

I can name the 4 most important considerations in creating a <i>sellable</i> show.
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I know how to get my hands on unpublished, rare, and out-of-print music.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 know how to organize my work flow to maximize my creative, practice, and rehearsal time.

## Marketing/Booking Process (17)

I can name the 4 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 what an EPK is, what it should include, and how to use it.
I know what a One Sheet is, what it should include, and how to use it.
I can name at least 6 types of venues to which I could market 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 3 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 all different types of bookings.
I know what a tech rider is and what it should include.
I have my own tech rider.

## **Publicity/Show Promotion (4)**

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I know when it is/isn't my job to promote my shows.
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.
I know how to leverage reviews & press quotes.

## **Technical Aspects (11)**

I know what a light cue list is and what it should include.
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.

#### **Continuing Education (3)**

I can name 3 reasons continuing cabaret education is important.
I know the history of this art form, why it's important, and how my work fits into it.
I can list at least 5 different ways I can further develop my cabaret knowledge/skills.

Add 1 point for each item you were able to check off this list.

How did you do? \_\_\_\_/43

If you scored 33 or above, congratulations! You're already a pro! If you scored 32 or below, **Complete Cabaret Career Coaching – Level 2** is for you!