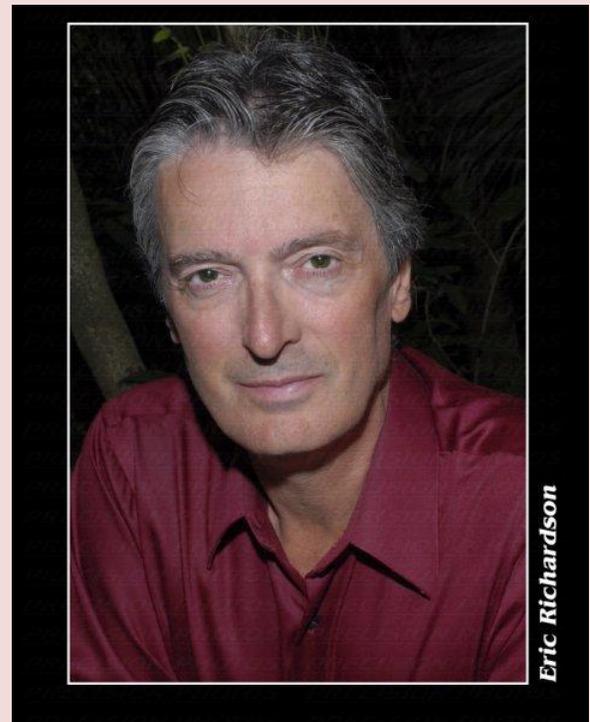
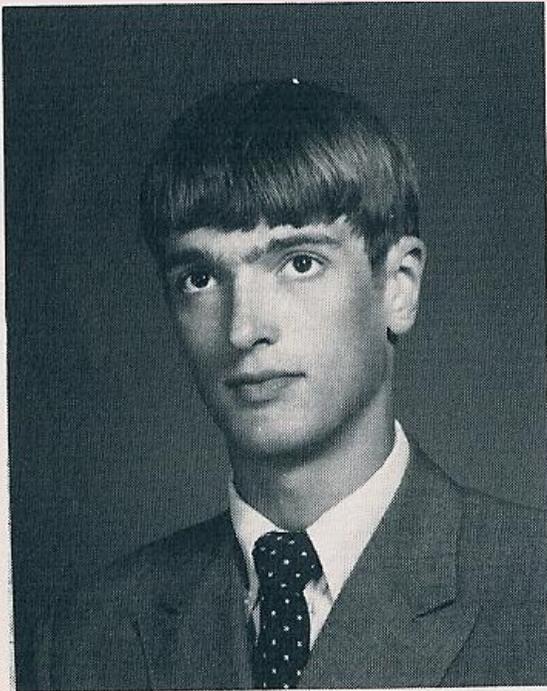


Eric Richardson – Class of 1970

Entertainer



Eric Richardson (The Crooner) is quickly becoming one of the most sought after Dean Martin tribute artists on the East Coast of the USA. His attention to detail, a carry-over from his extensive acting background, gives his "Dino" a more definitive onstage performance, as well as a fine off-stage "schmooze".

Eric is an actor, vocalist, and overall master of "character", having played diverse roles ranging from Fagin in "Oliver" to Sky Masterson in "Guys & Dolls". He has even recreated Gregory Peck's Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mockingbird", meaning an impersonation of Peck is not out of the question. Having appeared in numerous roles on stage, in film and TV, Eric's approach to any character lies in the detail, which makes every one of his characters unique and whole. As a great fan of Dean Martin, Eric's pursuit of Dino's essential being is on-going and most rewarding.

While Eric has long been able to sing Dean's signature, "Everybody Loves Somebody", his immersion into "The King of Cool" himself, is a rather recent occurrence. In September, 2008, he attended the Sunburst Convention of Tribute Artists to "test the waters", at the strong suggestion of his wonderful wife, Patty. That success in Florida on only two weeks of prep, led to his first gig in Kansas City, at the KC Power & Light District's version of Rockin' New Year's Eve. Eric has since teamed up with a "Jerry Lewis" (Matt Macis), and is currently booking great gigs with the Martin and Lewis Tribute, "The Crooner & The Comic". He now plays tribute to Gregory Peck as well as Dean Martin.

Quote from Eric:

"I hope you will honor the memory of Cecille Farley. It is her faith that I could succeed in anything I desired, that has led to my own tribute to the career of the legendary entertainer, Dean Martin. I would not be at all surprised if she is responsible to the successes of many Franklinites!

Best of luck with the Event!!!

Eric Richardson, '70"