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## Steven Scott Answers...



Steven Scott takes time out to sign autographs for some of his biggest fans

### *How do you stay focused on the things that matter most?*

Having ADD makes it a challenge, as my focus can sometimes resemble that of a 5 year old in a Toys 'R Us. However, as a comedian it lends itself to the spontaneity and creativity that's helpful in my line of work. So just like a broken clock is still correct twice a day, I stay focused on what matters most. The rest of the time I just try to hang on and enjoy the ride.

### *What's the best advice you've ever gotten?*

It's a tie between "It's always easier to beg forgiveness than it is to ask permission" and "Never accept a 'No' from someone who doesn't have the power to say 'Yes'".

### *Who inspires you?*

President Barack Obama inspires me, for reasons less about politics and more about the 3Cs. a) Character: the example he sets as a high-minded, motivating leader and good family man makes him an ideal role model. b) Communication: as someone who makes my living communicating, I marvel at the way he connects with people, and anyone who can keep my limited attention through a speech is especially gifted (see #1). c) Cool: as a cucumber: In the face of great challenge and criticism, that would make most lose their cool, he keeps his. As a comic, that'd be like getting heckled by 50% of the audience every

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night. I'd probably cry. Yet Obama remains unfazed, above the pettiness, confident in his convictions, focused heartily on the task at hand and always with the big picture in mind.

### *How do you "give back"?*

Fortunately I have a career that allows me to give back regularly, by performing benefits for many charities from Make a Wish, to Wounded Warriors, the Jerry Lewis telethon, and even co-hosting The Leukemia Society telethon. It feels nice to help raise money for worthy causes and, moreover, provide those enduring real hardship with the gift of laughter. If laughter is in fact the best medicine, it's great when I get to feel like Dr. Scott.

### *Share a moment when your faith changed your life.*

I once visited Dachau, the former concentration camp near Munich, Germany. At closing time I was making my way out across the complex when the giant compound doors began closing before me. Surrounded by fences, towers and not a soul in sight, this strong feeling rushed over me that had I been standing in that exact spot 50 years earlier, there would be no other way out, and I too would be subject to the same atrocities that occurred there, and for no other reason than my faith. Though I am not especially religious, my connection to my own faith, my respect for others' faiths, and the appreciation for how lucky I am to live in a time and country where we're all free to practice it, was forever changed that day.

Steven Scott is a Comedian, Actor and Host, whose comedy combines clever observations of his everyday life with his amazing ability to imitate just about anything, from celebrities to musical instruments, and he loves getting paid now to do exactly what used to get him in trouble as a kid. He is a regular at some of the hottest comedy clubs from NY to LA, and has traveled all 7 continents; performing cruises, colleges, corporate shows, festivals, roasts, military bases and major showrooms from Atlantic City to the Las Vegas Strip. He has had the privilege of working with some of the biggest names in show business both onstage as well as onscreen, where he has appeared in numerous television shows, commercials and occasional films. He is a regular sidekick on WOR Radio's Joey Reynolds Show, and a member of the legendary Friars Club, where he serves on its board of governors. For much more information about Steven, visit his official website [www.StevenScott.tv](http://www.StevenScott.tv).