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Undisputed Ageless Diva Cher Dishes With AARP The Magazine About Pushing Past Her Insecurities, Her Reign in the Spotlight, and Why She'll Always Have the Last Word

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 7, 2014) — Across nearly half a century of hit records, acclaimed movies, and concert spectacles, the unstoppable Cher has deftly managed to maintain her youthful mystique while simultaneously delighting in the wisdom that age brings. Now 68, the superstar and self-described “phoenix” sat down with *AARP The Magazine* to chat about everything from her new hit album and sold-out tour, to her private world and why she avoids mirrors.

The following are excerpts from the August/September issue of the *AARP The Magazine* story featuring Cher, available in homes and online NOW at www.aarp.org/magazine.

On her success:

“I’m not a confident person, and I’m really not a Cher fan. But I want to make sure I’ll do a great job, so I go balls to the wall and try to do every single thing I can.”

On getting older:

“Every once in a while I think, ‘Jesus, you’re so old! How did this happen?’ I haven’t looked in the mirror in years. The only time I was happy with the way I looked was when I was, like, 40 to 45.”

On growing up:

“When I was a kid, my friend and I ran away and hopped a train, I was always this strange child who wanted more adventure than was allowed.”

On dating:

“Older men rarely liked me. If it wasn’t for younger men, I would never have a date.”

On finding it hard to accept her son, Chaz:

“He’d forgotten to erase his old outgoing message, I thought, ‘I’m never going to hear my daughter’s voice [in person] again.’ ”

Her advice to parents with children wrestling with sexual identity:

“Have faith and hold on. It’s scary because you don’t know how you’re going to feel.”

On former husband, Sonny Bono after his passing:

“I have this fabulous chandelier in my sitting room, and it goes off and on all the time for no reason. I always think it’s him messing with me, because that is what he would do.”

On staying in the spotlight:

“Diane Warren wrote ‘You Haven’t Seen the Last of Me’ for *Burlesque*, and that’s the closest to who I am. I don’t intend to step aside. This is the first generation that’s said, ‘We’re not going to roll over and play dead because we’re a certain age.’ ”

Stanley Tucci, a costar of her 2010 film *Burlesque*, on Cher:

“The most remarkable thing about Cher is that she constantly reinvents herself but maintains a strong sense of identity.”

For the complete interview check out <http://www.aarp.org/entertainment/music/info-2014/cher-music-closer-to-truth.html>

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