



Above The Basement is a Boston based podcast hosted by Chuck Clough and Ronnie Hirschberg that features casual and candid discussions with local, national and international musicians, artists, producers and others from Boston and beyond.

The conversations offer experiences from those shaping our music community and for whom music is a passion. You hear their stories, hardships faced and overcome...and why they love what they do.

While music is the common thread, Above The Basement has evolved into conversations that harness human interest, culture and community, bridging into discussions about health, science, education and other aspects of life.

They have bridged topics like the environment with Eagles songwriter and drummer Don Henley, mindfulness with singer-songwriter Jewel, social justice with the amazing organization Boston Children's Chorus and healing with Mary Gauthier through the wonderful program SongwritingWith:Soldiers.

Chuck and Ronnie have also spoken with highly acclaimed local artists and organizations including Keith Lockhart, Blue Man Group, Sally Taylor, Jennifer Kimball, Moe Pope and Alastair Moock to talk about their own personal missions.

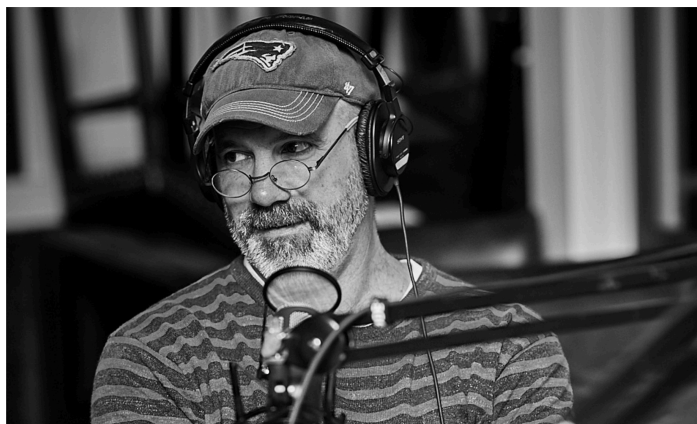
Their guests are truly special and Chuck and Ronnie are honored to be part of their journey, while helping them tell their story.

For more information, visit us at www.abovethebasement.com.



Chuck Clough

founder and host



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Growing up in Concord, Massachusetts, Chuck began playing guitar at a young age and had various bands throughout his career.

A graduate of Northeastern University (BA History, '91), Chuck moved to New York in 1992 to attend The American Academy of Dramatic Arts (AOS, '94) for acting and was a member of the American Academy Company ('95).

As a producer at VagaBOND Theatre Company, Chuck acted in and produced several original off-off Broadway plays and later produced independent feature films.

In 1994 he began playing music again and co-founded acoustic rock trio Northern Point which released 3 albums: November (2005), Northern Point - Live at St. James Gate (2008) and After The Frost (2010).

In 2010 Chuck moved back to Boston and co-founded The Butler Frogs with David G. Moore, Ronnie Hirschberg, Tim Fiehler and Greg Mara. Their first EP will come out Spring 2018.

He left the corporate world in the fall of 2016 and Above The Basement now has his full attention.



Ronnie Hirschberg

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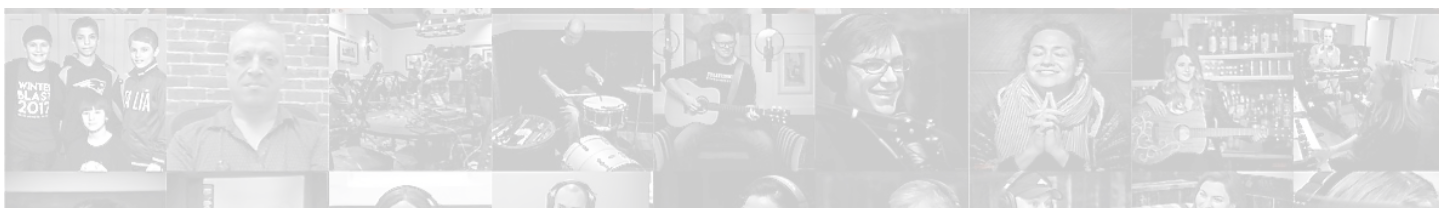
Ronnie grew up in Western NY, forming his first band, The Underground, in 1985. After moving to Burlington, VT for school, he found a songwriting-improvisation balance with his band, ironically called Chuck. They played various colleges throughout New England and New York.

In The Late 90's, his path turned toward a career in medicine, and after nine years of school and residency training, he became a psychiatrist specializing in trauma rehabilitation with emphasis on traumatic brain and spinal cord injury and polytrauma.

He has been fortunate to play with and perform for several of his patients and has seen the impact of music on recovery and the brain, and the impact that individual's recoveries have had on his and other's music.

In 1995, he recorded a self-titled compilation of jazz-influenced pop songs. In 2011, Ronnie began the Deer Mountain Songwriter Series to collaborate with musicians outside of Boston. He continues as a singer-songwriter and has been a proud Butler Frog since 2012.

Ronnie lives in Acton, Massachusetts with his wife and two children.



OUR GUESTS

Adam Ezra
Alastair Mook
Ali McGuirk
Alison Keslow
Alyssa Spector
Andy Cambria
Ashley Jordan
Blue Man Group
Bob Childs
Bonnie Hayes
Boston Children's Chorus
Brent Shuttleworth
Britt Connors
Bruce Marshall
Cambridge Rindge & Latin HS
Carissa Johnson
Carla Ryder
Chad Hollister
Charles Haynes
CONTACT
Dalton Sim
Darden Smith
David G. Moore (MALIN)
David Wax Museum
Don Henley
Dutch Rebel
Flynn Cohen
Gary Pihl
Greg Loughman
Honeysuckle
Jay Keyser
Jeffrey Cramer
Jen Kearney
Jennifer Kimball
Jerome Deupree
Jesse Dee
Jewel
John Oates
Josh Bhatti
Joyce Kulhaywik
Julie Rhodes

Justin Crowther
Katrin Roush
Keith Lockhart
Kris Delmhorst
Kyle Bent
Leland Sklar
Lisa Wong
Mark Erelli
Mark Ethier
Martin Sexton
Mary Gauthier
Matt McArthur
Matthew Stubbs
MB Padfield
Moe Pope
ON YOUR FEET! The Musical
Ona Jonaityte
Perry Bakalos
Regie O'Hare Gibson
RIPE
Roberto Plano
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Ruby Rose Fox
Ryan Miller
Ryan Montbleau
Sally Taylor
Sam deSuze
Siri Smedvig
Susan Cattaneo
The Butler Frogs
The Fray
The Loop
Tom Odell
Town Meeting
Trevor Solomon
Vancil Cooper
Vapors of Morphine
Wu Man
Waitress
Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys
Will Davies

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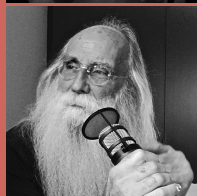
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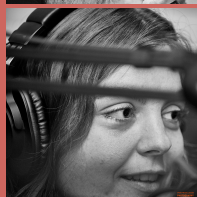
I've done a lot of interviews, but rarely have I had as much fun as with the Above the Basement crew! The conversation is spirited, and the questions are thought-provoking and relevant. Any time these guys want to talk to me, I'll be there in a heartbeat!

- BOSTON POPS CONDUCTOR KEITH LOCKHART



I do not remember having a better time in a hotel room!

- LEGENDARY BASSIST LELAND SKLAR (James Taylor, Phil Collins, Jackson Browne)



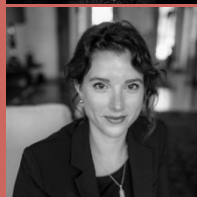
I loved my ATB experience because it gave me an opportunity to have a great conversation with true music lovers. Everyone involved with them really seems to care deeply about the artist and creating a nice platform to highlight the great music scene we have here in Boston and New England.

- ALI MCGUIRK



I've never been a huge talker.. but the guys at ATB make it EASY. The day I met them felt like we'd been longtime buddies. Great conversation, and even greater people. Check em' out!

- HAMILTON DRUMMER VANCIL COOPER



Above The Basement unveils a new musical conversation that goes beyond the chords and to the human story behind them. Ron and Chuck have a special way of connecting with their guests and always making it a great listen. Big fan of ATB!

- JULIE HELMES - DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY CONSULTANTS



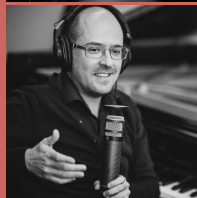
In a sea of shrinking print space and dwindling in-depth journalism, ATB is a rare island of smart, insightful conversation about music. Chuck and Ronnie do their homework, ask meaningful questions, and create a space where musicians can get into the nitty gritty of their work instead of just answering rote questions with rote answers...My favorite conversation of the year.

- SINGER-SONGWRITER ALASTAIR MOOCK



Above The Basement makes a concerted effort to focus on all aspects of the Boston music community, by inviting guests who are both diverse, and an integral part of the scene. They thoroughly research their guests, making each episode unique, personal, and professional. I really appreciate what Chuck and Ron have created with Above The Basement, and the positivity that it continues to promote.

- FOUNDER OF LYSTEN BOSTON ALYSSA SPECTOR



My BEST interview EVER! I never had such fun in a interview, there were moments I couldn't stop laughing. Chuck and Ron put me so much at ease that my English even sounded pretty fine... These guys should host next Grammys!

- AWARD WINNING CLASSICAL PIANIST ROBERTO PLANO