

## **Episode #023 A Creative Life, My Talk with Jessica Blank**

How do you bring your creative ideas into the world? How do you move through the grief of creative injury? Charlie speaks with the artist Jessica Blank, who along with her husband and creative partner Erik Jensen have defined the genre of documentary theater for almost 20 years. An award winning actress, playwright, author, producer, director and teacher, Jessica is an incredibly versatile creator. Their documentary plays *The Exonerated*, *Aftermath*, *Coal Country*, and most recently the pandemic inspired zoom play *The Line*, have brought deep insight into our collective humanity. Charlie and Jessica talk about the artistic process, the importance of empathy, and the resilience of the creative spirit. You can follow CBP on Instagram @creatingbehavior, and the Maggie Flanigan Studio @maggieflaniganstudio. Leave a message for Charlie at <https://www.creatingbehaviorpodcast.com>

- **Studs Terkel**

- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2008/nov/01/studs-terkel-usa>

- **Svetlana Alexievich**

- <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/2015/alexievich/facts/>

- **Jessica Blank**

- <https://www.jessicacblank.com>

- **The Exonerated**

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Exonerated\\_\(play\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Exonerated_(play))

- **Aftermath**

- <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=113211306>

- **Coal Country**

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/03/theater/coal-country-review.html>

- **The Line**

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- <https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-album-reviews/steve-earles-ghosts-of-west-virginia-1003073/>