

My Haven

JEREMY PIVEN

The award-winning actor, 55, star of *Mr Selfridge* and *Entourage*, in the living room of his LA home

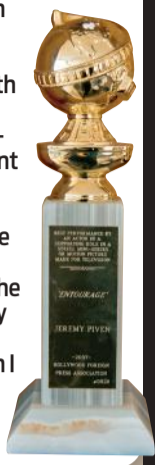


1 MAN, WHAT A PARTY!
As a Jewish boy you have a bar mitzvah to celebrate your 'coming of age' at 13, even though you're nowhere near becoming a man. This was my special day in 1978 – my Saturday Night Fever-style suit and hairstyle reflect the era. I grew up in poverty and DJ'd at my own bar mitzvah, but I had a wonderful childhood with my supportive mum Joyce and late dad Byrne.



2 EXCITEMENT IN STORE
This is me larking around on the set of ITV's hit drama *Mr Selfridge*, pretending to direct, though I never actually directed an episode. We made four series and each one took seven months to shoot, so I saw a lot of West End shows and also discovered that English breakfast tea is the cure for pretty much everything. I can't wait for the West End to be fully up and running again – as soon as you allow Americans back on British soil, I'll be there!

3 GOLDEN YEARS
Because I always saw myself as a journeyman theatre actor from Chicago, I never guessed I'd end up with a Golden Globe and three Emmy Awards – for playing brash talent agent Ari Gold in the comedy-drama *Entourage*. I was a late bloomer, winning a Fresh Face award at the age of 37! Prince Harry must have been an *Entourage* fan – when I met him and William at a polo match he kept calling me Ari.



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4 MY FAVOURITE FUNNYMAN
For as long as I can remember I've been a fan of the legendary US stand-up comedian Richard Pryor, although sadly I never saw him live. He was so captivating and original. I commissioned a brilliant artist, Erin Currier, to do this wonderful picture of him, created out of newspapers and anything else relating to my hero. Richard has been a huge influence on me, and I'm taking my own stand-up act to London later this year.

5 BEAT GENERATION
I'm a viciously mediocre drummer and I love to jam with musician friends and play songs by bands like Led Zeppelin and U2. I took my drums to London while filming *Mr Selfridge*, and once launched into an aggressive solo reminiscent of the late Who drummer Keith Moon. Within minutes the neighbours were hammering on the door of my flat, telling me my drumming was killing their children. I promised I'd never do it again, and my drum kit sat there unused for the rest of my stay.



6 PLEASED AS PUNCH
Boxing is my way of staying in shape, and I was lucky enough to meet US boxer Oscar De La Hoya on a TV chat show. He might have been ferocious in the ring but he was such a sweet guy, and he signed these gloves for me. Although I know a lot of boxers, like Oscar and Mike Tyson, I'm not planning on stepping into the ring with any of them. If I did, I might just survive a round before being floored!

As told to York Membery. Jeremy's latest film, *Last Call*, is available on digital download. He'll also be doing stand-up at Leicester Square Theatre on 15-16 October. jeremy-piven.com.

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