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Well, hello and welcome once again to Success Left a Clue. This is your host, Robert Raymond Riopel. And of course on this podcast what do I do? As I travel around the world, I notice the clues to success in everyday life and then I turn around and record them unto this podcast and deliver them to you my amazing audience. I want to welcome you once again to this podcast, and this is episode number 95.

And the title for this episode is John Denver: Music Connects Us at a Deeper Level. And what does that mean? What's that all about? Well, it's kind of interesting. If you've been following my episodes and if you've listened to 94, it actually I'd gone kind of a gap without actually recording any episodes but I'm still always writing down little ideas as I am noticing clues to success from my travels, from my day to day life. I'm always making notes. And so, on my phone, time to record, now I want to get a number of episodes recorded.

So I just pull out my notepad and see what I'd written down. See coz in the moment when inspiration hits, I just write it down. I don't judge it. I don't wonder if it's gonna work or not work, is it the right title, is it right information? I just write it down. Now I believe that was episode number 12 of this podcast originally was clue to success, write it down and that's what I do. That way, I can come back to it. I don't have to rely my mind to remember it or anything like that. And so, this was actually the title I wrote down a quite a while ago, a number of months ago, when I was actually in Thailand in Bangkok doing an event there.

When we finish an event, especially after three days on stage, ten, twelve hours or more a day on stage, I can be tired but one of my commitments is I like to have a good wrap up, a good wrap up meal with my team and my assistant trainer and stuff like that. So we happen to be at this convention center in Bangkok that we've used a few times and I happen to know that there's this nice little Irish pub. Picture this, an Irish pub in Thailand. An Irish pub just connected to the convention center. So there's about five hours we walked down and there's a few of our students there and they were eating and they're saying hello and we're having a good time, we're ordering some good food and just enjoying, sitting down and connecting.

And while we were connecting and having some few drinks and having our meal, all of a sudden, a live performer comes up onto the stage and he starts playing songs and one of the songs he started to play was by John Denver. For those of you who knows that is, Country Road. Country road, take me home to the place. I thought I'd sing a few bars instead of downloading and playing it this time. And all of a sudden, without even realizing what was going on, four of us at the table just started singing along with the song. We all knew the words.

Now I'm from Canada. My assistant trainer is from Singapore. The country manager that oversees Thailand is actually from Malaysia and my trainer Lee is the person who's taking care of us trainers, she's from Thailand. So 4 people from four different countries, four different kind of cultures, four different upbringings, what we all doing? We're singing the songs to this golden old hit song by John Denver. And we're just having a blast. My students that are sitting at the other table eating, they were enjoying seeing us just enjoying life because that's what we teach them, it is about enjoying life. And as he plays more and more songs, we're singing along, and which leads to a conversation of how is it that you know these songs and each person has their own different kind of experience of why they know the song, where it has come up from and then my liaison from Thailand, she even said something that really hit me and she said songs like this is how I learned English.

And I'm like you're kidding, and she goes no. Because its song tells a story and I can understand the words and growing up, this is how a lot of us learn English and then the country manager from Malaysia he goes, we heard a lot of western songs coming out of North America and it was a way of learning. And so, he put

us into a deep conversation, which just led to deeper connection and I realize that's it. Music does, it connects us at a deeper level because to me, it was just a song I enjoyed and every time I do here, oh I just can't help myself but sing. But here we are, people from all around the world, different cultures, different upbringings, different beliefs, but that song connected us. The rest of the night we just kept singing and even on the drive, all of a sudden, someone on their iPhone is bringing up a play list of old songs and all the way back to the hotel, we were just singing songs after song after song, truly enjoying life and that's what it is about. That's what it is about.

So if you're getting down, if you are having a tough time, turn on some music, because music is a healing energy. I am gonna say that again. Music is a healing energy. All through history, every culture there's some form of music that the culture has in their lives as a way of bonding, gathering, healing, celebrating, mourning, all different emotions, and it connects us at that deep, deep level. So even though I wrote down the idea months ago, it brought me back to that energy. And that's why I want to make this episode the episode that goes into that conversation.

So episode 95, Music Connects Us at a Deeper Level all because of John Denver, making me realize that. And so that's the cool thing. So this is Robert Raymond Riopel for Success Left a Clue. Remember always live with passion and remember, you are awesome.

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