

Fringe review: 6 Quick Dick Tricks: A Dirk Darrow Investigation

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I showed up expecting a sort of Puppetry of the Penis, scantily clad men showing off their well-endowed manliness. Instead I got Dirk Darrow, a private investigator with incredible mental abilities.

I don't mean he can add large numbers using only mental arithmetic or recall every Oscar winner going back to 1974. Instead, this show is a vehicle for Darrow's guessing abilities that verge upon the magical. Have an old girlfriend or the name of former pet you want to keep

secret? Too bad, Dirk Darrow will be able to pry the information from you with his amazing mental abilities.

Originally from the 1940s (as much as that's a place to be from), Darrow was launched into our timeline after passing through the Bermuda circle. The trip must have also done wonders to his mental abilities, making him some sort of sorcerer of mental acuity.

Throughout the show, Darrow pulls members of the audience onto the stage and somehow guesses the names of long-dead pets, former flings and cards pulled from a deck of cards. OK, maybe you have to be there to truly appreciate the magic, but it's something special when you are.

Tim Motley, as Darrow, performs his tricks with the dry wit and slick delivery to get away with his cocky attitude. He's going to amaze you while throwing barbs your way, but you will stand there and take it and say "thanks for the cutting insult." He's just that charming.

— Justin Bell

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- 5 stars out of 5

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REVIEW 4.5/5 STARS

With a name like 6 Dick Tricks, I was expecting to walk into a crude and slapstick comedy show, but I walked into the world of private psychic investigator Dirk Darrow (Tim Motley). If you go into the show as a skeptic of magic and illusion, Motley's show may in fact change your mind. Even though the show relies on audience participation, the man was quite entertaining, guessing the names of audiences members deceased pets or first kiss. He is also so damn cocky it's charming, which adds to the 1940s Dick detective aesthetic. By Stephan Boissonneault

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6 Quick Dick Tricks

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Everyone's favourite psychic detective, indeed.

Tim Motley's newest episode in the life of paranormal private eye Dirk Darrow, *6 Quick Dick Tricks*, delivers what it says on the package, and more. For those who enjoy fast-talking comedy, mentalism, and sleight of hand, it's a thoroughly absorbing watch.



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The presentation of the
aforementioned tricks is

mostly designed with a

lower level of flash. The misdirection is of a subtler kind, and nothing seems completely implausible or uncanny. For some this might be disappointing, but not for those who can appreciate the raw skill involved.

By the time any given trick is over, one can see vaguely how it might have been done. In some cases, Dirk Darrow actually explains how certain feats are accomplished as he accomplishes them, yet this insight

only makes the show more impressive. Otherwise, there's never any certainty that one has guessed his method.

The Bottom Line

By the end of the show, only one thing is certain: nobody in the room is a trickier dick than Dirk.

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