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UV Review

This, the second Big Blind DVD I'm reviewing this month, is the result of Liam Montier playing with a UV pen and a UV light and seeing what ensuing trickery and tom-foolery can be applied to close-up magic. And it's impressive work. It would have been very easy to pack this DVD with tricks all climaxing in a UV light revealing someone's chosen card, but Liam's managed to find multiple applications, allowing for a variety of presentations.

What I really like about Liam Montier's work is not his creation of plots or amazing moves, but his ability to take a basic idea, that others may have simply considered briefly and ignored, and breathe life into it. Even if you don't want to actually perform his routines as they are set out in the DVD, I guarantee (but not in a legally binding way), that you will want to conduct your own UV experiments after you watch this. That is not to say his routines are bad. Oh no. If you perform magic with a psychological bent (that's not meant to be a Derren Brown joke, just in case you're wondering), classic psychic-style mentalism, or if you're a sleight-of-hand guy who wants to add a bit of texture to your act, you'll find something interesting here. And they're not just good for laymen either. There are a couple of proper magician-foolers thrown in for good measure.

Handily, the DVD comes complete with a UV pen and a convenient key-ring UV light. I'm given to understand that the appropriate gaff cards that are needed for a couple of the routines will also be included in the package. This, when coupled with the Big Blind trademark high production values and detailed explanations going into both method and presentational psychology for each trick, makes this a very worthwhile DVD to pick up. Even if you come away from it without incorporating any of the ideas directly into your own act, it should act as an inspiration to creativity.

So, to sum up, if you've never thought of using ultra-violet light in your close-up act, get this DVD. If you've thought of using ultra-violet light but never really found a good application, get this DVD. Or, if you just want to watch some good magic, and have an ultra-violet light to put on your key-ring as a bonus, then you still might as well get this DVD.