

CSI: Kamloops; Roman Danylo and friends test drive sketch-comedy revue at Pavilion Theatre

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As the suave Lt. Horatio Caine on TV's CSI: Miami, David Caruso is, oh, so cool, calm and collected as he delivers his terse analyses over bodies not yet cold.

"The verdict is in Frank, but the jury is out," he says, slipping on his trademark shades.

And like one of his most famous TV cop forerunners -- the straight-shooting Sgt. Joe Friday of *Dragnet* days -- Caruso is a prime-time target for sketch comedy.

Comedian **Roman Danylo** has had close to 200,000 hits on his YouTube sketch, *The David Caruso School of Acting*. Now he's taking the sketch live with a performance called *CSI: Kamloops* at Pavilion Theatre June 4-5.

"This is going to be the first time we're actually doing the show," he explained from Vancouver. "I was on the road a couple of years ago, out your way, and just started wanting to do this, to make it all about a small town."

CSI: Kamloops takes place at Aberdeen Mall. The killer hides out at Sun Peaks Resort, gets chased down Victoria Street and eventually escapes on the Spirit of Kamloops heritage steam train. As Caruso might say, "You get the picture."

Best known for his appearances on CBC's *Made in Canada* with Rick Mercer, Comedy Network's *Just For Laughs Improv Championships* and CTV's *Corner Gas* and *Comedy Inc.*, Danylo earned his funny stripes at Loose Moose Theatre in Calgary, one of the original homes of *Theatresports*.

He brings with him Diana Frances, seven-time nominee for best female improviser at the Canadian Comedy Awards, and Nathan Clark, a regular with Vancouver *Theatresports League* and *Urban Improv*.

The David Caruso spoof is just one of a number of sketches they'll perform. Danylo also has up his sleeve his *Passionate Accountant* ("he loves crying a little bit too much") and *Tantric Sex Master* ("perpetually at the point of climax").

The second half of the show will be strictly improv.

But why the Interior test drive?

"This is the thing about Kamloops -- it actually has a great reputation for doing live shows," he said, citing the *Snowed In Comedy Tour* of the past couple of seasons. The cast of Western Canada Theatre's recent hit comedy, *The Foursome*, included some of Danylo's buddies.

"Didn't Weird Al Yankovic perform there?" he asked. You're never sure whether Danylo, who once billed himself as "the Roman empire," is serious or not. That only makes him funnier.

For a preview of what's in store, check out his YouTube clip, where he offers tips in *Monotone 101* and *Advance Sunglasses Technique*.

"Never make eye contact. That's rule No. 1."

What is it with Caruso's method?

"I don't even know what that is," Danylo said, chuckling. "I think it's called confidence. It's very similar to William Shatner when years ago he did *Star Trek*."

They're similar in their weird pauses. They're not scared of overacting. "The weird thing about *CSI*, especially *CSI: Miami* -- a couple of years ago it was the No. 1 show in the world."

Behind those shades, a stone-faced Caruso has the last laugh.