

Comic brings schtick to town

Rosenblatt known for sharp wit

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Davin Rosenblatt is renowned for his New York schtick, an abrasive kind of comedy that keeps audiences in stitches says Bob Angeli, owner of the Comedy Factory.



DAVIN ROSENBLATT
Comedian

A headliner across North America, and a frequent guest on Comedy Central, Rosenblatt drops by the Crown & Tower tonight at 7 p.m. "He has an observational humour as

opposed to Jay Leno's topical, newsy humour," explains Angeli who booked his 10-day tour in Edmonton, Grande Prairie and Fort St. John. "Davin is an ad-libber and improviser, and he can work a crowd with his razor sharp wit. To experience someone like Davin, you have to see him live."

As a husband and parent living in New York State, Rosenblatt latches on to life's little absurdities and goes full-throttle. He's not shy about taking aim at religion, his Jewish culture or special events such as Halloween. He'll even venture into a comic's taboo territory taking pot shots at Nazis. "My ability to think on my feet and give audiences a good time is central to each show," says Rosenblatt.

In January 2009 the American comedian visited the troops in Iraq. During his four-day stint he entertained hundreds of troops both on main bases and smaller outposts in hot zones.

"It was the most important thing or best thing that ever happened in my career," says Rosenblatt. "When you're in a war zone, you realize you how much they need a few laughs to get through the daily grind."

While the Canadian north is a far cry from the Middle East, a tame country by comparison, Rosenblatt has no intention of softening his barbed wit. "From what audiences tell me, they don't see anyone with my forcefulness. I'm not mean, but I have a lot of humour."

Angeli will be hosting tonight's gig and Jeff Stevenson, a finalist in the *So You Think You're Funny* competition at Comedy Factory will perform as a warm-up act.

The Crown & Tower is located at 11 Bellerose Drive. There is no cover charge.

For more information on Rosenblatt check out www.sidesplittingproductions.com
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