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Russell Peters – Comedy Now!



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Russell Peters is a possibly up and coming comic talent. A Canadian with ancestry hailing from India, he has come up with a unique and smart set of comedy routines and jokes that may not have made me laugh so hard I fell out of my chair, but I was amused. **Russell Peters – Comedy Now!** is a new DVD with two tapings of Peters running 47 minutes each. One is the title show from 2003 and the other called **Show Me The Funny** is from 1997.

The jokes include those on cultural differences, interesting takes on homophobia and conflicts outside of North America for humor that most comics would not even begin to think of. I have to say that it is surprising we have not heard some of these jokes before, but Peters needs to find new ways to turn his talents up to the next level and the two shows show his growth as a pure comic talent. They also show he has not reached his peak yet and could eventually be a big breakout star.

The 1.33 X 1 image is not bad, but not great, originating in professional NTSC analog videotape, but it is just fine for what it is. The Dolby Digital 2.0 is simple stereo in both cases, with Peter's voice the main focus, of course, but there are no extras.

- Nicholas Sheffo


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