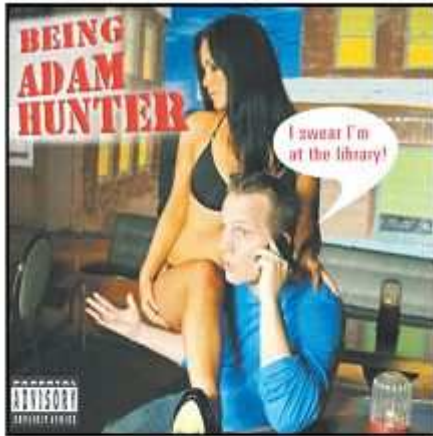


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ADAM HUNTER, “Being Adam Hunter” (Uproar Entertainment/MVD Audio) ☆☆☆ — I didn’t know much about up-and-coming comedian Adam Hunter when his latest CD, the aptly titled “Being Adam Hunter,” came across my desk. If I’ve seen or heard him before, it must not have made much of an impression. Not to say that Hunter isn’t a funny guy — there are some

laugh-out-loud moments on this performance album — but he hasn’t been distinctive enough to separate himself from the pack. With “Being Adam Hunter,” however, he goes a long way toward establishing an identity during a (mostly) well-received set at The Loony Bin in Oklahoma City.

One of the big pluses is the timeliness of the material. Many comedy CDs are dated by the time they hit the shelves, but “Being Adam Hunter” is filled with current references — Michael Phelps’ marijuana experiment, the Obama presidency, etc. — that add to the laugh totals. Bits on “Double EE’s,” “Cheating” and “Girlfriends” generate the most response from the obviously enthusiastic audience, while Hunter’s distinctly non-PC takes on “Fat White Chicks,” being “Realllly Drunk” and “Strip Clubs” elicits as many groans as guffaws. Adam Hunter isn’t the funniest comic on the circuit today, but with a little more fine-tuning he could be ready to take the next step. (JS)