

duo-tone silks provided are large enough for stage work but not too unwieldy for close-up.

Pulling out a white silk and changing it into a red silk may not sound exciting in the Urban Fascination Extreme Plot world of magic, but it plays well for regular audiences. For double the price of most explanation-only DVDs, you get three quality silks, a clever gimmick, and almost an hour of background, history, and professional routine. All this makes for a very marketable routine presented by a solid performer.

### CLEARLY PREDICTABLE - PROP MENTALISM BY HARRISON J. CARROLL

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#### REVIEW BY MARC DESOUZA

If you are unfamiliar with the name of the creator of this effect, I'm not surprised. Harry rarely attends conventions, except for FFFF, which is where I met him. His main business is corporate and trade show work, and he is one of the tops in that field. I've had the pleasure of working trade shows with him, and watching him at work. He has published little, with the exception of his marvelous routine for the Three Shell Game. I was surprised when he contacted me and asked if I was interested in reviewing this effect. I was surprised because it is right out of his working repertoire, and not commonly known in the magic community.

Here are the bare bones of the effect. A large envelope is handed to someone for safekeeping. A 10" by 10" square of clear Plexiglas is displayed, containing nine bolts arranged in three rows of three. Nine 2" plastic disks are shown, each one displaying a number from 0 to 9, with a hole at the top. They are handed to three participants who are asked to mix them. The first participant is asked to hand you his disks one by one and you place them across the top row of bolts in whatever order they desire. The same procedure is repeated with the other two participants, placing the disks on the other two rows. This completed array is placed on a 10" by 14" white board and the numbers are added. When the prediction is removed from the envelope, it matches the total exactly.

This is a very direct, impressive effect. It packs flat, plays big, and is already a classic of modern mentalism. Harry's effect is based on Bob Mason's Predicta Total and has been released with permission from the individual who owns the rights to Mr. Mason's works. A few years ago, Mark Strivings and Dexter released an effect called Mnemeric, which was also based on Mr. Mason's effect. I put Harry in touch with Mark, who had absolutely no problem with this release, as there were significant differences between them, and the Strivings/Dexter effect was a limited edition of only twenty-five sets. The Strivings/Dexter version had several phases and a lot of layering of methods. Harry's is very clear and

very direct. I feel, for the working performer, Harry's is the superior version.

It is obvious from everything contained in this package that this is made for the worker. Harry has thought about every aspect of the props, and everything you need is contained here, except the computer you'll need to watch the video CD that comes with it. Aside from the props already mentioned, you also get a plastic easel to display the board, a large envelope with several pre-printed predictions, and a case that holds the nuts and bolts, the disks, the disk holder, and the dry erase marker. The nuts and bolts come off of the board so it packs flat and safely in your briefcase. One of the nice features is that the number predicted can be different every show. The CD has a full performance of the effect along with the full explanation, plus a fourteen-page PDF file with additional information and ideas. I am impressed with the quality and completeness of this product, and feel the price is more than justified. It has been endorsed by the likes of Giovanni Livera, Danny Orleans, Paul Green, Gene Anderson, Rafael Benatar, Bill Goldman, and now by me. I highly recommend this.

### OUT OF ORDER, DVD WITH SPECIALLY PRINTED CARDS BY CAMERON FRANCIS

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#### REVIEW BY JAMIE SALINAS

The magician explains that he goes through many cards when performing card magic and shows several blank cards that can be used to "print" extra cards as needed. To demonstrate, a spectator selects two cards, and the magician proceeds to print duplicates of them onto the blank cards. After several copies are made of one selection, the magician attempts to print the other selection. Several unsuccessful attempts follow, until the magician turns over the blank cards to show an Out Of Order sign. As a finale, the magician prints the second card on the back side of the previously printed cards. Everything can now be examined.

I have always enjoyed the Wild Card effect. This version is logical, entertaining, and baffling for the spectators. There is one moment that is somewhat awkward, but nothing that cannot be covered with good presentation. The DVD comes with the specially printed cards and the Out Of Order decals needed to perform the trick. You will have to supply your own deck of poker cards.

The DVD is well produced, with great video and audio quality. Being familiar with the basic card techniques and handling will shorten the time needed to learn the routine, but this is not a difficult trick to learn from the instructions provided. All of the sleights used in this effect are taught on the DVD. The three-phase routine is well thought out, and everything can be examined at the end.

Also included is a bonus card routine for the Biddle card trick. It is a short but effective version of the classic. Also included are advertising clips for other videos from Full 52 Productions. This is not a strolling effect, as you will need a table to perform it, but table hoppers will enjoy performing it. Your investment of time and money are well rewarded in this version of the Wild Card effect.

