

In May we had a lecture by Danny Archer. Danny is a very personable guy with great commercial magic. He performs magic in a restaurant in Vail, CO six days a week for three hours each day during the ski season. As such, his magic is tight and as I said, extremely commercial. Danny also has many effects on the market which he demonstrated at various times during the lecture. But the lecture itself was great and here's the stuff that he did.

First was Purse Frame Fly where three coins are produced from a purse frame, fly from hand to hand and are vanished back into the purse. Olympic Aces is a travelers effect which is really streamlined. D'dupe is a design duplication using business cards and a pen. Totally Nuts is a chop cup effect using a double ended jigger, cherries and peanuts. This one was really cool! Dye and dye again is a really neat silk dying routine. Double Hop is an extremely commercial cards across effect. He also had many "professional tips". These are the type of things that you only know from performing items zillions of times in the real world. As I mentioned earlier, he performed a number of effects that he markets (some of which he tips during the lecture) and he has many really commercial items in his inventory.

I think that I used the word commercial four times to describe Danny's magic. And do you know why? Well maybe, just maybe, he's got a bunch of stuff that has been tested and re-tested in the real world and do you know what? It works! If you ever get a chance to catch Danny Archer's lecture, do it! You won't be sorry.

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