



INTREPID THEATRE

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RE: Letter of Recommendation for Barry Smith

To Whom It May Concern:

Intrepid Theatre Company Society of Victoria BC has had the great pleasure of presenting Barry Smith of Aspen, CO at two of our events in recent years – the Victoria Fringe Theatre Festival, which programmed *American Squatter* in 2007, and the 2006 Uno Festival of Solo Performance (aka Uno Fest) where we were pleased to introduce our audiences to Barry's work with *Jesus in Montana*, which was a critical and audience favourite at this international festival.

As the curator of an annual one-person-show festival, I see hundreds of solo shows a year, and it will probably not surprise you to know that ninety-five percent of them are identical. It is with delight and not a small amount of relief that Barry's work first came to my attention. He is a confident, relaxed performer who immediately puts the audience at ease, he's very funny, his "self-documentarian" approach to personal storytelling is totally unique and engaging, and most importantly, he has something to say and does it in such a way so that it hardly hurts at all – except where he wants it to.

Aside from his many commendable qualities as a performer and fresh, original voice, Barry is a easy-going, generous, good guy, who is fun and pleasant to have around.

I'd be happy to speak to you in person about Barry's shows if you wish to call me at (250)383-2663. I am a big fan.

Sincerely

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**Producers of the Victoria Fringe Theatre Festival
& the Uno Festival of Solo Performance**

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