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GP pulls award out of hat at magic festival

Dr Vyom Sharma's skills baffled audiences during his award-winning performances at this year's Melbourne event

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A magic side hustle that started out as a “fun little thing”, has ended up wowing audiences and taking out a prestigious award for magician Dr Vyom Sharma.

The ensemble show featuring the GP and his sleight-of-hand friends Simon Coronel and Dom Chambers has been awarded the Director’s Choice Award at the Melbourne Magic Festival.

“It felt really validating to have someone who has a very experienced eye say there's something a bit special here,” Dr Sharma tells *6minutes*.

“It’s very satisfying and again, very unexpected — we were just planning a fun little thing, but it's kind of taken off.”



Dr Vyom Sharma.

The one-hour show was supposed to be a low-key affair and one that reflected the trio's artistic interests rather than sell tickets at the festival which ran from 27 June to 9 July in venues across Melbourne.

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“We asked the festival for the smallest venue they had and we did no advertising, no promotion,” Dr Sharma says.

“We were like, ‘We don't care if it's 10 people a night. We just want to do our thing’.

“They ended up giving us the largest venue — about a 250-seater and unbeknownst to us, the festival was writing press releases and suddenly we're getting invited for radio interviews.”

With the pressure on, the magicians stuck to their original artistic brief — for each to come on for 20 minutes and do their best tricks.

During the show Dr Sharma also showed off his mentalist skills, leaving the audience scratching their heads as to how he had predicted what number they were thinking of.

“I did this [trick] where people would generate random numbers that would somehow add together to equal the exact date and time in minutes,” he said.

“Dom Chambers had a go at anti-vaxxers, so that was good. I left that to him because, frankly, I’ve talked enough about COVID-19.”



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Thanks to the pandemic, it was the first bit of performing he'd done in two and a half years.

What he lacked in practice, Dr Sharma made up for in spirit and energy and the reviews for their five shows were glowing.

“I was just happy to have an outlet that wasn't medical,” said the Melbourne GP.

“We came up with just a lot of energy. We were quite blown away by the responses. So we've been approached by Melbourne Fringe now.”

Despite his success in the world of magic — he was grand finalist on *Australia’s Got Talent* in 2016 — Dr Sharma is sticking with general practice.

“[Magic] is my artistic fulfilment. The rebates in magic are even poorer than the Medicare rebates.

“A big achievement would be if I could mount my own solo show; this was something I was doing a lot pre-pandemic.

“The flame is going to be reignited. I’m already thinking long and hard about ... doing a full-length solo show.”

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