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Robert De Niro portrayed
notorious gangster Al Capone
in what 1987 flick?

Answer: *The Untouchables*

Comedy Inc. is high-energy sketch comedy

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Sketch comedy is a hit-and-miss affair, which is why it is such a pleasure to report that tonight's instalment of *Comedy Inc.*, the high-energy sketch comedy program from Vancouver improv comedian Roman Danylo and a talented cast of fellow Canuckleheads and *Second City* alumni, hits one high note after another.

It features eight sketches, and there's hardly a loser in the bunch. The show opens with a wry dig at those live, on-the-scene hurricane reports cable news channels seem so fond of, with an airhead anchor (Danylo) warm and comfy back in the

FINE TUNING



Danylo: funny stuff

studio while the perky, ambitious weather girl (Nikki Payne) loses it in a mighty wind ("Can I tell you anything else, like the direction it's going or the damage it's caused? Well, I could - if I was inside, where all that

information is!")

Danylo captures the essence that is James Lipton in *Inside the Unknown Actor's Studio*, in which he interviews a dog complete with Lipton's fawning mannerisms and verbal flourishes.

The coup de grace, though, is a riff on *Shatner Unplugged*, *Shatner Unhinged*, in which Danylo-as-Shatner regales a TV audience with hits from the '80s for the music channel 2MuchMusic.

Shatner is an obvious target, but that doesn't mean he's easy. Danylo hits all the right beats and nails Shatner's, um, inflections to a tee. Danylo channeling Shatner channeling Nena's 99 *Luftballons* just has to be seen to be believed. (CTV - 9:30 p.m.)

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