

FUTURE SHOCK

Britain's most celebrated clairvoyant medium psychic, Clinton Baptiste, tries out his divining powers ahead of his appearance in Bath

How would you describe your new show, Roller Ghoster? "I'm told by some of my connections beyond the celestial curtain that the spirit will be very, very strong, so I will be venturing into the audience to do readings on you all. I can promise a visit from my spirit guide Taruak, and you will hear stories of my life off-stage."

How is the tour going?

"Really well, thank you. My third eye is open and shut hundreds of times a week, so in between shows I rest it on a fictional cushion and wipe it with a metaphorical cleansing bath at the various Travelodges I find myself in. I have been coming out after the show to meet all my followers in order to 'enlighten' them... of their money, next to my merch stand."

When did you first become aware of your clairvoyant abilities?

"I was a boy. I encouraged my dad to put some money on the gee-gees, and they all came



in. Some would say that was potluck. In fact, my dad used similar words, interspersed with several F-bombs, shortly after he retook my advice and lost all his savings at Kempton in March 1983. Spirits don't always predict correctly. But I believed I was magic and changed my name from Keith to Clinton - named after my second favourite shop in Bury, Clintons Cards. My favourite was a certain takeaway outlet. but 'Chicken Cottage Baptiste' sounded a bit silly."

There are a lot of charlatans out there. How do you deal with them? And how can audiences be sure you're for real?

"I report them to the authorities in the afterlife as soon as I spy them. I don't have to try too hard to convince my audience of my skills nowadays, as I have been so accurate over the years.

In fact, I predict here and now there will be at least one Aries in the audience at each show in the southwest this tour."

Any spiritual messages you'd like to share?

"Only that the spirit world is generously giving you the once-in-a-lifetime chance to buy a ticket to see me. Don't thank me, thank the celestial realm. Oh and also, John McCririck has just appeared at my shoulder saying, 'Lucky Boy in the four o'clock at Haydock.'* Get on it!"

(*"It's not me saying that, it's John McCririck, ex-tipster from Channel 4 Racing. Clinton Baptiste cannot be responsible for betting advice from beyond the grave, which is your

Witness Roller Ghoster live at Komedia, Bath, on June 20. nfld.io/cbaptiste