

Kevin Flynn's Fear of Heights.

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West Los Angeles, CA (*The Hollywood Times*) 10/13/23 – I attended the West Coast premiere of Kevin Flynn's *Fear of Heights* at the Odyssey Theater in West Los Angeles, written and performed by Kevin Flynn, and directed by Tim Byron Owen. *Fear of Heights* is a heartfelt and hilarious story of Kevin Flynn. The show opens with a backstory of his grandfather, a steelworker, who is depicted in the famous photograph we've all seen of workers having lunch high above on a steel beam in New York City, and Irish immigrant life in 1930s New York. The show is autobiographical, it's a play-by-play of his life in an immigrant household, a juxtaposition of present life and generational experiences. Kevin Flynn is funny and touching on many levels and tells us about his whole life, trials, and tribulations, the pressures family puts on us, his childhood, and the moments he had with his father at a young age, life lessons that stuck with him and molded him into who he is. He shares his life with us, the audience, there's something really intimate about this one-man show, it's just him and us and his honest truth, I at times forget that most people are descendants of immigrants in this great country of ours, I truly think most people forgot or choose to point fingers to feel more than, but is that not what makes our nation a great one?

Fear of heights was the one thing that kept him from following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather who were steel workers, his phobia made him take the path of fame and stardom which is a higher mountain, he went from professional soccer player to comedian and wound up in Hollywood pursuing acting, rubbing elbows with the Hollywood elite, he tells us his hilarious stories of acting school, auditions and his TV host roles that took him to greater heights than a steel beam high above New York city. He reminded me that all you avoid you'll be faced with. He shared his life with me; I feel like I know him personally.

Kevin Flynn's *Fear of Heights* is playing Thursday through Sunday now till October 29th at the Odyssey Theater, for tickets and information Visit www.OdysseyTheatre.com

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