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Myq Kaplan goes from silly to brainy in "Small, Dork, and Handsome."
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MYQ KAPLAN, 'SMALL, DORK, AND HANDSOME' Myq (pronounced Mike) Kaplan moves from smart to dumb faster than any comic in America. Dense with puns, discursive musings and conceptual jokes, his act moves like a one-man screwball comedy in which his silly and brainy sides bicker.

"In conclusion," he begins "Small, Dork, and Handsome," "a joke about time travel, but first, everything else." While it took only two words for Mr. Kaplan to complete his first joke, the second takes more than an hour when, near album's end, he returns to time travel, a key element in the most inspired Holocaust joke since "The Producers." Then, to close, he pivots into a dopey pun: "Hope that didn't make you Mein Kampfsterble."