




Penn & Teller: Fool Us

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 Alyson Hannigan is doing her *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* enchantress Willow Rosenberg mighty proud by joining The CW's magic competition series *Penn & Teller: Fool Us* as the new host for Season 3. Hannigan reveals whether the tricks of the trade have rubbed off on her.

What made you want to try hosting?

I love the show and I love Penn & Teller. I just thought, 'Why not?' I didn't know if I would be good at it, but I think that I add the voice of what viewers at home will be saying; the non-magician point of view. I had worked with Penn on a movie years

ago, and that was brilliant. I had never met Teller, but obviously had such respect for him. He's like the Yoda of magic. **What's the most exciting thing about observing Penn & Teller in action?** It's amazing to watch them when they are fooled [by the contestants], how frustrated they are. They just cannot live until they know how the trick is done. They've sent the person off stage, but they won't stop trying to figure it out, and I'm just sitting there watching them go back and forth like a tennis match. I hold my breath when I'm watching them do tricks, I feel like I'm being let in behind the curtain.

Did your *How I Met Your Mother* costar Neil Patrick Harris, an avid magician, ever show you any tricks? Not on *Mother*, but I've known Neil since I was like 15 or 16, and I remember sitting in a restaurant with a bunch of friends and I probably made him do [one trick] 20 times, that's how gullible I am. It was just a balled-up piece of a napkin, but his sleight of hand was so fast. He was literally just throwing it over my head and I didn't see it, until finally one of my friends told me to turn around and in the booth behind me were, like, 20 balled-up napkins.—*Emily Maas*