

James Galea

Australia's best 'close-up' magician

James Galea is Australia's number one magician. Vastly different to the stereotypical 'pull a rabbit out of a hat' magician James breathes new life into the dying art of magic, trading the traditional tuxedo and top hat for a pair of sneakers, jeans and a tee shirt.

Regular television and radio appearances (including the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*), his own series for the Nine Network (*Urban Magic*) and a starring role in the Discovery Channel series *Breaking Magic* have seen James in demand not only at home but internationally, both in the corporate arena and as a headliner world-wide. He's performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, The World Famous Hollywood Magic Castle and The Melbourne International Comedy Festival, amongst others.



Energetic and effortlessly cool, James presents the art of magic with a wicked sense of humour, disarming audiences with his youthful charm and astonishing them with his talent.

James started learning magic at age 14 from someone he thought was a magician. He later found out that his mentor moonlighted as a professional con man who cheated in high stakes poker games. While his colleagues were learning how to make hankies disappear from old magic books James learnt how to deal aces from the bottom of the deck from a professional card shark.

It was in the field of close-up magic that James' unique talent was discovered. His charismatic performances soon attracted notice and at just 19 years of age, James was awarded 'Australia's Best Close-Up Magician'. His signature trick '673 King Street' has been included in TV's *50 Greatest Magic Tricks*.

In 2009 after sell-out seasons Australia-wide of his live show *I Hate Rabbits* James took to the stage as an actor starring in *Lying Cheating Bastard*, a play he co-wrote about Australia's most successful conman. The critics were unanimous in their praise for the play and his performance and the show toured internationally throughout 2010/2011. Since then, James has taken his talent to television with several TV shows in the US and Australia.

James is also busy writing new shows for stage and television including a musical about a magician and a series combining magic, food, music and his favorite people.



An innovative and award-winning magician, writer, songwriter, director and producer, James Galea is in high demand in the corporate arena with worldwide clients including Microsoft, Virgin, Ford and Disney. Using large screens and a live HD video feed to ensure that every attendee (from 10 to 10,000) will have the best seat in the house, James guarantees to please everyone with his dynamic combination of comedy and magic.

Client testimonials

“ James was an outstanding choice for our business event. He is extremely professional in his preparation and I was always confident in his ability to deliver a well rehearsed, tailored performance for this group of business people and government officials. James was flexible in meeting our programming requirements and production capabilities. He is fresh, funny, and charismatic, and won this crowd over from the start.

- **Business Events**

“ I'm gobsmacked! He's VERY good. VERY talented.

- **Sir Richard Branson**

“ We wouldn't hesitate booking him again for another corporate event ... 10 out of 10 from us!

- **Microsoft**

“ Your performance was lively, exciting and enthralling. The feedback has been excellent and your performance definitely helped make a great evening spectacular.

- **ASX Thomson Reuters**

“ After seeing James perform live I had to get him for our annual awards dinner ... He certainly didn't disappoint and left everyone in the audience was in total awe of the delivery of his show. A “must see to believe” performance that I would thoroughly recommend to anyone looking to hold an event.

- **ICCA**

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