

## Tim Ellis

### *Interactive Speaker, MC & Corporate Entertainer*

Tim Ellis is not only the sole Australian ever to sit on the Jury at The FISM World Championships of Magic, he's considered by his peers to be one of the most creative and entertaining magicians in the world.



Known within the magic industry as "The genius from downunder", Tim is in constant demand to perform at corporate events, but also to lecture at magic conferences and seminars all over the planet.

In 2006 the highly regarded 'Dictionnaire de la Prestidigitation' was released and Tim was one of only two living Australian magicians to be included in this world history book of magic spanning the centuries - along with Orson Welles, Houdini, David Copperfield and Siegfried & Roy.

In the book 'Deceptions Downunder', magic historian Brian McCullagh said "Tim Ellis is a commercial success, supports organized magic to the hilt and is a fervent supporter of "Magic Downunder". His contributions to magic in Australia cannot be measured."

Teller, of Penn & Teller, said "He generously nurtures all sorts of magic and has the mind of an evil elf!"

Since being given a magic set by his grandfather when he was 10 years old, Tim has breathed new life into the ancient art with his delicious blend of comedy and hyperactive spontaneity. His uniquely interactive approach instantly bonds him to audiences of all ages and nationalities and has taken him from the Crown Casino, Melbourne, to the Riviera Casino, Las Vegas, from the Sullivan St Playhouse, Broadway, to Le Double Fond, Paris, from theatre seasons in Hong Kong to multiple seasons at Hollywood's famous Magic Castle.

He has won more awards for his mind-blowing magic than any other Australian in history including 'Best Stage Magician in Australia', 'Best Close up Magician in Australia', and voted 'Most Valuable Participant' and the FFFF Invitation Only Close Up Magic Convention in New York. He also holds a Guinness World Record for the longest non-stop magic show ever... 75 hours!

His life has been a roller coaster ride of magical adventures. Tim has been buried alive, escaped from a wooden crate at the bottom of the Yarra River, freed himself from straitjackets hundreds of feet above city streets, and driven a \$100,000 sports car while blindfolded.

He has published magic magazines, produced magic conferences and seminars, consulted for film and television, run several magic schools, appeared in a variety of movies, been profiled in several

books, produced a television variety series, released over twenty DVDs, and he even owned and ran the iconic Bernard's Magic Shop for several years.

Recently, Tim was diagnosed as having Asperger's Syndrome, and he explores the positives and negatives of the condition in an autobiographical one-man show 'AspyCadabra' as well as working with Swinburne University on their ongoing project 'Aspergion'.

His latest project is his top-secret magic venue, 'The Laneway Theatre'.

Tim is currently the Artistic Director of the hugely successful 'Melbourne Magic Festival' and lives in a converted broom factory in inner Melbourne with two rainbow lorikeets Sir Spectrum Sparks and Jackie the Bandit. He plays poker in his spare time.

### ***What Tim Ellis Offers***

#### **BESPOKE STAGE SHOWS & MAGICAL MC**

Tim will create a show perfectly designed to suit your event. Whether it's a group of just ten VIPs, or an audience of 3,000 delegates, Tim can weave your message into his magic in a way that will always be remembered.

His audience interaction and comedy brings everyone together in a truly immersive entertainment experience.

With over 450 different acts of magic to choose from, Tim also makes an excellent MC to excite your next awards night.

#### **STROLLING MAGIC**

For those occasions where a stage show doesn't quite fit, Tim can take his magic from guest to guest as he performs his award-winning close-up magic over cocktails or at tables between courses. These random acts of magic have such high emotional impact they are talked about for years to come.

#### **ENTERTAINING KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

For something truly unique, Tim offers a powerful keynote presentation about his amazing career. How being diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome helped him find his authentic voice and revealed the true secret of making lasting connections in a transactional world.

He also offers team building workshops where he teaches your delegates to "think like magicians". Problems are transformed into exciting challenges as Tim teaches some level-one magic tricks that everyone will be able to master and perform.

Find out why MagicSeen Magazine (UK) said "Tim is one of the hottest magicians in the world!"

## Client testimonials

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“ Man you rocked the house!

- **David Copperfield**

“ He generously nurtures all sorts of magic and has the mind of an evil elf!

- **Teller, of Penn & Teller**

“ I laughed so much I cried!

- **Recruitment & Consulting Services Association**

“ How wonderful! An entertainer who is more concerned with the needs and objectives of the client than maintaining his own 'artistic licence'. Tim's performance and skill as an MC dovetailed perfectly with what our function was all about.

- **SSL Leisure**

“ The crowd was in awe of Tim, he is an amazing performer and his personality just tops it off. Well done!

- **SPS Corporation**

“ Amazing - vibrant, quick and funny - he worked superbly with the audience. Exactly what we wanted.

- **Melbourne Business School**

“ He did an amazing job, firstly with fooling everyone with his character, then of performing the illusions and completely baffling everyone!!

- **Department of Education**

“ Tim is fantastic and wowed everyone in the room. Tim captured everyone's attention from the minute he started until the conclusion. We would highly recommend Tim for all functions, big or small.

- **The Warrnambool Standard**

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