

## SPELLBOUND: JAMES GALEA

Prepare to be captivated by the cheeky energy and dexterous mix of cutting-edge trickery and mischievous wit of Australia's No.1 magician, James Galea. The hotter-than-hot magician returns for three nights only to perform his hit show *I Hate Rabbits* at Sydney Theatre, treating audiences to a night of mind-blowing allusions and award-winning sleight of hand.

Just back from his sell-out world tour, Galea says he learnt his craft from a professional card shark at the age of 14, and he continues to defy the old-style magician stereotype – indeed, you won't find the tux and top hat or any tacky props here! In trademark tee-shirt, jeans and sneakers, the engaging 27-year-old performer brings an edge to the medium like no other, making this unique show a night of high-energy interactive theatre.

"I don't try to convince people what I do is real. There are heaps of magicians that want to persuade people they have special powers. I wanted to break apart from the 'rabbit out of hat' cliché associated with magic," he tells SX. "I find people are over the mysterious and hackneyed magic presentations, so this show's much more laid back and a lot more fun, and I'm pumped to be playing my home town, Sydney.

"If you love magic, you should come along. And if you hate magic, then you should definitely come!" – *Damien Stephens*.

*I Hate Rabbits, December 4-6, Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay. Tix \$50/\$35 concession from [www.sydneytheatre.org.au](http://www.sydneytheatre.org.au). More info: [www.jamesgalea.com](http://www.jamesgalea.com).*

