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### MAGIC

- James Galea: I Hate Rabbits
- Enmore Theatre, 118-132 Enmore Rd, Newtown
- Tonight 7.30pm
- \$29.80-\$31.60
- 9550 3666, [enmoretheatre.com.au](http://enmoretheatre.com.au)

Magician James Galea has reinvented the art of trickery, taking it far from its traditional comfort zone.

You won't find him wearing a top hat and tails, or pulling rabbits out of hats — thus the show's title — or relying on props. Galea dons an old pair of jeans and T-shirt and works on a bare stage for his peculiar, and enthralling, brand of magic.

After successful shows at Hollywood's famed Magic Castle, in Las Vegas, and on cruise ships as the in-house entertainer, the 26-year-old comes to Sydney for one night only as part of the Cracker Comedy Festival.

Galea started performing magic tricks on his teachers as a teenager, stealing their watches and doing card tricks. He learnt the tricks of his trade from a street hustler.

His three elder brothers also fell victim to his precocious trickery.

Galea admits there is as much bravado as magic in his performance, saying he is not out to convince audiences that what he is doing is real. He peppers his act with comic one-liners while performing remarkable sleight of hand.

