



# PAUL COOKE

Magic producer/consultant/illusion designer

## Profile

For 17 years Paul was one half of the successful illusion act "*Labyrinth*", which toured all over the world working on board many of the worlds finest cruise liners. For the past 15 years he has worked as a consultant, designer & builder of magic effects to the worlds best magicians & TV shows. In recent years he has moved into production. His experience in making television and his wealth of magic knowledge together with a real understanding of how to make magic really *work* for TV make Paul uniquely placed to fill the role of "Magic Producer".

## Skills

As an individual Paul has the following skills set:

Magician (stage & close-up), Producer, Prop designer, Pyro technician, Prosthetics, working with hydraulic & pneumatic control systems, he is also a qualified scuba diver.

Through his company "*Plastic Thumb Productions Ltd*" and his extended network of associates he can also supply:

Full range SFX, Stunt Professionals, Riggers, Metal fabricators, Engineers,

## References

Available on request

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## Experience

### 15+ YEARS EXPERIENCE IN TV:

**Quick trick show** (Objective Productions) CITV - illusion supplier/consultant *supplied illusions & advised on performance.*

**Monkey Magic** (Objective Productions) C4 - illusion consultant. *Design and build all major illusions for series & consult on performance*

**Top Ten Magic Tricks** (ITV) ITV 1 - illusion consultant. *Hire illusions & advise*

**Majick - Stuart & Barry** (Objective Productions) C4 - illusion consultant. *Design, fabricate illusions & advise on performance.*

**When magic tricks go wrong** (Objective productions) C4 - illusion consultant. *Hire illusions*

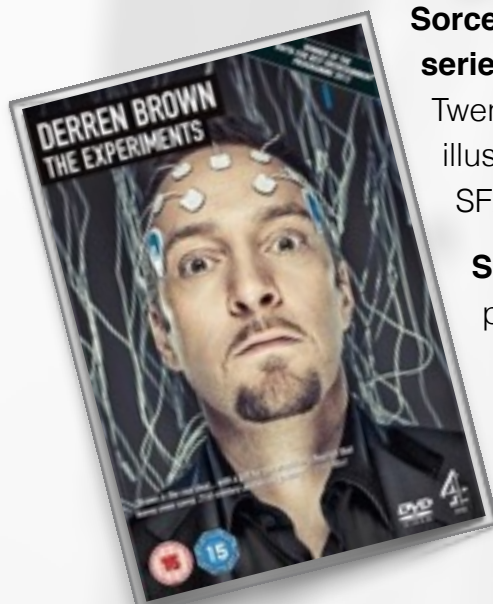
**Tricky TV** (The Foundation) ITV - illusion consultant. *Design, fabricate illusions & advise on performance*

**Tricks from the Bible** (Objective productions) C4 - illusion consultant. *Design & fabricate all major illusions & advise on performance*

**Magic of Jesus** (Objective productions) C4 illusion consultant. *Design & fabricate all major illusions*

**Secrets of Magic 1&2** (objective productions) BBC -illusion consultant. *Design & fabricate major illusions*

**Dirty Tricks** (Objective productions) C4 - illusion consultant. *Design & fabricate all major illusions.*



### **Sorcerers Apprentice**

**series 1,2&3** (Twenty

Twenty TV) BBC 1-

illusion & magic consultant plus

SFX. *Design & fabricate all major illusions plus pyro technician role.*

**Sport relief** (BBC) BBC1- illusion consultant for Dynamo's performance. *Design, fabricate & operate illusion plus consult on small magic content.*

**Derren Brown - The Experiments** (Objective Productions) C4

- Specialist consultant for Acid effect & Ice bath. *Technical support dealing with safety of effects plus fabricate props.*





**The Magicians series 1&2** ( Shine Productions) BBC1 - illusion consultant. *Create show content, design & fabricate illusions & assist in production.*



**Help my teacher is magic**  
(Objective Productions)  
BBC1- illusion consultant for one episode.



**Dynamo - Magician Impossible series 1, 2 & 3** (Phil McIntyre TV) UK TV & Discovery Channel - Magic producer, head of magic & illusion consultant. *Creating & producing all the magic content from conception and brainstorming through to final builds and assisting director on location with shot management. This role included managing a team of 9 consultants, 15 fabricators, various stunt & sfx professionals as well as all other support staff.*





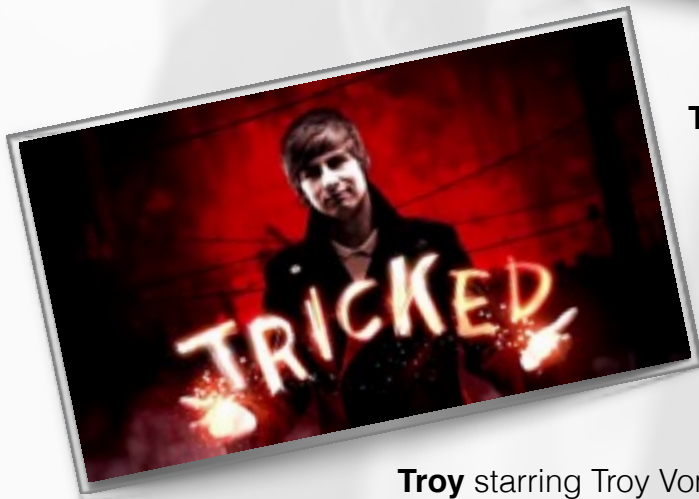
**Breaking Magic** (Objective Productions) Discovery Channel - Magic Producer. *Producing content of 3 major stunts from conception and brainstorming through to final builds and assisting director on location with shot management. This role included managing a team of consultants, 4 fabricators, various stunt & sfx professionals as well as all other support staff.*



**Cardshark** starring Drummond Money Coutts- (So Shoot Me TV/Windfall films) pilot for National Geographic. Magic producer. *Creating & producing the magic content from conception and brainstorming through to final builds and assisting director on location with shot management. Filmed on location in London, Paris & Bangkok*



**Tricked** starring Ben Hanlin- (ITV productions) pilot & 6 part series for ITV 2. Magic producer. *Creating & producing the magic content from conception and brainstorming through to final builds and assisting director on location with shot management.*



**Troy** starring Troy Von Magic (Zig Zag Productions) 6 part series for C4, Magic producer, head of magic & illusion consultant. *Creating & producing all the magic content from conception and brainstorming through to final builds and assisting director on location with shot management. This role included managing a team of consultants, fabricators, various stunt & sfx professionals as well as all other support staff.*





**Citroen - Amazing Car Trick** starring Drummond Money Coutts, Ian Wright & Arsenal Football Team (Plastic Thumb Live Ltd) online commercial for Citroen cars. *Executive producer/writer/co-director. Creating, producing, writing & co-directing the full commercial. In addition liaising with client and advertising agency.*

**Alpari yacht Trick** starring Troy, Alpari yacht racing Team- online commercial for Alpari FX. *Specialist illusion consultant, designer & prop build*



**Killer Magic** starring Jasz Vegas, Chris Cox, Ben Hart, Dee Christopher. (Objective productions) 6 part series for BBC3 *Specialist illusion consultant, designer & prop build*



**Paul and his talented team have designed & fabricated more than 50 original illusions**

Levitating celebrities 35ft in the air  
 Water Tank & other illusions for Houdini the musical  
 Walking on water in a tank  
 Bus Smash  
 Truck Transposition  
 Water cage in Dock  
 Walking thru glass aquarium

Various vanishing & appearing cars  
 Stage Jump Dynamo  
 Melting Hand print in glass - Dynamo  
 Walking through a gate - Dynamo  
 Walking on water - Dynamo  
 Raining Money - Troy  
 And many, many more.....

**Other work includes:**

Various corporate events

"Ducktastic" - musical, London's West End

Zodiac - Butlins holiday centres

Stephen Mulhern live tours

Various Pantomines throughout the UK & Dubai

Secret Garden Party Festival

Houdini the musical

Peter Andre - up close & personal tour  
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