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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, Camera & Production crew.

References

Available on request

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

Premieres Monday 3rd June 9.00pm

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



(Objective productions) 6 part series for BBC3 Specialist illusion consultant, designer & prop build





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 & UAE

Secret Garden Party Festival

Houdini the musical

Peter Andre - up close & personal tour 2012/13

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.....