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## SINGAPORE TO BE SPELL-BOUND BY THE ASIA PREMIERE OF THE ILLUSIONISTS

*Marina Bay Sands to showcase a spectacular new production celebrating the art of magic boasting five of the most innovative illusionists working today.*

**Singapore (7 December 2011)** – The Sands Theater at Marina Bay Sands will be transformed on 17 February, 2012 into a magician’s playground for a family-friendly show which will feature five of the world’s most-respected performers in the field. The Illusionists will enact large scale, mind-bending acts of optical illusion, many of which have never been seen before. Tickets for the show go on sale 8 December 2011.

Originally developed for the Sydney Opera House in Australia, the hand-picked cast of international illusionists - Dan Sperry, Brett Daniels, James Dimmare, Phillip Escoffey and Andrew Basso (with more acts to be announced) - will transform any outdated notion of what a magic show is. Shrugging off the idea of magic as a solo pursuit these artists will come together for the first time, with their assembled cast of 20 sidekicks, to perform a powerful and heady mix of their most outrageous and unbelievable acts.

This group of world-class performers take their cue from the showmanship of the great illusionists of the past - such as Harry Houdini – and pair it with a new and updated contemporary aesthetic, whose set and costume design will lend the genre a theatricality and artistry that has rarely been seen before.

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Illusion Director Brett Daniels said, “It is a privilege to be involved in The Illusionists – a show that will unite these performers from around the world for the first time. They are at the very top of their game and the audience is going to be left speechless when they see some of the things these artists are able to achieve.”

Audiences will witness a nail-biting Russian roulette, jaw droppings acts of levitation, mind-reading, disappearance acts and escapes for Marina Bay Sands’ first comprehensive exploration of the genre of magic.

From The Magic Circle and Hollywood’s Magic Castle to the multi-million dollar Harry Potter franchise, the world of illusion and intrigue has always fascinated people. This production will present a rare opportunity for audiences of all ages to see the grand masters of illusion at work in one spell-binding production.

The Marina Bay Sands Theaters are set to dazzle audiences with the latest state-of-the-art technology that allow a multitude of stage configurations and a seamless set-change for all performances. The Illusionists is among the spectacular array of concerts and performances that has been planned to be held at the theaters.

## TICKETING INFORMATION

Day/Times	VIP	A Reserve	B Reserve	C Reserve	D Reserve
Tues – Fri: 7.45pm Sat – Sun: 1.45pm & 7.45pm	\$175	\$135	\$105	\$75	\$45
Family Package*	\$525	\$405	\$315	-	-

### Early Bird Offer:

15% off for tickets purchased before 15 Jan '11. Not applicable for 25, 26 Feb & 3, 4 Mar '11 shows. For VIP, A Res & B Res only

### Family Package:

Purchase 2 adult tickets and get 50% off child tickets (3 – 16 years old)

For VIP, A Reserve & B Reserve only. Family package consists of 4 tickets (2 adult and 2 children)

### FOR TICKET BOOKINGS:

- **THROUGH INTERNET:** [www.marinabaysands.com/ticketing](http://www.marinabaysands.com/ticketing)
- **BY PHONE:** +65 6688 8826
- **BOOK IN PERSON AT:** Marina Bay Sands Box Offices (Museum, Theaters, Skypark, Retail Mall and Hotel Tower 1 and 3 Lobby)

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## **ABOUT BASE ENTERTAINMENT**

BASE Entertainment specializes in the development, production, programming and management of live entertainment properties and theatre operations. BASE develops, produces and manages intellectual properties which reach audiences through various platforms, including live, digital, broadcast and licensing. BASE Entertainment founders include Brian Becker and Scott Zeiger, who have 45 years combined experience in the live entertainment industry. The company has offices in Singapore, New York, Las Vegas, and Houston. Since their Asia office opened in Singapore in 2010 Base Entertainment has brought a wide array of live entertainment to Singapore's Marina Bay Sands' two theaters, including Disney's The Lion King, Riverdance, A R Rahman, Thriller Live, Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Cirque Éloize iD, Bar at Buena Vista, and The Imperial Ice Stars productions of Swan Lake on Ice. BASE is currently the local presenter of WICKED.

## **ABOUT MARINA BAY SANDS**

Marina Bay Sands is the leading business, leisure and entertainment destination in Asia. It features large and flexible convention and exhibition facilities, 2,560 hotel rooms and suites, the rooftop Sands SkyPark, the best shopping mall in Asia, world-class celebrity chef restaurants, a casino, Paiza Club for premium players and an outdoor event plaza. Its two theaters showcase a range of leading entertainment performances, including world renowned Broadway shows. Completing the line-up of attractions is the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands which plays host to permanent and marquee exhibitions. For more information, please visit [www.marinabaysands.com](http://www.marinabaysands.com).

# MEET THE CHARACTERS

## ANDREW BASSO



### THE ESCAPOLOGIST

#### *Death defying escapes*

He is Italy's star escape artist and is fast becoming one of the world's favourite illusionists. His hero is Harry Houdini and his thrilling escapes take place under water, 150 feet in the air and everywhere in between. Explosives, water boxes, handcuffs, chains, padlocks, straightjackets, cars bursting into flames... his escapes place him within seconds of life and death and have audiences all over Europe and North America frozen in suspense and disbelief. You'll never catch The Escapologist.

## PHILLIP ESCOFFEY



### THE MENTALIST

#### *A master of the unexplained. The Scotsman*

"Philip Escoffey is magic to watch. Whether you are a believer or sceptic of the paranormal...he makes you think twice about the possibility that some things in life cannot be explained." - Daily Telegraph Britain's leading mind reader has been travelling the world for more than 10 years, performing everywhere from stage to TV, even celebrity dining rooms! Psychic, mind reader, hypnotist, illusionist... however you describe him there's no denying the fact that he knows what you're thinking. You can't hide from The Mentalist.

## DAN SPERRY



### THE ANTI-CONJUROR

#### *Magic no longer sucks*

Presenting the new face of magic, Dan Sperry shot to fame on America's Got Talent in 2010. Described as David Copperfield meets Marilyn Manson, Sperry's show flaunts his bizarre and macabre humour. This is non-stop mayhem set to an industrial music score with razor blades, buzz saws, voodoo and more. He's the youngest musician to headline Hollywood's fabled Magic Castle and has even performed his shock illusions and sleight of hand trickery privately for Johnny Depp's family and his childhood hero, David Copperfield. You can't fathom The Anti-Conjuror.

## JAMES DIMMARE



### THE MANIPULATOR

#### *The style of Fred Astaire, the cool of Frank Sinatra*

Straight out of Hollywood, James Dimmare – the self-styled 'Fred Astaire of the magic world' – will bring a touch of glamour and sophistication to the Concert Hall stage. Having performed magic since the age of 14, Dimmare's award-winning style has won him spots in Vogue fashion campaigns as well as stints performing his well-crafted illusions everywhere from Vegas concert halls to intimate jazz clubs. You will respect The Manipulator.

## BRETT DANIELS



### THE GRAND ILLUSIONIST

#### *The Magician's Magician*

Specialising in jaw-dropping illusions on a mega scale – think death defying levitations, appearances and disappearances – Brett Daniels has a habit of making audiences question the most basic laws of physics and gravity. He's had multi-million dollar bespoke stadiums designed and built to house his shows which have been broadcast up to 1.3 billion people at a time. As well as taking to the stage for The Illusionists, Daniels has been the creative driving force behind the production, casting the show and directing the illusions of his fellow performers. You will bow before The Grand Illusionist.