



Series Premieres Thursday September 21 at 9pm on ABC2

James Galea is one of Australia's leading magicians and in a brand-new two-part series for ABC2 he's on a mission to discover the 'Best Trick Ever'.

With unique access to some of the biggest legends in the business (including those who've invented magic for David Blaine, David Copperfield and Dynamo), audiences will witness some of the world's greatest magic tricks as well as the professional cheat moves and classified artefacts used in the closely guarded, underground world of the con artist.

Some of the people James meets do tricks that aren't really tricks – they're absolutely real. Like Todd Robbins who eats lightbulbs for a living and Anastasia Synn who nearly makes James pass out as she sticks a needle in her arm.

Plus, James showcases some of his own jaw-dropping tricks, some of which have been unleashed on unsuspecting Aussies, including a trick performed in Summer Hill which has to be seen to be believed!

Filmed in Australia and the US, never before has a show had such unprecedented access to the world of magic.



Episode one: Thursday September 21 at 9pm on ABC2

On his search for the best trick ever, magician James Galea starts out in Sydney wowing unsuspecting Aussies with a few of his own tricks. He meets some tourists who aren't thrilled when he throws one of their phones off a cliff and tries out a new trick in Newtown, then meets up with an old friend who has fallen for every trick in the book. Will a lesson on how the con works save him some money this year?

Next James meets up with sword swallower extraordinaire, Brett Loudermilk, to find out exactly how it's done. Then he's off to LA to meet up with magic boy-genius, Blake Vogt, who has invented magic for the likes of David Copperfield, David Blaine and Dynamo and he shows us one of his signature effect.

While in New Jersey, James finds out that the world of magic and cheating is more closely linked than he thought after meeting up with gambling expert and magician Meir Yedid. Meir sends James to New York to find one of the world's finest con artists, DOC, who has never shown his face on camera before. DOC exposes the professional cheat moves he used to make a living and also reveals classified gambling artefacts that would land him in a world of trouble...if he's ever caught.

Also in New York, James meets up with master of sideshow stunts and oddities, Todd Robbins, who decides to eat and swallow a real light bulb.

And back in Summer Hill, Sydney, James stages a trick that has to be seen to be believed.

#BestTrickEver

Production details: The series is created, written and executive produced by James Galea, directed by Adam Franklin, produced by Jo Dyer with Stuart MacLeod as Head of Magic/Executive Producer. The 2 x 60 mins series is A Rose Tinted Enterprises production.

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