

AUSTIN TALENT PRESENTS
JAMES PHELAN: TROUBLEMAKER
PRESS RELEASE

"Jaw dropping and laugh out loud funny"

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*Without a doubt, one of the most exciting new acts of the year – **The Prince's Trust***

*He was extraordinary – **The Mirror***

*James has a real cheeky charm – **Radio Times***

*This guys is a legend – **The Sun***

*You're funny, you look good, all your tricks work, if you were anyone else I'd hate you – **Paul Daniels***

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Viral sensation, star of BBC Radio and nephew of the great Paul Daniels; James Phelan is one of the most anticipated magical performers of his generation. Rapidly rising up the ranks in the worlds of magic and comedy with his unique prank-focused style; 'Troublemaker' is both jaw dropping and laugh out loud funny.

'I'm so incredibly proud that James is following in his Uncle's footsteps. Paul and he were incredibly close and it's great to see him succeeding in something he loves and is amazing at!' **DEBBIE MCGEE**

Expect an evening of hilarious, mind-blowing magic - people are tricked, phones are destroyed, needles are swallowed - no one is safe! This is an unmissable evening of magic filled with excitement, wonder and laughter.

With several million YouTube views under his belt, James is the only magician to have a radio magic show, and James' is for the BBC – their first such series since the 1950s.

As well as this, he has a totally unique TV project filmed late last year called *Celebrity Troublemaking*. The show that he created and presents features a host of celebrity guests including Strictly's now infamous couple Neil & Katya Jones, Winner of Dancing on Ice Suzanne Shaw, plus bonafide national treasure and Winner of I'm a Celebrity Christopher Biggins.

In between these projects he performs theatre shows to sell out crowds across the UK.

James fell in love with magic very young. At the age of 5 he went to a wedding and performed at the guests' tables - charging them a pound each to watch! He grew up incredibly close to his Aunt and Uncle, Paul and Debbie, spending most of his time with them as a child. He remembers their stage shows - the excitement, the theatre, the autograph hunters, the sense of occasion.

He learnt magic from Paul and by watching VHS tapes of *The Paul Daniels Magic Show*. Given James' relationship to Paul, he soaked up all of his advice and was a boundless inspiration - in fact it was to James he performed his final trick in his hospital bed.

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In 2016, whilst still at his full time job in viral marketing – a job he decided to chase to help him in pursuit of magic – James auditioned for *Britain's Got Talent*, progressing to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, this was filmed in January and due to be shown in May. In March of 2016 his Uncle passed away and he made the decision to leave the show. Thankfully he got such a positive reaction, he left his job and started chasing his dream.

Now, with several million social media views under his belt, and his own sell-out theatre tour *Trickster* in 2017/18, James is frequently described as one of the most anticipated magical performers in a generation. This is his highly anticipated debut Edinburgh run, after which, James is back on the road with his brand new smash-hit magical prank show *Troublemaker*.

One night only.

WATCH JAMES IN ACTION

Celebrity Troublemaking with Suzanne Shaw

<https://www.facebook.com/phelanmagician/videos/371852310088209>

Celebrity Troublemaking with Joe McFadden

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1021060814722696>

James predicts the lottery on the BBC

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=428731581293289>

Something goes wrong with an iPhone and the Thames

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1418558421542945>

Trickster: Live on BBC Sounds

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06hqvq8>

IMAGES & OTHER ASSETS

Show trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwCAOjaIRNs>

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