

## MAGIC

### LIVE NATION PRESENTS:

#### BEN HANLIN

#### STAR OF ITV2'S 'TRICKED'

**Title Of Show:** Ben Hanlin: 50  
**Venue:** Pleasance – King Dome  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August (except 13th)  
**Previews:** 1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> August

*“Amazing”* **KIM KARDASHIAN**

*“How did you do that?”* **HOLLY WILLOUGHBY**

*“That was some of the best magic I’ve ever seen!”* **GARY BARLOW**

TV magician Ben Hanlin returns to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival with a brand new show '50' for the month of August to Pleasance King Dome, directed by Rohan Acharya. The show is the follow up to 2016's critically acclaimed show 'Trickhead'. Ben is the star of his own hit ITV2 show 'Tricked' which won "Best Entertainment Show" at The Broadcast Digital Awards. The show tricked unsuspecting members of the public and shocked celebrities with his own special brand of cheeky magic close-up conjuring and mind games Candid Camera-style.

*“The illusions are as gobsmackingly unbelievable as they are on TV”* **FEST \*\*\*\***

For his new live show '50', Ben searched the globe and the history books to find what he thinks are the fifty best and most iconic magic tricks ever performed in this fast-paced magic show! His highly detailed close-up magic alongside his unique sense of humour makes him an instant hit wherever he performs!

*“A talented performer who’s impossible to dislike”* **ARTS AWARD VOICE \*\*\*\*\***

He will amaze audiences with a one handed sleight of hand trick and perform the oldest trick in the world based on drawings found on cave walls from thousands of years ago.... He is set to perform the most dangerous trick in the world and says, *“It’s a trick I don’t want to do because it has harmed the most magicians in the world ever, but I couldn’t do this show without including it!”*

A regular TV face, Ben appeared in his own ITV2 show 'Tricked' for three series as well as guest slots on Celebrity Juice, Live at The Palladium, The Apprentice and many more. He recently appeared on Sports Relief for BBC1 with a filmed piece backstage at the BBC's Sport Personality of the Year showing magic to some of the UK's biggest sporting names included Anthony Joshua, Tom Daley, Torvil & Dean and Mark Foster. This year he appeared on three episodes of the BBC1 Saturday night show, "Wedding Day Winners" where he went undercover. He also hosts his own radio show on Capital FM and starred in the world's best-selling touring show 'The Illusionists'.

Ben hails from Birmingham and over the last ten years he has been performing his sleight of hand and stage magic on TV and at events all over the world. He became an overnight sensation with his incredible tricks as Magic Boy on YouTube that had over 1 million views! He used social media to "stalk" celebrities, doorstep them and perform magic. This crazy journey resulted in him performing tricks through Michael McIntyre's car window, in David Hasselhoff's dressing room and eventually led Ben to Hollywood to perform to Jamie Foxx, Quentin Tarantino and Mickey Rourke. This

different approach to magic caught the attention of television executives... He has since performed tricks on celebrities that include Kim Kardashian, Sharon Osbourne and Gary Barlow!

**WATCH BEN IN ACTION:**

LIVE AT THE PALLADIUM: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mK55cB2HkL0>

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