

Pete Firman



Pete grew up in Middlesbrough where his parents and sister provided a normal loving family environment. He studied for an acting degree and was looking forward to joining the family business selling second hand cars. But somewhere along the line something went wrong. Pete spent his teenage years locked away in his bedroom practicing magic furiously with just a poster of Pamela Anderson for company. Seeing an advert for new magicians to present a TV show Pete stripped to his underpants in a snowy back garden and filmed himself performing tricks.

The show was FIVE's Monkey Magic and Pete's career as a TV magician started. Since Monkey Magic he has traveled the world meeting his magic heroes and performing his own brand of anarchic magic in Sky One's The Secret World of Magic and amazed viewers with his ability to perform disgusting tricks with animals, cigarettes and big spikey things in Channel 4's Dirty Tricks.

2006 saw the release of Pete's first book for the public, 'Tricks To Freak Out Your Friends'. So successful was it in the UK it was also released in the USA and is about to go into its second printing.

Pete is much in demand as a live performer, both here and abroad. His shows are imaginative, original and memorable experiences with Pete having honed his skills in front of a wide range of audiences, including high profile parties, premiers and corporate events. Past clients include Microsoft, Coca-Cola, TIGI, LG, John Lewis, Orange and Sir Philip Green.

In 2007 Pete performed his debut solo show, 'Hokum', to critical acclaim at Edinburgh's Fringe Festival.

Edinburgh Quotes

**** "as much a stand-up comedian as he is a master of sleight-of-hand...Hokum is over far, far too quickly" Edinburgh Evening News

**** "one of the sweetest, most engaging performers on any Fringe stage...Firman is a delight" The Independent



**** "A rollicking hour without a dull moment" Chortle

**** "A debut solo Fringe show that will enhance an already impressive reputation" The Herald

**** "A gob-smackingly talented magician" Metro

**** "The audience is caught between guffawing laughter and amazed gasps" The Guardian

**** "See it to believe it" The List

Pete no longer owns a poster of Pamela Anderson, he lives in North London with a bowl of frightened goldfish and an ever-expanding magic library (that's a library of books about magic, not one that disappears occasionally)

"The bastard son of Jackass and Paul Daniels" Metro

"one of the top magicians in the country" XFM

"If you are partial to a bit of magic with your comedy Firman is the best of the bunch" The Evening Standard

"..weird and wonderful.." Maxim