

# SIMON CORONEL

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CLOSE-UP ILLUSIONIST

### Awards and Achievements

- The only Australian in over a decade (and fourth Australian in history) to win a prize at the F.I.S.M. World Championships of Magic and Illusion
- A regular featured performer at the world famous Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood, California.
- Four time winner of the Australian Society of Magicians' Close-Up Magic Competition (more than any other performer in the society's 100+ year history)
- Winner of over a dozen awards and honours from around the world, including:
  - Finalist: Best Cabaret Show, Hollywood Fringe Festival
  - Finalist: 2011 Best International Show, Hollywood Fringe Festival
  - Winner: 2011 FISM Oceania Championships of Magic, Close-Up Division
  - 3rd Prize: Micro Magic Division, 2009 FISM World Championships of Magic
  - Winner: 2008 Most Entertaining Performer, Australian Society of Magicians
  - Winner: 2007 Close-Up Magic Competition, Australian Society of Magicians
  - Winner: 2007 Australian Centenary Magic Competition (Close-up Division)
  - Winner: 2006 Close-Up Magic Competition, Australian Society of Magicians
  - 2nd Prize: 2006 Stage Magic Competition, Paris CFI Magic Convention
  - Winner: 2005 Most Entertaining Performer, Australian Society of Magicians
  - Winner: 2005 Best Professional Magician, Australian Society of Magicians
  - Winner: 2004 Hot Shot Award, Melbourne Magic Nights
  - Winner: 2004 Close-Up Magic Competition, Australian Society of Magicians
  - Winner: 2004 "Best Trick" Award, Australian International Magic Convention
  - Winner: 2003 Melbourne Magic Malarkey Close-Up Competition

### Production History

In between performing at private and corporate events, Simon has produced and directed a number of public shows:

- Astonishment (2004 Melbourne Fringe Festival)
- Simon Coronel Live at the MMF (2009 Melbourne Magic Festival)
- Shoot Ogawa Live at the MMF (2010 Melbourne Magic Festival)
- Manipulations (2010 Melbourne Magic Festival, 2011 Melbourne International Comedy Festival)
- At The Table: The Art of Close-Up Illusion (Season 1: Feb 2010, Season 2: July 2010, Season 3: March 2011)
- The Vyom Show (2010 Independent Production)

## **TV Appearances**

As seen on the following TV shows:

- Collectors (ABC, 2005)
- Samantha Brown's Great Weekends (USA, Travel Channel, 2006)
- Deal or No Deal (Seven, 2009)
- Sunrise (Seven, 2010)
- Hey Hey It's Saturday (Nine, 2010)
- Lawrence Leung's "Unbelievable" (ABC, April 2011)
- Australia's Got Talent (Seven, May 2011)

## **Other Interesting Angles**

- Qualified Software Engineer with an Honours Degree in Engineering from Melbourne Uni, plus a BA double majoring in Psychology and Chinese
- Semi-fluent in Mandarin, and frequently hired to host and perform at Chinese-Australian business and cultural events
- Sole creator (designer, programmer, and director) of BlackLabelTickets.com – a premium ticketing website for independent arts productions
- Ex Business Consultant for Accenture, a 200,000-person global management consulting company
- Part of the lecturing staff at the Monash University faculty of science, using illusions as part of the lecture series on subjectivity of perception and the importance of the scientific process
- Spent five very complex years working full time in management consulting while juggling his "secret" performance career – many wacky hijinks ensued