



In Memory of Jeremy Beadle

On Saturday 2nd February 2008 magicians across the UK created their own Magic Moment. Thank you to everyone who took part in the very first National Day of Magic. Together we raised over £11,000 for a host of charities.

The Press Pack captures some of the highs and lows.

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The next Magic Moments Day is Saturday 3rd October 2009.
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On Saturday 2nd February 2008 magicians and variety acts across the UK took part in Magic Moments – the National Day of Magic – sponsored by Marvin's Magic. This year's inaugural event raised money for various charities and brought a moment of magic into the lives of those who need it most.

Tinged with sadness, the flagship show arranged in Harlow was cancelled at the last moment due to the passing of one of the shows star speakers, Jeremy Beadle. We spoke to show producer Jay Fortune, one of the small team behind Magic Moments Day, who made the decision to cancel the flagship show in



Jeremy Beadle
1948-2008

respect for Jeremy. "Jeremy's charity work is legendary and his enthusiasm in supporting the day and what we were aiming to achieve was testament to this. It was such a shock to learn of his passing and we are deeply saddened."

"So many magicians gave up their time to do something positive with their magic and many shows sold out. We've so many performers to thank – Wayne Dobson, Jonathan Goodwin, Scott Penrose, Kev Orkian, Graham Hey, The Blues Brothers Banned, Matt Stirling, Jonathan and Julian Gomma, Scott Pepper, Oliver Tabor, Sam X, David Major, Julian James, David Bodycombe, Urban Myth, Phil Blackmore, Benson, Soft Cabaret, Zac Bauman, Anne George, Tim Osler... ..and many more! If I've left anyone out, I'm so sorry but thank you all for your hard work."

Richard Leigh performed and produced 4 sell-out shows in London, raising money for Momentum – a charity which assists children with cancer – with over £7000 being made on the day. Jay says "Richard Leigh is quite an incredible guy. Not only does he work flat-out in the West-End on some of London's biggest productions, he also produces magic shows in venues across the capital. His dedication to help Magic Moments Day take off was just amazing."

Magician's from Illusions Magic Bar in Bristol performed on the City's breakfast show raising awareness for the day. Magician Jon Holt performed 'Sleight of Hand, Sleight of Mind' in Swansea in aid of SouthWest Children's Heart Circle, Paul Cato performed



Urban Myth

a close-up show in aid of his local school. Scott Pepper and Oliver Tabor staged their incredible Revllusion show raising money for Georgies Fund – for children suffering with a rare form of cancer.

"We've yet to count up every last penny raised, but so far we have raised over £11000 for various charities. It took a lot of people, including design and production teams, promoters, producers, distributors, sponsors, advertisers and tons of other good-spirited folk to make Magic Moments Day happen and we've got ambitious plans for next year's event and urge magicians everywhere to take part. And I must thank Greg, Jen and Matt who have helped create our great website which will have full updates on this year's events and first news of Magic Moments Day 2009 – stay logged on to MagicMoments08.com!" **ms**

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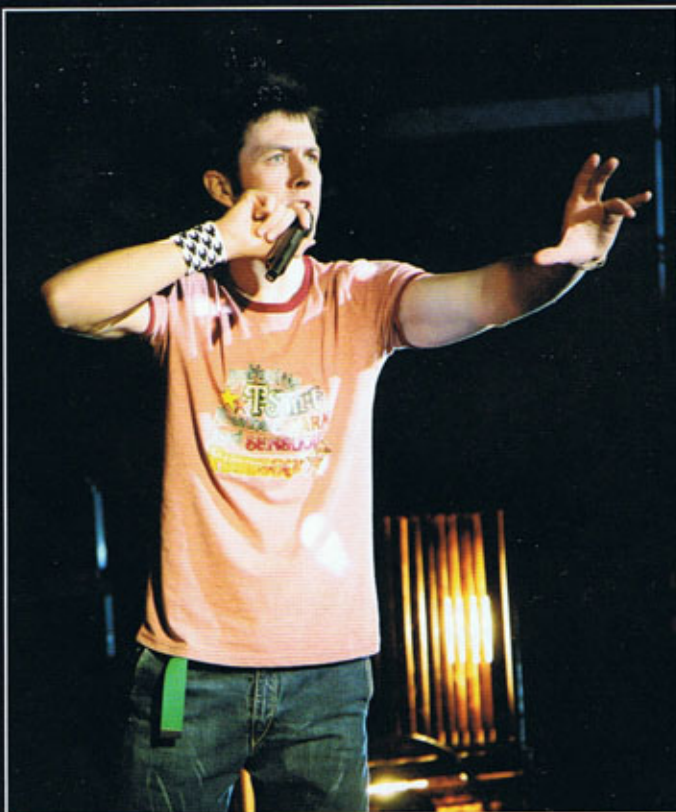
Magic Moments Day 2009 to be announced soon. Will you be taking part?

www.MagicMoments08.com

TRICKS AND TREATS

CHILDREN'S CHARITY MOMENTUM HOSTS CHARITY GALA

There was hocus-pocus, tricks and treats recently when local charity Momentum joined forces with magician Richard Leigh of False Impressions to celebrate the National Day of Magic. Richard, together with Humphrey McDermott, enlisted the talents of colleagues to stage four fundraising shows at the Arthur Cotterell Theatre in Kingston College to help raise funds for children (and their families) undergoing treatment for cancer in Surrey. We joined Richard and Momentum for the main evening event, the spectacular Momentum Gala show, expertly compèred by stylish Sinatra singer Zac Bauman and featuring top acts from the world of magic and illusion. The jam-packed show was a huge success, with all the incredible acts happy to give their services for free to support Momentum, raising a magic £4,800. To find out more about Momentum visit www.moment-um.org



Top: Fantastic compere Zack Bowman as Sinatra. *Above:* Jay Fortune. *Right:* Celebrated children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson OBE, Patron of Momentum.



Above Left: The audience are captivated. Above Right: Show produce Richard Leigh. Below Left: The Soft Cabaret boys Darren Hoskins and John Durham. Below Right: Lola and Martha May.





Above: The cast! Left: Urban Myth – Trevor George Dance
Below Left: Nikki, Maggie and Diane enjoying the show. Below Right: Benson with bells on (him).





Above Left: Now Mr Tiz – that's just showing off! Above Right: Gerald and Michelle. Left: Zack Bowman as Sinatra. Below Left: John Durham with knives is on half of Soft Cabaret. Below Right: Darren Hoskins being the other half!

