



A Magic week for Mick

Magician Mick Peck has conjured up two national awards in a week.

His first achievement was to win the November KiaOraMai Awesome Service Award which recognizes business people who provide clients with outstanding service. Awesome Service Award winners are nominated for the monthly award by happy customers and clients with winners selected by Chambers of Commerce representative Michael Barnett.

KiaOraMai Awesome Service Award organiser Grant Woolliams says Mick is the first entertainer to win an Awesome Service Award in the three years they have been running.

Mick was then honoured by his peers when he received the prestigious "Top Children's Entertainer" Award from the Variety Artists Club of New Zealand which is the premier association for performing artists and entertainers.

"The judges for the Top Children's Entertainer Award include some household names and real legends of New Zealand entertainment," Mick says. "It's a tremendous honour to be recognised by the Variety Artists Club."

Mick Peck got his start in magic after seeing magicians Paul Daniels and David Copperfield on television. He is now a full-time professional entertainer who performs over 250 shows a year.

Mick says people love to be amazed. "Magic is the oldest performing art form. Magicians produced fire in caveman days, they performed miracles alongside pyramids in Egypt and in the courts of King Arthur. Even in today's high-tech world, magic is thriving."

"Inside everyone is a child that remembers what it was like to experience that moment of wonder," he says. "To perform magic for someone is to give them that same gift of astonishment."

The KiaOraMai Awesome Service Awards are supported by the Sunday Star Times and NewstalkZB. Nominations can be made at www.awesomeservice.co.nz.

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