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MAGIC BREAK FOR 'CAIRNS HAS GOT TALENT' WINNERS

International Illusionist Sam Powers is giving a lucky break to the winners of Cairns Central's 'Cairns Has Got Talent'. Sponsored by Dance 2XS, the competition held host to nearly 100 young hopefuls. There were acts from comedians and musicians, to acrobats and dancers all giving it their best to take out the title.

The winner of the junior category was 5 year old Trevor Tim Jnr aka 'Mini Me' and from the senior category, 15 year old Matt Bezzina. 'Mini Me' won the audience over with his Michael Jackson style of dance and Matt wowed them with his 'popping' moves which amazingly he learnt from YouTube. Guest Judge Sam Powers was so blown away by the talent that he offered the winners a spot in his nightly show 'Xtreme Illusions' at the Reef Hotel Casino.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without the support given to me by my peers as young performer. It's very important to encourage new talent and this is a great opportunity for these guys to perform in a professional show with state of the art sound and lighting in front of a real audience." says Powers.

Since winning the competition these amazing young performers have been working closely with Sam Powers refining their acts and will be appearing in the Xtreme Illusions show on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th of February. The Xtreme Illusions show plays nightly, 7:30pm at 'Velvet Underground' in the Reef Hotel Casino.

'Cairns Has Got Talent' winners, Matt Bezzina and Trevor Tim Jnr aka 'Mini Me' given a lucky break by Sam Powers to perform in his nightly show, Xtreme Illusions.

Who is Sam Powers?

Genius, gorgeous and generous! Sam Power's accomplishments within his 'craft' are undeniable and his inclusion as one of CLEO's Bachelors of the Year (2006) is noteworthy – but it is also his philanthropic heart that we should not underestimate.

Check out his credentials! ***Five times Magician of the Year, twice nominated Entertainer of the Year*** in two different categories, ***appearances in 16 countries*** and television appearances with audiences to the tune of over ten million viewers. ***Most notably, Sam has raised an incredible \$2 million for over 100 charities in his 14 year career.***

Returning from a record breaking nationwide tour and a stint in Las Vegas, he is now in Cairns with his breathtaking new show, 'XTREME ILLUSIONS' which was recently voted "Best Theatre Show 2009" by his peers.

Sam continues to raise money for charity during his extended season in Cairns. It's easy to tell that Sam loves animals when you see how he interacts with them in his live show and he will use his magic to help 'Animals Australia' end the horrific practices used in Factory Farmed Pigs and Battery Hen Farms by donating funds from merchandise sales.

About Xtreme Illusions – A Night of Breathtaking Magic

Prepare yourself for an action packed NIGHT OF BREATHTAKING MAGIC with Sam Powers in Xtreme Illusions, ***Australia's ONLY resident illusion show.***

Xtreme Illusions is a dazzling Las Vegas style grand illusion show featuring spectacular illusions, stunning assistants, mind blowing magic and hysterical audience participation. Powers is a Multi-Award Winning 'Magician of the Year' and has entertained the likes of Elton John, Nicole Kidman and Jamie Foxx.

Sam Powers Live at Velvet Underground in the Reef Hotel Casino, Cairns, Australia

Show Times - Monday to Sat 7:30pm. Rated PG

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