

Brad Blaze



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Thank you for requesting information on Brad Blaze.

Brad Blaze the speed painter, may just be the fastest painter in the world. He paints large portraits of iconic people, celebrities and CEO's generally in about four minutes on a spinning canvas.

During his performances, he has **uniquely combined audience participation and magical illusions with his speed painting. There is no other show like it.** With audience members on stage his shows can take on a whole new level of comedy, whilst for formal events a magical illusion such as a flash of fire can amazingly reveal a company logo.

In 2010, Brad Blaze raised over \$500,000 at charity events, painting from his repertoire of iconic people and also celebrities 'live' at events including Tiger Woods, Eric Bana and Shane Warne. He has performed worldwide and is especially in demand for large gala and special events in Australia and Asia.

If you are wanting a unique, high energy, creative and exciting show for your corporate or public event, product launch or special event, Brad Blaze can deliver an experience you won't forget.



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Photos above: Adding comedy to the show with willing audience members on stage!

Prepare Yourself for an entirely **different form** of event entertainment...

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High Energy - Audience Involvement - Excitement
"Edge of your seat live entertainment!"



Photo: Brad spins the canvas revealing his portrait of "Jackie Chan" during a corporate gala event in Asia.

Photo: Adding some flair to a corporate show. A flash of fire on the canvas reveals the company logo.



Photo: Brad poses with iconic sportsman Ritchie Benaud following a show where Brad painted him 'live'.

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Brad Blaze the speed painter, may just be the fastest portrait artist in the world.



He is a world-class entertainer and has performed to high profile companies across Australia, Asia and the United States. It is an awe-inspiring sight as he paints large portraits of iconic people, celebrities, CEO's as well as products and logos in around three to five minutes, combined with high energy music.

With lightning fast brush strokes on a spinning canvas, he keeps the audience guessing as to who or what he is painting, only revealing the subject in the final breathtaking moments.

What also really sets Brad's shows apart from other entertainment is the option of **comedy audience involvement**. Willing audience guests may find themselves on stage mimicking Elvis dance moves, answering trivia on an iconic person or moving like Michael Jackson. With his outgoing personality, Brad ensures that it's good, clean and fun.

For special events Brad has **uniquely combined magic** with his speed painting. A flash of fire can amazingly reveal a company logo and a magician's illusion can bring a painting to life.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE SPEEDPAINTER IN HIS OWN WORDS...

The year was 2001. Having had my caricature illustrations published in a number of magazines and newspapers, I finally decided to take the leap into drawing 'live' at events. I still enjoy drawing live at some events, especially the events in Asia, it's a great way to get to know your audience.

In 2003 I received my first major event commission. One month of drawing caricatures throughout China for the large supermarket chain Carrefour. Up on a stage in Beijing, it really opened my eyes to travelling whilst performing.

It was a chance meeting that interested me in magic. I was drawing guests at a corporate event in 2004 where I met fellow performer, magician Sean Taylor. I loved the comedy side of magic and so I began learning the secrets of magic.

Pretty soon I found myself performing an Art Comedy Magic show where I cut my teeth performing at corporate dinners. I would get people up from the audience and draw some huge A1 size caricatures of people in a couple of minutes, combined with some simple sleight of hand magic and as a finale to the show, I painted Elvis Presley on a spinning canvas.

After a couple of stints of TV, people soon remembered me as the guy that painted fast. Someone once commented that I was "like Rolf Harris but on steroids!". I consider this a great compliment.

"Rolf Harris formulated the whole upside down painting back in the 1970's. I don't mind being compared with him, he is an icon. However, my aim is to forge my own path and so I quickly developed my own show adding in audience involvement and some of the showbiz effects I learned as a magician".

From 2007 word began spreading and the events and the venues I performed at suddenly became larger. I developed my shows and started doing a lot of work internationally painting well known people from celebrities (Formula 1 star Nico Rosberg) to prime ministers (Voregg Bainimarama, Fiji PM) to racing cars (Ford Motor Company) to Asian CEO's (Great Eastern Insurance, Daikin etc), to product launches in the United States (Astellas Pharma).

Fast forward a few more years and the shows have just escalated in excitement. For me I like nothing more than putting on a show where I can involve some type of showbiz or x-factor. Whether it's having some impromptu fun with audience members on stage, to lighting up the canvas with fire to reveal a company logo. It's never been just about the painting, I can do that in the studio. It's about entertainment and presenting a show that people will talk about and be blown away with from the event.

Moving into the next decade, I absolutely love what I do for a living. But I think you will be able to notice that for yourself when I am on stage. So join in on the excitement and let's have some fun together.



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SELECT CORPORATE CLIENTELE

BMW

Brad entertained key clients and the media during the “Joy of Expression” campaign of the BMW Z4 launch. He painted the new look Z4 in different angles in just minutes and revealed the trademark BMW grill with a flash of fire.

Hewlett Packard Asia

A black tie corporate event in Thailand for HP high achievers, Brad painted iconic figures Michael Jackson on a giant 8 foot canvas, Marilyn Munroe and Barrack Obama and had some fun with audience members on stage.

Royal Bank of Scotland

Major sponsor of the Williams Formula 1 team, Brad speed painted the racing car, driver Nico Rosberg and then drew quick portraits of the guests at a gala dinner celebrating the start of the Malaysian F1.

Astellas Pharma US Inc

For the American Academy of Dermatology conference in San Francisco, Astellas Pharma hosted the “Art of Treatment” theatre, a purpose built stage for Brad where he painted favourite American icons and involved the audience in the fun over 12 shows.

Daikin Asia

Held in the prestigious Shangri La Singapore for 700 guests, Brad speed painted Jackie Chan, incoming CEO to a famous Singaporean tango dance couple and a VIP, in celebration of Daikin's 50th birthday.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Have referred to his show as 'breathtaking'. His paintings sell for charity for tens of thousands of dollars.

Wrigleys Corporation

Celebrating their merger with Mars and 75 years in the business, Brad fired up the audience with a history of rock music show, together with a running commentary of the Wrigley business.

Asia Malls

During the launch event of the Tampines 1 mall in Singapore, Brad painted the building and lit it with fire revealing the launch as 16 hip-hop dancers, moved around him on the stage. He then performed his first public shows in Singapore inside the mall, drawing huge crowds – some could even be seen from the fifth level, hanging over the balconies to watch.

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RAVE REVIEWS

"Firstly, a massive 'Thank You' for an awesome performance on Saturday night. All people were saying was "WOW". Our clients are always dubious at the best of times to try something unseen or untested, but you certainly changed this client's mind with your performance. Your professionalism, willingness to work within the vision of the event, and your enthusiasm during the night was nothing short of wonderful. You truly delivered on what you promised."

BSG on behalf of Leighton Holdings

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"Your show was fantastic, the feedback from the dealers was wonderful and we raised approximately \$7500 for the Alana and Madeline Foundation from auctioning your painting, so thank you very much for that."

Dunlop Tyres

"We secretly wish we had taken our art classes seriously in school when we met Brad Blaze, an Australian Speed Painter who was in town for Tampines 1's official opening last weekend. Man, this bloke is a genius! We were totally filled with awe as we witnessed him completing a painting in less than 5 minutes."

Tampines 1 Singapore

"Fabulous! Our guests were on the edge of their seats as his paintings came to life – great act, fun, entertaining, original and a great person to work with."

Some quotes from our guests:

* He was amazingly talented, and I enjoyed the interaction with the audience that he had.

* Fantastic - I'd see him again!!

* Very interesting concept, great you could purchase his art in the auction."

Diabetes Foundation

"Your show was full of surprises. A wonderfully entertaining evening."

Visy

"Brad was a perfect break in our agenda – high energy, fun session that had everyone up clapping and laughing! A highlight of our conference program! And a great guy!"

Jetset Travelworld

"Your show was the absolute highlight of the night and really helped ensure that it wasn't just another boring old black tie ball."

Burnett Institute

"Our sincere appreciation of your fantastic performance at our fundraising event. Your performance was breathtaking and we're delighted that our guests also thought so!"

Ronald McDonald House

"THANK YOU!!! You were awesome!! I had so many people come up to me afterwards raving about you! One of the guys on my table said he could have watched you all night. You really pumped up the crowd and everyone loved you."

Vodafone