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David Goldrake Named *Magician of the Year 2026*

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International illusionist and Las Vegas headliner **David Goldrake** has been named **Magician of the Year**, receiving the prestigious **Merlin Award** for the second time in his career in recognition of his contributions to the art of magic and illusion.

Presented by the International Magicians Society, the Merlin Award recognizes excellence in performance, originality, and innovation within the world of magic. Throughout its history, the award has honored many of the industry's most celebrated performers, including Siegfried & Roy and David Copperfield.

For David Goldrake, the recognition marks another milestone in a career that has taken him to audiences in more than 50 countries. His work has been seen by royalty, international celebrities, Fortune 500 companies, and millions of television viewers worldwide. Known for blending grand illusion with theatrical storytelling, David Goldrake has built an international reputation for creating performances that are as elegant as they are impossible.

Most recently, David Goldrake concluded his acclaimed Las Vegas residency, *An Evening of Grand Illusion*, where audiences experienced a production that seamlessly combined grand illusion, intimate sleight of hand, and the only Water Torture Cell escape presented on the Las Vegas Strip, all delivered with the sophistication and theatricality that have become his signature.



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"It is a tremendous honor to receive this recognition from my peers. Growing up in Luxembourg, I could never have imagined that magic would one day allow me to travel the world, adapt to every audience, and share the impossible, whether with thousands of people in a theater or in the intimacy of a small room. Last year, I celebrated 25 years in magic with a sold-out tour, and receiving this award feels like another meaningful milestone in that journey."

The award comes at the beginning of an exciting new chapter for David Goldrake. Following the conclusion of his Las Vegas residency, he is preparing to announce his next major theatrical production, with details to be revealed soon.

About David Goldrake

David Goldrake is an internationally acclaimed illusionist whose performances have captivated audiences in more than 50 countries across six continents. A multilingual performer, he has appeared on international television, headlined at the legendary Magic Castle in Hollywood, starred in productions on the Las Vegas Strip, and received multiple industry honors, including Gold Awards for Best Magic Show and Best Family Friendly Show in Las Vegas. His signature style combines grand illusion, theatrical storytelling, and contemporary elegance, creating immersive experiences that celebrate mystery, imagination, and the enduring sense of wonder unique to live performance.

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