

## KATHERINE MILLS

**What's this glam-looking lady about?**

She's magic – but she's nobody's assistant. Unanimously voted into the Magic Circle (only about seven per cent of its members are female), Ascot-born Katherine is the most glamorous female magician since...well, ever. If you've got children under ten, they'll know her as one of the regular magicians from the hit CBBC show *Help! My Supply Teacher is Magic*, which also had a sellout live run at London's Southbank Centre.

**So is she all top hat and white rabbits?**

Not quite, but while this 30-year-old's model looks and cool style have branded her the modern face of magic, her close-up sleight-of-hand tricks are surprisingly orthodox. 'I use traditional props such as rings, coins and cards,' she explains, 'but my style is modern. The way you speak, the way you dress, the way you present the tricks is more relaxed, more interactive and friendly.'

**So what does she have up her sleeve?**

She's wowed celebrities such as The Wanted and Example backstage at the O2 by turning a £10 note into a £50 and producing a live goldfish out of thin air. She also dabbles in mentalism, or mind magic – an interest sparked while studying sociology and psychology at Loughborough. Watch out for her 'human lie detector' routine.

*Katherine appears in Help! My Supply Teacher is Magic at Edinburgh Festival Fringe until 25 August, [udderbelly.co.uk](http://udderbelly.co.uk)*

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