

SALTPILLAR THEATRE INC.



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THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE OF  
**the  
chosen**

From the bestselling novel by Chaim Potok  
Adapted by Aaron Posner and Chaim Potok

Director Danny Gesundheit and producer Esther Gross together with a stellar cast - George Werther, Steven Curtis, Michael Szuc, Adam Wajnberg and Ben Morley - bring this heartwarming story to Melbourne audiences for the first time.

A standing room-only hit wherever it has played, this award-winning adaptation is the story of two boys, two fathers and two very different Jewish communities – “five blocks and a world apart” – in Williamsburgh, Brooklyn, in the 1940s. Set against a backdrop of World War II, the revelation of the Holocaust, and the desperate struggle of Zionism, **THE CHOSEN** remains not essentially political or religious, but deeply human. Reuven Malter, gentle son of a gentle scholar and Danny Saunders, son and spiritual heir to the formidable Rabbi Saunders, are both passionate and intelligent young men. When Reuven is injured by Danny during a heated baseball game between their rival yeshivas, a unique, intensifying friendship is born between the boys. Through this friendship, the visions their fathers embody – the mystic and the rationalist – are brought into confrontation. The mystery of Danny’s cruelly austere upbringing “in silence” is gradually unravelled. As the boys grow to manhood, they are forced to learn important lessons about each other, their fathers and themselves.

**THE CHOSEN** is a story of the love of fathers and sons, the quarrels of friendship, and, despite the tensions between youth and age, the transmission of moral heritage from one generation to another.

*Not to be missed...*

**Season:**

8pm from Tuesday 16th August to Saturday 3rd September  
16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 31 August and 1, 3 September  
Matinees 2.30 pm Sunday 21 and 28 August

**Venue:**

Phoenix Theatre,  
cnr Goldsmith and Glenhuntly Rd  
Elwood (Melways map 67 B3)

**Bookings:**

Peter Gross - 9500 9950  
Ruth Yaffe - 9571 2915 group bookings

**Tickets:**

Adult \$20, student/pensioner \$15  
all tickets are inclusive of G.S.T



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