

Queensland Theatre Company presents a Melbourne Theatre Company production

Disgraced

By Avad Akhtar

October 14 to November 6, 2016

Ayad Akhtar's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama fearlessly puts contemporary attitudes towards politics, race and religion under the microscope. Exploring freedom of speech, political correctness and the prejudices towards Islam that still persist even in the most progressive cultural circles.

Amir is on track to make partner in his law firm, he lives with his artist wife Emily in their spacious Upper East Side apartment, where occasionally they'll throw a dinner party. Tonight's guests are Jory, a work colleague, and her husband, Isaac, an art dealer, and, with so much in common, the conversation flows easily. Then, as it inevitably does in today's conflicted America, the topic turns to race, religion and identity. How quickly things fall apart.

Intense and absorbing, Akhtar's gripping modern drama sees the veneer of social nicety stripped away to reveal that little has changed and questions whether we can ever escape our roots.

Featuring MTC's stellar cast including Mitchell Butel, Kane Felsinger, Zindzi Okenyo and Hazem Shammas, the QTC season also includes Libby Munro, known to Brisbane audiences for her Matilda Award-winning performances in *Venus in Fur* and *Grounded*.

"**Disgraced** is just what a serious theatergoer craves these days: a tough-minded inquiry that finds urgent dramatic connections in things that divide us."

The Washington Post

Director: Nadia Tass

Set Designer: Shaun Gurton **Lighting Designer:** Nigel Levings

Composer and Sound Designer: Russell Goldsmith and Daniel Nixon

Costume Designer: Jill Johanson

Voice and Dialogue Coach: Suzanne Heywood **Assistant Director:** Benjamin Schostakowski

Cast Includes: Mitchell Butel, Kane Felsinger, Libby Munro, Zindzi Okenyo and Hazem Shammas

Tickets are available at queenslandtheatre.com.au or by calling 136 246

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