

Sport for Jove presents

The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare

18 May, Riverside Theatres | 22 & 24 May, Seymour Centre

Presented as part of the 2019 Theatre Education Season

“...a pound of flesh...nearest his heart...so says the bond...”

The Merchant of Venice is a story Shakespeare couldn't resist. An unfathomable sadness in a man's heart, the mysterious terrors of the ocean, hate crime and religious intolerance - money, money, money, - and our willingness to gamble with our lives. All things that still hurt and hinder us to this day in our struggle to weigh the difference between mercy and justice.

Shakespeare created some of his most extraordinary characters in *The Merchant of Venice*. Portia, the brilliant young woman who dresses as a man to save a merchant's life; Bassanio, the man with nothing who would have it all at any cost; Jessica, the girl who would trade her mother and father's memories for a monkey; and at the centre of them all in the court of Venice stands a Jewish moneylender, Shylock, legally demanding a pound of flesh from a man who is willing to have his heart torn out of his body as a gesture of love to his friend.

Cast

Justin Amankwah, Pip Dracakis, Aileen Huynh, Felix Johnson, Damon Manns, Matilda Ridgway, Wendy Strehlow, Bryden Tuohey-White, John Turnbull

Creatives

Directed by **Damien Ryan**
Production Designer **Ester Karuso-Thurn**
Lighting Designer **Chloe Stafford**
Sound Designer **James Brown**
Assistant Director **Megan Drury**
Production Manager **Felix Johnson**
Stage Manager **Emma Paterson**
Assistant Stage Manager **Bryden Tuohey-White**

Notes for Editors

1pm 18 May
Riverside Theatres
Corner Church and Market Streets, Parramatta
riversideparramatta.com.au
All tickets \$28

7pm 22, 24 & 25 May
Seymour Centre
City Rd & Cleveland Street, Chippendale
seymourcentre.com
All tickets \$28*

*At the Seymour Centre *The Merchant of Venice* is part of The Betrayal Season with discount offers when 3 or more plays are booked.

1 Play \$28 | 3 Plays \$72 | 4 Plays \$96

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