

THE THEATRE ROYAL PRESENTS A RED STITCH &
CRITICAL STAGES TOURING PRODUCTION

AMERICAN SONG

WRITTEN BY JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH DIRECTED BY TOM
HEALEY



Andy's experience is common to many of us; the slow accumulation of a good life: love, work, friendship, family. But unforeseen events lead him to places he never imagined. As he heads off to work to give the biggest presentation of his career, he wishes his teenage son Robbie goodbye. Eight hours later, everything has changed.

The latest play from acclaimed Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith (Honour, Switzerland), *American Song* tackles the confronting and heartbreaking issue of gun violence, reaching beyond national or cultural borders in an intimate exploration of love, forgiveness and parental responsibility. With Murray-Smith's characteristically deft wit and compassion, she makes a difficult topic thoroughly gripping, wryly humorous and deeply moving.

A profound tour-de-force for one actor, performed by Red Stitch ensemble member Joe Petruzzi, *American Song* asks: what could I have done differently? Can we ever know the moment when a good life turns irredeemably wrong?

American Song was commissioned in the United States and first produced there in 2016 to great acclaim, with its acclaimed Australian premiere at Red Stitch Theatre in October 2017.



21 - 22 Feb 2020 (2 performances)

Fri 21 Feb 2020 07:30 pm
Sat 22 Feb 2020 07:30 pm



TICKETS

Premium \$68 / A Reserve \$58
B Reserve \$49 / C Reserve \$48

B Reserve Concession \$44

Gallery Premium \$55/ A Reserve \$48/ B Reserve \$35/ C Reserve \$35

Gallery A Res Conc \$39/Gallery B Res Conc \$30

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A / B / C Reserve \$20

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'Tragic and timely'

The Age

'American Song is one of Joanna Murray-Smith's most mature, refined and important works. Petruzzi is... so powerful and so well directed by Tom Healey.'

The Australian



DURATION

1 hr 25 mins (no interval)



PATRONS' ADVICE

Recommended for ages 14 years+

Infrequent coarse language.

Smoke effects.



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