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PRODUCTION IMAGES JUST RELEASED FOR
SAM MENDES' LANDMARK PRODUCTION OF
THE LEHMAN TRILOGY

NOW PLAYING AT THE GILLIAN LYNNE THEATRE
UNTIL 5 JANUARY 2025



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The National Theatre and Neal Street Productions' critically acclaimed, five-time Tony Award® winning production of *The Lehman Trilogy* has returned to London. Following highly acclaimed international performances, new production images of the West End cast have just been released. This '*genuinely epic production*' (New York Times), which has now been seen by over half a million people worldwide, is playing at the **Gillian Lynne Theatre** until **5 January 2025** for a strictly limited run.

Written by **Stefano Massini**, adapted by **Ben Power** and directed by multi-award-winning director, **Sam Mendes** with set design by **Es Devlin**, *The Lehman Trilogy* is a sweeping story of a family spanning generations and a company that changed the world.

John Heffernan, **Aaron Krohn** and **Howard W. Overshown** are reprising their 'virtuosic performances' (The Mercury News), playing the Lehman brothers, their sons and grandsons in this thrilling 'tour de force of acting talent' (KQED Radio). **Cat Beveridge** and **Anyssa Neumann** are reprising their respective performances as principal pianist and alternate pianist.

Joining them in this 'mesmerising chronicle of an American dynasty' (The Times), is **Valentine Hanson** as Understudy Emanuel Lehman, **Leighton Pugh** as Understudy Henry Lehman and **Simon Victor** performing the role of Janitor and Understudy Mayer Lehman. **Ali Berry** completes the company as Understudy Pianist.

Mendes is joined by set designer, **Es Devlin**; costume designer, **Katrina Lindsay**; video designer, **Luke Halls**; lighting designer **Jon Clark**; composer and sound designer, **Nick Powell**; co-sound designer, **Dominic Bilkey**; music director, **Candida Caldicot**; movement director, **Polly Bennett** and West End Director, **Rory McGregor**. Company voice work is by **Charmian Hoare** with UK casting by **Naomi Downham** and USA casting by **Jim Carnahan**. They are joined by associate set designer, **Olukoye Akinkugbe**, associate video designer **Zakk Hein** and associate lighting designers, **Charlotte Burton** and **Lucía Sánchez Roldán**.

On a cold September morning in 1844, a young man from Bavaria stands on a New York dockside dreaming of a new life in the new world. He is joined by his two brothers, and an American epic begins. 163 years later, the firm they establish - Lehman Brothers - spectacularly collapses into bankruptcy, triggering the largest financial crisis in history.

John Heffernan plays the role of Henry Lehman. Recent theatre credits include *Nachtland* (Young Vic) and *Much Ado About Nothing* (National Theatre), co-starring with Katherine Parkinson. Previous theatre credits include the title roles in *Edward II* (National Theatre), for which he was nominated for an Evening Standard Theatre Award, *Oppenheimer* (Royal Shakespeare Company) and *Macbeth* (Young Vic). Recent screen credits include, *This Town* (BBC), *The Crown* (Netflix), *The Pursuit of Love* (BBC), *The Duke* (Warner Bros), *Misbehaviour* (20th Century Fox) and Agatha Christie's *Crooked House* (Vertical Entertainment).

Aaron Krohn plays the role of Mayer Lehman. Previous theatre credits with Sam Mendes include *As You Like It* (2010) with The Bridge Project, Mendes' transatlantic collaboration with The Old Vic and the Brooklyn Academy of Music spanning three years and travelling to 15 international cities, Mendes' Tony-winning production of *Cabaret* (2014), co-directed with choreographer Rob Marshall for Roundabout Theatre Company on Broadway and more recently *The Lehman Trilogy* (on Broadway) as the understudy role of Mayer Lehman. Other theatre credits include: *Spamalot*, *Twelfth Night* and *Henry V* at Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Screen credits include *Fosse/Verdon* (BBC), *Boardwalk Empire* (HBO) and *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* (NBC).

Howard W. Overshown plays the role of Emanuel Lehman. Previous theatre credits with Sam Mendes include *Richard III* for The Bridge Project (2012) and, prior to this current production of *The Lehman Trilogy*, he also played the role at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles (2022). Other theatre credits include *A Soldier's Play*, *Julius Caesar*, *Saint Joan*, *A View from the Bridge* and *Free Man of Color* on Broadway.

Screen credits include *Blue Bloods* (CBS), *Fosse/Verdon* (BBC), Tina Fey's *Girls5Eva* (Netflix), and *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel* (Amazon Prime).

The Lehman Trilogy was first commissioned by Neal Street Productions and developed and co-produced with the National Theatre at the Lyttelton theatre in 2018. An acclaimed sold-out run at the Park Avenue Armory in New York followed in the Spring of 2019. ***The Lehman Trilogy*** then returned to London for a 16-week sold-out run at the Piccadilly Theatre in the West End from May until August 2019. It was the first British play to return to Broadway following its 18-month shutdown (having previously played four performances in March 2020) for a much-lauded limited engagement at the Nederlander Theatre from September 2021 until January 2022. ***The Lehman Trilogy*** was the most awarded play on Broadway in 2022, winning Best Play, Best Director, Best Set Design, Best Lighting Design and Best Actor at the Tony Awards®. It also won the Drama League Award for Best Play and six Outer Critics Circle Awards, including Best Play. A Los Angeles transfer to Center Theatre Group's Ahmanson Theatre followed Broadway from March until April 2022 before it returned to London's West End in 2023 for a 17-week sold-out run at the Gillian Lynne Theatre. ***The Lehman Trilogy*** has recently played a limited run at Theatre Royal Sydney, Australia and American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco to great critical acclaim.

Prior to this production, the world premiere of Stefano Massini's ***The Lehman Trilogy*** opened at the Piccolo Teatro in Milan in 2015. It turned out to be Artistic Director Luca Ronconi's final production before his death. A long-term admirer of Ronconi's, Sam Mendes was inspired to begin planning an English adaptation for Neal Street Productions. Ben Power was commissioned by Neal Street Productions to create a new version of this epic play, using a literal English translation by Mirella Cheeseman.

The Lehman Trilogy in the West End is supported by American Express, the National Theatre's Preferred Card Partner.

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- Cast headshots are available [here](#) and biogs are available [here](#)
- Creative biogs are available [here](#)
- *The Lehman Trilogy*, Original Music by Nick Powell is available to stream via [Spotify](#) and purchase online from major music retailers.

Listings Information

Dates: until 5 January 2025

Opening Night: 9 October 2024, 7pm

Website: TheLehmanTrilogy.com

Address: Gillian Lynne Theatre
166 Drury Lane
London
WC2B 5PW

Performance Schedule: Mondays – Saturdays at 7pm, with matinees on Saturdays at 1pm*

*schedule may differ during previews and holidays, please see website for details

Assisted Performances:

Captioned Performances: Monday 28 October 7pm & Saturday 7 December 1pm

Audio Described Performances: Saturday 30 November 1pm & Friday 3 January 7pm

BSL Performances: Saturday 16th November 1pm

Tickets: From £20

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Running Time: 3 hours 20 minutes, including two intervals

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Current theatre includes, *The Hills of California*, *The Motive and the Cue*, *The Lehman Trilogy*, *Hamnet*, *Local Hero*. Previous theatre includes, *The Ferryman*, *This House*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Bridge Project*. The theatre slate is overseen by Newling together with producer, Georgia Gatti.

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