

# National Theatre

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## FULL CASTING ANNOUNCED AS REHEARSALS BEGIN FOR THE TERENCE RATTIGAN REVIVAL OF *MAN AND BOY* AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE



The National Theatre today announces full casting for [\*Man and Boy\*](#). Terence Rattigan's tale of fatherhood and corruption, marking Director **Anthony Lau's** (*The Crucible*) National Theatre debut. As previously announced, **Ben Daniels** (*The Normal Heart*) and **Laurie Kynaston** (*Long Day's Journey into Night*) will play father and son, Gregor Antonescu and Basil Anthony, in this contemporary adaptation. *Man and Boy* will run in the Dorfman theatre from 30 January until 14 March 2026.

Joining Ben and Laurie will be **Phoebe Campbell** as Carol Penn, **Nick Fletcher** as Sven Johnson, **Isabella Laughland** as Countess Antonescu, **Malcolm Sinclair** as Mark Herries and **Leo Wan** as David Beeston.

*'In finance man makes his own miracles'*

*Jazz, Broadway and the Great Depression. In 1930s New York City, international financier Gregor Antonescu's luck has finally run out. As news of a catastrophic business deal ripples across the world, he flees to the apartment of his estranged son Basil.*

*Truths are uncovered and relationships are tested as Gregor gets down to business, to save his reputation and keep his empire from collapse.*

Director **Anthony Lau** is joined by an artistic team that includes set and costume designer **Georgia Lowe**, lighting designer **Elliot Griggs**, intimacy director **Haruka Kuroda**, choreographer and movement director **Aline David**, composer **Angus MacRae**, sound designer **Giles Thomas**, casting director **Martin Poile CDG**, dialect coach **Aundrea Fudge** and staff director **Rachel Lemon**.

Playing in the Dorfman theatre from 30 January to 14 March 2026, press performance on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

Tickets are on sale now, [nationaltheatre.org.uk](https://nationaltheatre.org.uk)

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Production	Theatre	Dates	Press Night	Publicist
<i>Man and Boy</i>	Dorfman theatre	30 January to 14 March 2026	Tuesday 10 February 2026	<a href="#">Anoushka Chakrapani</a>

**Assisted performances of *Man and Boy* at the National Theatre:**

**Captioned Performances:** Saturday 21 February 2026 – 1.30pm, Wednesday 11 March 2026 7.15pm

**Audio Described (with touch tours taking place 90 minutes before the show):** Saturday 28 February 2026 – 1.30pm

**BSL Interpreted:** Thursday 05 March 2026 – 7.15pm

**Relaxed performance:** Tuesday 10 March 2026 – 6.30pm

**With thanks**

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