

AVIVA PELHAM SANTA'S STORY



18, 19 & 20 NOVEMBER 2017

NIDA Theatres, Playhouse
215 Anzac Parade, Kensington

SANTA'S STORY

is a moving show of the extraordinary true life of Santa Pelham. When 90-year old Santa was persuaded to write her fascinating life story, it was intended that her memoir would be there for future generations. But Santa's Story became something more: an evocative tribute to survival, a cathartic experience, an inspiration for song and now, a one-woman show performed by Santa's daughter, international opera diva, Aviva Pelham.

Aviva brings the moving text to life detailing her mother's journey from Germany to Spain, to France and then to Africa - punctuated by wonderful, stirring live Klezmer music. The three superb musicians play seven instruments with songs in Spanish, French, Hebrew, Yiddish and English. Originally directed by multi-award winning Janice Honeyman with designs by the acclaimed Mannie Manim and the late Dicky Longhurst, the production is a theatrical gem and has played to sold out seasons in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, Helsinki, London, New York, Cologne and Hürth (Santa's birthplace).

Santa's Story is a unique and unforgettable story of courage, hope, survival, inspiration through discrimination to heart breaking losses – a triumph of the human spirit.

AVIVA PELHAM

Award winning Aviva Pelham is one of South Africa's foremost performing artists, having distinguished herself in countless starring roles in opera, operetta, musicals and concerts. Her vibrant personality and outstanding voice have shone on the stages of major theatres in South Africa and abroad. Aviva has a passion for upliftment programmes and mentors fresh talent from all walks of life. She has directed galas, concerts, fundraisers and has a Master's Degree in Music. Aviva received a Fleur du Cap nomination for Santa's Story and is thrilled to be bringing the production to Sydney.



Nicky Jansen

Piano, guitar,
accordion, flute

Matthew Reid

Keyboard, clarinet

Petri Salonen

Violin

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TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT TICKETEK*

Saturday 18 November: 8.30pm | Discount for block bookings of 15+

Sunday 19 November: 4.00pm | In support of Maroubra Synagogue

Sunday 19 November: 7.00pm | In support of WIZO NSW

Monday 20 November: 4.30pm | Discount for block bookings of 15+

Monday 20 November: 7.30pm | In support of Moriah College Foundation

* Tickets for the Sunday 19 November, 4pm show available at www.maroubrasynagogue.org.au/whats-on