

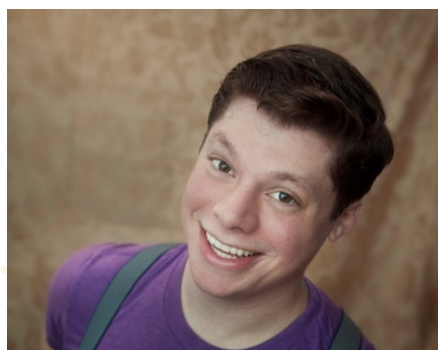
BAD JEWS

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Next month, **The Studio Theatre™ Tierra del Sol** (806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL) will kick-off its second season with a Central Florida Premiere of *Bad Jews*, the critically acclaimed and Outer Critics Circle Award Nominee by Joshua Harmon.

Set against the backdrop of 21st century Manhattan, *Bad Jews* asks questions about what you choose to believe when you're chosen. The patriarch of a Jewish family passes away, and three very different grandchildren gather at his funeral. When Liam brings home his shiksa girlfriend Melody and declares ownership of their grandfather's Chai necklace, a vicious and hilarious brawl over family, faith, and legacy ensues.



Playing the role of Liam is New York actor, playwright, and teacher **Adam Lubitz**. Prior to arriving at The Studio Theatre, Lubitz was a professor of Theatre History and also taught stage dialects at the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts. Adam holds a B.A. from Brown University, and a Master of Fine Arts from Columbia University's School of the Arts. His new musical that he titled, "*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz; Based on the Book by L. Frank Baum for a Post-Wicked Age*," was produced in New York last year.

Lubitz recently starred in the award-winning independent mystery, *Nadia Knows*, as well as NatGeo channel's *I Am Legend: Phreaks and Geeks*. After *Bad Jews* closes, Lubitz plans to re-mount his solo show in early 2018, titled, "*It's Not The End of the World*." Adam is a member of Actor's Equity Association.

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Playing the role of Daphna is **Rachel Comeau**, who is an Orlando, Florida native. She went to Rollins College on a Priscilla Parker Performance Scholarship and graduated with a BA in Theatre Arts. She received Editor's Choice in BroadwayWorld as Best Actress in a Non Professional Play (Orlando) for *Machinal*. Comeau was also honored by BroadwayWorld with Best Lead Actress in a Play (Orlando) for *Expecting Isabel* at the Annie Russell Theatre. Comeau has performed throughout Central Florida and can be spotted in principal roles of Orlando films like *Testament*, *Manifest Destiny*, and *The Rules*. This will be Rachel's first time on The Studio

Theatre's stage. After *Bad Jews* closes, she will head back to Orlando to play Mairead in *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* at the Winter Garden Theatre produced by Beth Marshall Presents. Then she will play the role of Catherine in *A View from the Bridge* at Mad Cow Theatre.

The cast also includes **David Rowan** playing the part of Jonah, and **Lily E. Garnett** as Melody. Orlando based actress **Rachel Whittington** will be understudying the female roles, while actor **Bryan Jager** will be understudying the male roles.

The Theatre Management and Creative Teams are composed of Artistic Director **Whitney Morse**, Producer **Jason Goedken**, Director **Trevin Cooper**, Set Designer **Kenneth Constant**, Lighting Designer **Weston Corey**, Assistant Lighting Designer **Sarah McNamee**, Costume Designer **Meghan Kennedy**, Technical Director **Preston Speaker**, Production Manager **Danielle Paccione**, Stage Manager **Abigale Bobb**, and Production Assistant/ Assistant Stage Manager **Amber Sacks**, as well as House Manager **Grace Petty** and Assistant House Manager **Josh Kimball**.

- **What:** *Bad Jews*, by Joshua Harmon
- **Where:** The Studio Theatre Tierra Del Sol, 806 San Marino Dr. The Villages, FL
- **When:** October 31 – December 3, 2017 ***NOW WITH ADDED MATINEES***
- **For tickets:** www.TheSharonStudio.com | (352) 751-7799
- **Price:** \$15 previews | \$35 performances

The Studio Theatre's Mission is to inspire the residents of Central Florida to examine relevant issues by elevating them through innovative and intimate storytelling. **Think outside the box, inside the box.**

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