

HAMMER THEATRE CENTER PRESENTS NATIONAL  
THEATRE LIVE SCREENING OF  
**BEST OF ENEMIES**  
STARRING ZACHARY QUINTO AND DAVID HAREWOOD  
7:00pm, Wednesday, June 14, 2023 & 2:00pm, Sunday, June 18, 2023

SAN JOSE, CA (25 April 2023) – **Hammer Theatre Center** presents a blistering political thriller with its *National Theatre Live (NT Live)* screening of *Best of Enemies*, a multi-award-winning drama by James Graham, starring Zachary Quinto (*Star Trek*) and David Harewood (*Homeland*) portraying two cultural icons of the 1960s. While two men fight to become the next president of the United States in 1968, all eyes are on the battle between two others: the cunningly conservative William F. Buckley Jr. (Harewood), and the unruly liberal Gore Vidal (Quinto). During a new nightly television format, they debate the moral landscape of a shattered nation. Beliefs are challenged and slurs slung as a new frontier in American politics is opening – and television news is about to be transformed forever. This production, directed by Jeremy Herrin (*All My Sons*), was filmed live in London’s West End. *Time Out* applauded Harewood and Quinto for their “tremendous performances,” while *The New York Times* raved, “...the feral energy between the two leads proves irresistible.” *WhatsOnStage* describes the work as a “visceral, thrilling experience,” noting that “it’s a finely-etched portrayal in a play that is full of brilliant insight.” The *NT Live* screenings of *Best of Enemies* will be presented at 7:00pm, Wednesday, June 14 and 2:00pm, Sunday, June 18 at the **Hammer Theatre Center**, 101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose. For tickets (\$20) or more information, the public may visit [hammertheatre.com](http://hammertheatre.com) or call (408) 924-8501.

**ABOUT NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE**

Launched by the British National Theatre, **National Theatre Live (NT Live)** is the theatre’s groundbreaking initiative to broadcast world-class theatre to movie screens. Each broadcast was filmed in front of a live audience in London, with cameras carefully positioned throughout the auditorium to ensure that viewers get the “best seat in the house” view of each production.

**ABOUT HAMMER THEATRE CENTER**

Owned by the City of San Jose and operated by San Jose State University, the **Hammer Theatre**

**Center** is a state-of-the-art performance venue located in the heart of downtown San Jose at 101 Paseo De San Antonio, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. The theatre has presented an array of offerings including outstanding professional productions, community-based works, SJSU shows, and concerts, as well as dance, music, talks, film screenings—even live aerial performances with dancers suspended outside, scaling the sides of the iconic blue building. From jazz performances to mariachi extravaganzas, *National Geographic Live!* Speaker series to *National Theatre Live* film screenings, Cinequest film festival presentations, ballet and modern dance shows, kid-friendly performances, live art and more, the Hammer’s mission is to serve the community through artistic and educational programming that express the unique characteristics and diverse cultures of Silicon Valley.

## For Calendar Editors

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101 Paseo De San Antonio, San José  
(Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets)

**WHEN:** **7:00pm, Wednesday, June 14**  
**2:00pm, Sunday, June 18**

**INFO:** For tickets (\$20), the public may visit [hammertheatre.com](http://hammertheatre.com) or call (408) 924-8501. Discounts for Seniors (62+) and SJSU Community (staff, faculty, students, alumni) are also available.

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