

## **DANIEL VEIL as...**

**Daniel Veil:** Thank you. And now — to introduce tonight's performance — please welcome myself. Daniel Veil.

Thank you. Thank you so much. And welcome to Ben Hur - A Tale of the Christ. Adapted by myself from the great American novel written in 1880 by the American general and American Civil War general General Lewis or Lew Wallace.

**Judah Ben Hur:** (*think Charlton Heston*) NO NO NO, NOT THE LOT OF 'EM! But where will you take them? The infamous Jerusalem garrison gaol known as the infamous Fortress of Antonia!!!??? But that is the most infamous Antonia fortress in the entire gaol of the entire Jerusalem garrison! Let me accompany them at least I beg of thee, Messala! AS A ROMAN GALLEY SLAVE WILT THOU END MINE THOU THINE MINE DAYS?!

**Melchior (Wise Man):** (*think old wizened with accent*) But what strange coincidence is this that we three kings of Orient are met here? All searching — for a sign! But list! What is that? Look! Look! Not at me! There! Look up there! Tis a star! Star of wonder! Star of light! Like a tiger in the night! But see! See where it shiners! Upon a simple human humble stable there! Ride brethren, ride!