

## THE PRODIGAL SON

### Synopsis

Bound by culture and his beliefs Ted's father hasn't spoken to his son for 15 years. It is only after a serious illness, that he begins to speak to him again. **Prodigal Son** is the moving story of a traditional Macedonian family's 'dilemma' with having a gay son, now in his 40's.

**The Prodigal Son** explores how first-generation migrant parents have struggled to come to terms with their son's sexuality. When Ted came out as gay to his parents, his mother Ljubica insisted it was a passing phase and his father Alexo refused to speak to him. Fifteen years passed, with no communication between father and son.

But now that serious illness has struck Alexo, his guard has begun to drop. Ted knows that this is his only chance to bring himself back into the family again. Alexo's emotional vulnerability and physical deterioration has forced him to come to the realisation that time for him could be running out. He has finally opened himself up, just enough to be able to initiate a relationship with his estranged son after fifteen years.