

# the infidel

## A comedy of ethnic proportions

A timely and irreverent “comedy of ethnic proportions” about a salt-of-the-earth Muslim London cab driver who discovers that he’s adopted – and Jewish.

Meet MAHMUD NASIR, London taxi driver, loving husband, doting father and something of a “relaxed” Muslim. Does the “F” word occasionally pass his lips? It’s hardly worth mentioning. Does he say his prayers five times a day? Of course! Well, usually... Does he fast every day of Ramadan? Who’s counting anyway? He may not be the most observant, but in his heart he is as Muslim as it gets. But after his mother’s death a discovery turns Mahmud’s world upside down. He finds his birth certificate which reveals that not only was he adopted at birth...but he’s Jewish, and his real name is Solly Shimshillewitz! As Mahmud tumbles headlong into a full scale identity crisis, the only person he can turn to is LENNY, a drunken Jewish cabbie who agrees to give him lessons in Jewishness, which start with how to dance like Topol. Oy vey.



## elements

<b>director</b>	<b>Josh Appignanesi</b> <i>Song Of Songs</i>
	British film director, Josh Appignanesi is best known for the feature film <i>Song Of Songs</i> , starring Nathalie Press, which he directed, co-wrote and co-produced. The film received critical acclaim – The Times called it “a daringly original debut” - and won several awards including a special commendation for Best British Film at the Edinburgh Film Festival.
<b>writer</b>	<b>David Baddiel</b>
	A former stand-up comedian, David is best known for his television shows <i>The Mary Whitehouse Experience</i> and <i>Fantasy Football League</i> . He is also a successful novelist and is a recurrent contributor to <i>The Times</i> and <i>Esquire</i> magazine.
<b>producers</b>	<b>Arvind Ethan David</b> <i>Tormented, Faintheart</i> <b>Uzma Hasan</b> <i>Tormented, Faintheart</i> <b>Stewart Le Marechal</b> <i>French Film, Little Ashes</i>
<b>production co.</b>	<b>Slingshot</b>
<b>cast</b>	<b>Omid Djalili</b> <i>Gladiator, The Mummy, The Omid Djalili Show</i>
	Djalili’s comedy career spans two decades, he performs stand-up worldwide including all across the Middle East, and his BBC comedy series <i>The Omid Djalili Show</i> has just started its second season and has been licensed around the world. Referring to himself as “the perfect ethnic everyman bit-part specialist”, Djalili is a familiar face from big budget Hollywood fare including <i>The Mummy</i> and <i>Gladiator</i>
	<b>Archie Panjabi</b> <i>The Constant Gardner, East is East</i> <b>Richard Schiff</b> <i>The West Wing (Toby Ziegler)</i>
<b>uk distributor</b>	<b>Revolver Entertainment</b>
<b>uk theatrical release</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April 2010</b>

