

The Perfect Son

Theo (David Cubitt – *Medium, Traders, Ali*), a thirty-year-old writer fresh out of rehab and struggling to put his life together, resurfaces in time for his father's funeral. After having avoided the family for years, he is now reunited with his older more responsible brother Ryan (Colm Feore – *The Red Violin, The Borgias, Amazing Spiderman 2*), a conservative lawyer.

At best unreliable in the past, Theo now makes an effort to rebuild the relationships he destroyed particularly with his ex-girlfriend, Sarah (Chandra West – *Played, Salton Sea*), a driven medical intern. A night of drunken passion ensues, but Sarah still has her doubts and their relationship remains on the rocks. Meanwhile the estranged brothers are forced to deal with one another but the same divisions are strong and the same old rivalries remain. Then by accident, Theo discovers one of Ryan's secrets – Ryan is gay and is dying of AIDS. Suddenly, things change and Theo is drawn into Ryan's life, discovering a person he barely knew; an unexpectedly loving and galvanizing relationship begins.

What does it take to reconcile a lifetime of differences? *The Perfect Son* explores the meaning of responsibility and the challenge of overcoming the past. Alternating between humorous and deeply moving moments, this is ultimately an intimate chamber piece featuring inspiring performances by two of Canada's best actors. Feore mixes an arrogant coolness with a sweet vulnerability and Cubitt's charisma radiates. *The Perfect Son* is a journey that deals with attaining acceptance within the most inescapable social group of all – the family.

Both David Cubitt and Colm Feore were nominated for Best Actor Canadian Screen Awards.

Leonard Farlinger, the writer/director, also directed the feature films, *All Hat* and *I'm Yours*.

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Short Synopsis

Secrets exert powerful forces in every family. When two brothers finally come clean, which one is the perfect son?

Two brother's lives seem headed in opposite directions. Theo (David Cubitt) has spent his life in and out of rehab while Ryan (Colm Feore) has enjoyed success as a conservative lawyer. Neither particularly likes the other. Reunited at their father's funeral, Ryan surprises Theo by revealing that he is gay. As Theo is drawn into Ryan's private world, the two brothers develop a unexpectedly complex and loving bond neither ever thought was possible.