



Saltmine  
Theatre Company

The  
Cross  
and the

# SWITCHBLADE

By David Wilkerson and John & Elizabeth Sherrill



One man takes on  
the gangs of New York



Adapted from the book by David Wilkerson and John & Elizabeth Sherrill, which has sold over 50 million copies worldwide, this play is a remarkable true story about urban renewal that takes a refreshing and poignant look at survival in the city.

It's the late 50's and New York is a city of gangs, drugs and violence where only the toughest survive. Certainly it is no place for a friendless Puerto Rican kid with a family he'd rather forget. But Nicky Cruz is no ordinary boy and when he is initiated into the ranks of the dreaded Mau Mau gang, his craziness and skill with a blade make him one of the most feared figures in the city's underworld.

David Wilkerson is a country preacher in a comfortable parish. So what on earth could possess him to go to New York to preach to fighters, hookers and drug addicts armed with nothing but a bible? What will happen when David finally comes face to face with Nicky Cruz?

This pulsating play toured to huge acclaim in 2000 and 2001. It was part of the RSC's Swan Theatre visitors season and also went to America, touring across the east coast. The production is being revived with a new adaptation and brand new cast.



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#### June 2007

		Venue	Box Office
1st	London	Bloomsbury Theatre	02073 888822
2nd	London	Bloomsbury Theatre	02073 888822
4th	Lowestoft	Marina Theatre	01502 533200
5th	Norwich	Norwich Playhouse	01603 598598
6th	Norwich	Norwich Playhouse	01603 598598
7th	Cambridge	Mumford Theatre	0845 196 2320
8th	Cambridge	Mumford Theatre	0845 196 2320
11th	Banbury	The Mill Arts Centre	01295 279002
12th	Banbury	The Mill Arts Centre	01295 279002
13th	Chesham	Elgiva Theatre	01494 582900
14th	Chesham	Elgiva Theatre	01494 582900
15th	Worcester	Swan Theatre	01905 611427
16th	Worcester	Swan Theatre	01905 611427
18th	Leatherhead	Leatherhead Theatre	01372 365141
19th	Worthing	Pavilion Theatre	01903 206206
20th	East Grinstead	Chequer Mead	01342 302000
21st	East Grinstead	Chequer Mead	01342 302000
22nd	Canterbury	Gulbenkian Theatre	01227 769075
23rd	Canterbury	Gulbenkian Theatre	01227 769075
27th	Spalding	South Holland Centre	01775 764777
28th	Spalding	South Holland Centre	01775 764777

#### July 2007

3rd	Exeter	Barnfield Theatre	01392 270891
4th	Exeter	Barnfield Theatre	01392 270891
5th	Brecon	Theatr Brycheiniog	01874 611622
6th	Tewkesbury	The Roses Theatre	01684 295074
7th	Tewkesbury	The Roses Theatre	01684 295074

Show starts 7.45pm (except Norwich – 8.00pm)

Tickets: £10, Concessions & Group Rate: £7.50 for all venues (apart from The Bloomsbury Theatre, London. Tickets: £15, Concessions & Group Rate: £12.50)

This production may not be suitable for children under 12