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The New Victory Theater Presents
TheaterWorksUSA's
The Pout-Pout Fish



Best-selling Children's Book Series Gets Off-Broadway Treatment

World Premiere October 12 - 20, 2019

New York, NY (September 10, 2019) -- Put your fins together for the world premiere of *THE POUT-POUT FISH*, a brand new musical by TheaterWorksUSA (*The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*; *Dog Man: The Musical*) based on the best-selling children's book series by Deborah Diesen and Dan Hanna. *THE POUT-POUT FISH* debuts at The New Victory Theater from October 12 - 20, 2019, before embarking on a 28 state national tour.

Serving music with beachtime vibes, this colorful adaptation of *The New York Times* bestseller is co-conceived, directed and designed by the acclaimed puppeteers of **AchesonWalsh Studios**, whose work was featured in Broadway's *The King and I* and *On the Town*, as well as *The Secret Life of Bees*, *Radio City's New York Spectacular*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Pip's Island*. The creative team includes **Christopher Anselmo**, **Jared Corak**, **Matt Acheson**, and **Fergus Walsh**, who all met through New Victory LabWorks, the nonprofit New Victory

Theater's new work development program, and later joined up to create this modern-day musical featuring puppets alongside live performers.

Led by Artistic Director Barbara Pasternack and Managing Director Michael Harrington, **TheaterWorksUSA** is lauded for creating such productions as *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, *Dog Man: The Musical* and *Junie B. Jones*. Since 1962, the not-for-profit has captured the imaginations of 100 million new and veteran theatergoers with an award-winning repertoire of over 130 original plays and musicals. Acclaimed alumni include Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez (Disney's *Frozen*), Jerry Zaks (*Hello, Dolly!*), Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (*Dear Evan Hansen*), Daphne Rubin-Vega (*Rent*), and Kathleen Chalfant (*Angels in America*).

Based on the popular book series written by Deborah Diesen and illustrated by Dan Hanna, **THE POUT-POUT FISH** stars Kelly Grago as Mr. Pout-Pout Fish, Emmanuel Elpenord as Bully-Bully Shark, Leanne Brunn as Ms. Clam / Octopus and Mukta Phatak as Shimmer Fish.

Learn more about **THE POUT-POUT FISH** at NewVictory.org.

Public Performance Schedule:

Saturday, October 12 at 11am / 3pm
Sunday, October 13 at 11am / 3pm*
Monday, October 14 at 2pm
Saturday, October 19 at 11am / 3pm
Saturday, October 20 at 11am / 3pm**

*sensory-friendly performance

**sign-interpreted performance

THE POUT-POUT FISH has a running time of 55 minutes with no intermission, and is recommended for ages 4-7.

Ticket Information

Full-price tickets for **THE POUT-POUT FISH** start at \$17. Tickets are available online (<http://www.newvictory.org/boxoffice>) and by phone (646.223.3010).

To purchase tickets in person, the New Victory box office is located at 209 West 42nd Street (between 7th / 8th Avenues). Box office hours are Sunday & Monday from 11am-5pm and Tuesday through Saturday from 12pm-7pm.

About The New Victory Theater

The New Victory opens new worlds to young people and families through extraordinary performances, education and engagement programs. Bringing kids to the arts and the arts to kids since 1995, this nonprofit theater has become a standard-bearer of quality performing arts for young audiences in the United States. Reflecting and serving the multicultural city it calls home, The New Victory is committed to arts access for all communities of New York to experience and engage with the exemplary international shows on its stages. A global leader in arts education, youth development and audience engagement, The New Victory Theater has been honored by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities with the National

Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, by Americans for the Arts with a national Arts Education Award, and by the Drama Desk for "providing enchanting, sophisticated children's theater that appeals to the child in all of us, and for nurturing a love of theater in young people."

About The New 42nd Street

The New 42nd Street, under the leadership of President & CEO Russell Granet, catalyzes the power of performing arts to spark new perspectives, incubate new works and create new opportunities for us all. Through the nonprofit's signature projects—The New Victory Theater and New 42nd Street Studios—New 42nd Street makes extraordinary performing arts a vital part of everyone's life, from the earliest years onward. The organization also stewards seven historic theater properties on 42nd Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues, ensuring the legacy and vitality of America's most iconic theater district. Together with our supporters, we are opening access to performing arts that move us—as individuals, communities and a society.