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NEW VICTORY THEATER SHOWCASES CARD STUNTS AND COMEDY IN JAVIER JARQUIN'S *CARD NINJA* AT STAGE 42



*Performances Begin November 10
Tickets on Sale Now!*

October 26, 2023 - Daring dexterity and stand-up comedy meet in the **New Victory Theater's** upcoming presentation of *Card Ninja*. This special family-friendly production (recommended for ages 6+), created and performed by Javier Jarquin, will run from November 10 through November 26 at Stage 42. This dazzling series of card stunts has been performed around the world on stages in New Zealand, tours throughout the UK, Scotland's famous Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and is now traveling across the pond to New York City!

In his outstanding act, Javier Jarquin amazes audiences with his spectacular stunts featuring playing cards. Whether he's throwing high speed cards at targets from a long distance or maneuvering a playing card like a boomerang, Jarquin is sure to have the whole family alternating between laughter and awe.

Due to necessary renovations at the historic New Victory Theater, all performances of *Card Ninja* will be presented at Stage 42 (422 W 42nd Street). More information about this short-term change can be found [here](#).

"The New Victory Theater loves creating memories that families can share, and Javier's extraordinary one-man show is sure to be a fun experience that entire families will be able to

engage with and enjoy,” said **Mary Rose Lloyd, New 42 Artistic Director**. “In all of my years traveling to see work, I’ve never seen anything like Javier and *Card Ninja*, and we are thrilled to bring it to New Victory at Stage 42!”

Javier Jarquin won the “So You Think You’re Funny?” competition in 2007 in New Zealand and quickly became a star on the comedy circuit down under. In 2010, he moved to London and is now a headline act around the UK and in Europe. Known for thinking fast and talking faster, Jarquin has performed *Card Ninja* at clubs, corporate events, arts festivals and on Pepsi Max’s *Unbelievable* web series.

Card Ninja runs 50 minutes with no intermission and is recommended for everyone 6 and up.

Tickets start at \$24 and are available at the New Victory Box Office (209 W 42nd Street) leading up to the performance as well as at the Stage 42 Box Office (422 W 42nd Street) starting two hours before curtain time on performance days. For box office hours, please visit NewVictory.org/BoxOffice. Tickets can also be purchased online at NewVictory.org and via phone by calling 646.223.3010.

Photos for *Card Ninja* can be downloaded [HERE](#).

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The show on stage is just one part of the visitor experience! For 45 minutes before and 20 minutes after every show, the lobby of Stage 42 features free do-together activities in which families can try new performance skills or explore the show’s themes. Whether they are wild, wallflowers or somewhere in between, New Victory will guide children through fun family engagement inspired by the show.

Card Ninja is written and performed by Javier Jarquin.

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About 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 New 42

Under the leadership of President & CEO Russell Granet, New 42 is a cultural nonprofit whose mission is to make extraordinary performing arts a vital part of everyone's life from the earliest years onward. Driven by a deep commitment to performing arts access, New 42 connects people to world-class performances, essential education and employment programs, and creative communities that push culture forward. Through New Victory and New 42 Studios, the nonprofit serves artists, educators and New Yorkers of all ages with invaluable arts engagement and resources in and beyond the performing arts. Together with our supporters, New 42 opens new perspectives, incubates new works and creates new opportunities to move us all.