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NEW VICTORY THEATER CELEBRATES WOMEN IN MUSIC WITH BILINGUAL CONCERT MÚSICA



Performances Begin at the New Victory Theater on March 9
Tickets on Sale Now!

March 1, 2024 - In celebration of Women's History Month, the New Victory Theater will present performances of the all-female ensemble concert *Música*. Led by Latin Grammy-nominated artist **Sonia De Los Santos**, this joyous bilingual concert for young people cheers women who make music and those who inspired Sonia and her bandmates to become a musician—or "una música" en español, so they could share their love for music with future generations. Running from March 9 through March 17, *Música* encourages audiences to dance and sing along to a symphony of Latin American rhythms ranging from festejo to cumbia to traditional Mexican folk.

With original songs in both English and Spanish, *Música* embodies the universal experience and enjoyment of music that transcends language barriers. In this new concert created specifically for the New Victory Theater, Sonia De Los Santos invites young audiences to be musicians beyond picking up an instrument by way of welcoming music into their lives and supporting those making music around them.

"As the New Victory Theater strives to create inspirational artistic experiences for future generations, *Música* is a testament to the art that influences us in our formative years," said

Mary Rose Lloyd, New 42 Artistic Director. "We're thrilled to welcome Sonia De Los Santos and her band back to the New Victory stage to pay tribute to the musicians who came before in a joyful celebration of Latin American music."

Born in Monterrey, Mexico, Sonia De Los Santos started touring the world in 2007, singing and playing guitar and jarana with Dan Zanes and Friends. In 2015, she released her first solo album, *Mi Viaje: De Nuevo León o the New York Island*, and in 2019, she was nominated for a Latin Grammy for her second album, *¡Alegría!*, and performed her show *Fiesta* at the New Victory Theater. Her third album, *Esperanza*, is a bilingual collection of songs exploring hope. Throughout her career, she has performed at celebrated venues and events including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Getty Museum, Austin City Limits, Lollapalooza, and numerous others across the country.

Música runs 60 minutes with no intermission and is recommended for ages 4-7.

Tickets start at \$24 and are available at the New Victory Box Office (209 W 42nd Street) leading up to the performance and 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 *Música* can be downloaded **HERE** *Photo Credit for each image is included in the photo name.*

Música features an award-winning ensemble including Sonia De Los Santos, Argelia Arreola, Elena Lacayo, Berta Moreno, Elena Moon Park and Erica "Kika" Parra. The production also features musical direction by Sinuhé Padilla-Isunza, and art direction by Mario Videgaray, and lighting design by Amanda Clegg Lyon. The show features the talents of sound engineer Kamilo Kratc, video engineer Sandra Kratc, lighting designer Amanda Clegg Lyon, and fashion designer Chrissie Dowler rounding out the creative team, and stage manager Sydney Prince. *Música* is produced by Golondrina.

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 the New Victory Theater 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.

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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.