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NEW 42 ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



L-R: Kelly Galanis, Vinnie Kumar, and Ji Park Kwak

April 23, 2024 - Today, New 42, the performing arts nonprofit behind New 42 Studios and New Victory Theater, announced Kelly Galanis, Vinnie Kumar, and Ji Park Kwak as new additions to its Board of Directors. Their appointments to the board took effect on April 4, 2024.

“We are so pleased to welcome Kelly, Vinnie, and Ji to the board of New 42,” said **Russell Granet, President & CEO of New 42**. “Their shared dedication to community engagement and empowering young people through the arts will enhance the strength and impact of our board and our ability to make the arts a vital part of everyone’s life from the earliest years onward.”

More about the new members of New 42’s Board of Directors:

Kelly Galanis is the head of the Americas Financial Technology sector in investment banking at Goldman Sachs, where she provides strategic and financial advisory services to a broad range of payments, vertical software, information services, and other financial technology companies. She joined Goldman Sachs as an associate in 2005 and was named partner in 2022. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Kelly worked at Arthur Andersen in the litigation consulting practice and at Houlihan Lokey in the mergers & acquisitions group.

Vinnie Kumar, known professionally as Dr. Harvanit Gahunia, MD, is a pediatric, adolescent, and adult psychiatrist. In 2018, she established the Rohit and Harvanit Kumar Conference on Early Childhood Development at the University of Chicago, examining parental influence on childhood development and new interventions aimed at supporting parents. Vinnie is a New Victory Circle Member and recently served on the Ringleaders Committee for the 2024 New Victory Family Benefit.

Ji Park Kwak is an entrepreneur and business executive serving as the co-founder and director of ARTLINE, as well as the CEO of KINDSKIN. At ARTLINE, her goal is to blend her extensive business expertise with the world of fine art. This company operates as a public art consulting firm, collaborating on projects in the world. Beyond her commitments at ARTLINE, Ji is deeply engaged with various institutions in New York City. She holds roles such as co-chair and founding member of the Lincoln Center Family Council and Lincoln Center Kids, and is involved with Central Park Playground Partner and the ACE Foundation. Additionally, Ji serves as the co-chair of the New Victory Circle and recently fulfilled the role of co-chair for the 2024 New Victory Family Benefit. She also contributes to the Board of Hankyora School, which supports North Korean refugee education.

With these additions, the 2024-25 New 42 Board of Directors includes Shahara Ahmad-Llewellyn, Yemi Benedict-Vatel, Lynne Biggar, Leigh Bishop, Lili Fable, Tiffany Gardner, Russell Granet, Neil Gupta, Sharon Coplan Hurowitz, Bill Irwin, Amy Jacobs, Greg Lippmann, John Lithgow, Sarah Long, Sammy Lopez, Isaac Mizrahi, Laura O'Donohue, Kate Peck, Stefanie Katz Rothman, Fiona Howe Rudin, Eliot Rubenzahl, Andrew Sommers, Marc A. Spilker, Henry Tisch, Ann Unterberg, Nicole Weiss, Christina Zagarino, and Lucinda Zilkha.

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About New 42

Under the leadership of President & CEO Russell Granet and Board Chair Fiona Rudin, 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.