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## PHOTOS NOW AVAILABLE FROM NEW VICTORY FAMILY BENEFIT: CIRCUS IN THE CITY



*Stilt Walkers from Omnim Circus Pose Outside The New Victory Theater  
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*Proceeds From Family Benefit, Hosted By New 42, Support the Innovative Artistic, Arts Education and Engagement Programs of New 42 and New Victory*

**April 30, 2025** - On Sunday, April 27, New 42 and New Victory Theater celebrated their Family Benefit. This annual event, titled “Circus in the City,” featured a spectacular performance of MOYA, a uniquely South African circus, followed by a circus procession led by stilt walkers from Omnim Circus across 42nd St. to Dave & Buster’s, where families in attendance continued the celebration with a private afterparty filled with festivities, gaming and creative activities.

New 42 President & CEO **Russell Granet**, Artist Council member (and recent 2025 Isabelle Stevenson Tony Award recipient) **Celia Keenan-Bolger**, and New 42 Board Member and Family Benefit

Ringleader, **Christina Zagarino** were on hand to deliver the opening remarks for the celebration, which was also attended by **Lilli Cooper, Alex Moffat, Manu Narayan, Betsy Wolfe**, and their families.

Photos of New Victory Family Benefit are available for download [HERE](#).

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New Victory Family Benefit: Circus in The City supports the innovative artistic, arts education and engagement programs of New 42 and New Victory that aim to make extraordinary performing arts a part of everyone's life from the earliest years onward.

New Victory Family Benefit: Circus in the City event leadership - the *Ringleaders* - included *Chairs* Ji Park Kwak and Dr. Edward Kwak, and Christina Zagarino and Tyler Horan; *Vice Chairs* Vinnie and Rohit Kumar, Liliahn Majeed, Krista and Mike Nickols; *Hosts* Vivek and Sarika Bantwal, Aman and Sonali Malik, and David and Caitlin Pearson; and *Committee Members* Inez Aznar, Olivia Tong Cheang and Christopher Cheang, Amanda Lipitz and Gregory Smith, Tai and Tom Mendoza, Whitney Rouse and Jeff Teach, Yemi Benedict-Vatel and Patrick Vatel, Michael Sancilio and Nico Victorino, and Ariel and Adam Zurofsky.

New Victory Family Benefit also featured an Honorary Artist Committee including Laura Benanti and Patrick Brown, Laura Kai Chen and Manu Narayan, Lilli Cooper and Paul McLoughlin, Claybourne Elder and Eric Rosen, Santino and Jessica Fontana, Renée Elise Goldsberry and Alexis Johnson, Nikki M. James and Derek Oosterman, Celia Keenan-Bolger and John Ellison Conlee, Sergio Trujillo and Jack Noseworthy, and Betsy Wolfe.

Sponsors of the event included Hilton New York Times Square and Newbond, L'Oreal Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Groupe, ON Broadway: The Experience at the Liberty Theater, GFP Real Estate, Madame Tussauds, Madison International Realty and MINISO.

On April 28, the day after the event, it was announced that New Victory's parent organization, New 42, will be receiving a Tony Honors for Excellence in the Theatre at the 2025 Tony Awards. New 42 is being recognized for their mission of making extraordinary performing arts a part of everyone's life from the earliest years onwards, their dedication to the ongoing transformation and preservation of the historic theaters on West 42nd Street, the New Victory Theater's introduction of almost two million kids and families to the performing arts, and New 42 Studios' long-standing service as an incubator for developing new works, many of which have defined Broadway history in recent decades.

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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**

New 42 was founded to breathe new life into 42nd street and its historic theaters, transforming the block into a vibrant and youthful theater district. Today and every day, we continue to spark awe and wonder —opening new worlds to young audiences through New Victory Theater, incubating new works at New 42 Studios, and paving new pathways to creative careers through our artist and mentorship programs. Under the leadership of President & CEO Russell Granet and Board Chairman Fiona Howe Rudin, New 42's mission is to make extraordinary performing arts a vital part of everyone's life from the earliest years onward. Driven for 35 years by the belief that the performing arts have the power to connect and change us all, we continue to expand what's possible — for artists, for audiences, and for the future of the performing arts. New 42 is the recipient of a 2025 Tony Honor for Excellence in the Theatre.