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NEW VICTORY THEATER TO PRESENT MUSICAL ADVENTURE *BABA YAGA AND THE FIREBIRD*



*The Classic Slavic Folklore-Inspired Fairy Tale Runs
November 9 - November 17*

October 28, 2024 - New Victory LabWorks alumni Anton Dudley and Faye Chiao make their mainstage debut at the New Victory Theater this November, embodying a host of hilarious characters in *Baba Yaga and the Firebird*. Drawing on personas and scenarios from classic Slavic folklore, this brand new musical adventure is recommended for ages 7+ and runs from November 9 - November 17.

“It’s always special when our LabWorks alumni return to stage their works at the New Victory,” said **New 42 Artistic Director Mary Rose Lloyd**. “Through the LabWorks program, which supports artists making theater for young audiences, Anton and Faye have sculpted this show into something really robust yet intimate - including playing all 17 characters themselves! We look forward to kids and families discovering this heartfelt, hilarious and wholly unique show this season.”

When something isn’t there anymore, what is there instead? Both facing loss, a young tsarina and a peasant boy each seek help from the Baba Yaga—that most mercurial of Old World witches. Their destinies collide in a madcap musical adventure woven from the tapestries of Slavic

folklore. With pop-up books full of puppets, original songs from Faye Chiao on piano and Anton Dudley embodying a host of hilarious characters, *Baba Yaga and the Firebird* blazes a hopeful path through the wilderness of growing up.

“*Baba Yaga and the Firebird* celebrates the creative forces of imagination and collaboration,” said **Anton Dudley and Faye Chiao**. “Just as our friendship and play led us to create this show, the characters in the musical imagine a better world for themselves and work together to bring it to life.”

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.

Baba Yaga and the Firebird is presented by the NYC-based Baba Bird Theater Company (Co-Artistic Directors Anton Dudley and Faye Chiao) in association with Playhouse Square. It features direction, book, and lyrics by Anton Dudley and is composed by Faye Chiao. Set, puppet, and costume design is also by Anton Dudley, with graphic design by Howard Grier, lighting design by Elton James, and puppets by The Rock Shop.

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 *Baba Yaga and the Firebird* can be downloaded [HERE](#).

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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.