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SOUTH AFRICA'S ZIP ZAP CIRCUS ARRIVES AT THE NEW VICTORY THEATER WITH CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA *MOYA*



March 25, 2025 - The New Victory Theater will welcome Zip Zap Circus to New York this April with a special performance of *MOYA*, a uniquely South African circus that showcases the big-hearted spirit of “ubuntu” and highlights traditional dance forms like gumboot and pantsula. *MOYA*, recommended for everyone ages 5+, will play from **April 12 - April 26**.

The word “ubuntu,” sometimes translated to “I am because we are,” is a spirit of shared humanity—we are all connected. As a social circus, Zip Zap is an embodiment of that spirit, using circus arts to build community and empower young people.

In the buzz of Cape Town, traditional gumboot dancers stomp their wellies to the ebullient beats of local pop music. Acrobats spring and soar through bustling township streets. A merchant juggles apples and an aerialist flies from the sheets of her washing line. *MOYA* is an invigorating circus extravaganza that shines with the vibrant humanity of the Rainbow Nation.

“It’s so exciting to have Zip Zap Circus join us to close out our season and headline our 2025 [New Victory Family Benefit](#) on April 27,” said **New 42 Artistic Director Mary Rose Lloyd**. “This unique circus will dazzle kids and families while also teaching us something new about the richness of South African culture.”

This year's [New Victory Family Benefit, *Circus in the City*](#), will feature an invigorating performance of *MOYA*, a procession of circus performers across 42nd Street, and a private afterparty at Dave & Buster's with lunch, preloaded game cards for two hours of gaming, New Victory creative activities, swag bags and more! Each ticket purchased to *Circus in the City* supports the innovative artistic, arts education, and engagement programs of New 42 and the New Victory that aim to make extraordinary performing arts a part of everyone's life from the earliest years onward.

"Having our troupe and show *MOYA* perform at the New Victory Theater in New York this April fills me with pure excitement, pride, and gratitude," said **Zip Zap Circus CEO and Co-Founder Laurence van Rensburg**. "I can't wait for our performers to share their genuine spirit on stage, inspiring both young and old alike. Through collaborations, we hope to create meaningful connections and spread joy throughout New York. This journey is not just about entertainment; it's about fostering understanding and sparking creativity in every heart we touch."

Established by Brent van Rensburg and Laurence Estève in 1992, Zip Zap Circus uses circus arts to bridge socio-economic gaps and create a lifelong sense of belonging for young people in and around Cape Town. Their nine youth and outreach programs offer kids community, new skills, and improved self-esteem. The performers on stage in *MOYA* represent the most exceptionally talented graduates of these life-changing programs.

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 will feature free activities in which families can try new performance skills or explore the show's themes. Whether they are wild, wallflowers, or somewhere in between, the New Victory will guide children through fun family engagement inspired by the show.

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

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MOYA is directed by Brent van Rensburg and choreographed by Adele Blank and Sabine van Rensburg. The production features costume design by Beaura Jacobs, lighting design by Kieran McGregor, and sound design by Josh Hawks. Nikolas Pulka and Brin Schoellkopf serve as Artistic Coaches and Creative Directors, and Brent Van Rensburg as Artistic Director, Writer & Production Stage Manager.

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.

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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.

