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NEW SHOES BRINGS PUPPETRY AND SPANISH FOLK TRADITIONS TO THE NEW VICTORY THEATER



*Intimate, Interactive Performances for Kids Ages 2-5 Begin on November 1
Tickets on Sale Now!*

October 16, 2024 - Award-winning theater artist Tian Gombau will bring his unique blend of theatrical styles to the New Victory Theater with *New Shoes*, a work for very young audiences running from November 1 - 10. *New Shoes* performances will take place in New 42 Studios to allow for intimate and interactive performances. The show is recommended for kids between the ages of 2 and 5.

“We are looking forward to welcoming Tian to the New Victory Theater with this special show,” said **New 42 Artistic Director Mary Rose Lloyd**. “His work with shadow puppetry and poetic language wonderfully communicates stories of humanity that open up the minds of even the youngest theatergoers, and it’s an honor to have him here sharing his gifts with our toddler age group.”

Through playful puppetry and Catalan folk song, tender storyteller Tian Gombau unboxes the tale of young Tracalet, who discovers the people and places of his hometown while on a journey to enjoy a piece of cake. With each step and every encounter, he learns and grows a little more,

because—big or small—we never stop growing. Gombau has produced and performed shows for young audiences all over the world, touring across 47 countries on 4 continents in 10 different languages.

“I created *New Shoes* with the rest of the artistic team of the show at the end of 2018, and since then it has been performed more than 500 times across four continents,” said **producer and performer Tian Gombau**. “But without a doubt, its passage through the New Victory Theater in New York will mark its international trajectory. The protagonist of the story, Tracalet, and I are very excited to meet the audiences of the Big Apple and to share our tender story with you.”

Every performance of *New Shoes* contains Catalan folk songs, but the 4:00 PM performance on Saturday, November 9 will be entirely in Spanish, dialogue and all, as indicated by the *ES* symbol on the [calendar](#).

New Shoes will be performed at New 42 Studios, just down the block from the New Victory Theater, in a welcoming studio setting where toddlers can be themselves. Seating options will include floor cushions, low benches and chairs.

New Shoes is written and directed by **Jordi Palet i Puig** and features costume design by **Hernán Montiel**, lighting design by **Xavi Prieto**, music by **Òscar Roig**, and scenography & objects by **Isa Soto**. It is produced by Tian Gombau - Companyia de Teatre and performed by **Tian Gombau**.

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 *New Shoes* 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.