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MARIO THE MAKER MAGICIAN 2.0 TO CAPTIVATE AUDIENCES AT THE NEW VICTORY THEATER



*Mario the Maker Magician 2.0 will run at the New Victory from November 15-30
Tickets start at \$25*

November 4, 2025 – The New Victory Theater will welcome New York-based performer, robot maker and magician Mario Marchese this November for the energetic and inspiring ***Mario the Maker Magician 2.0***. Dubbed “the best kids’ magician in the world!” by David Blaine, Mario has dazzled audiences on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Sesame Street*, Universal Kids, HGTV, and more.

On the heels of his sold-out runs at the Sydney Opera House and SoHo Playhouse, Mario has created a bespoke production for the New Victory full of special and new surprises. With a magnetic mixture of mad scientist shenanigans, big-kid showmanship, and superb sleight of hand, *Mario the Maker Magician 2.0* invites kids (and their grown-ups) to join in on the chaos. Mario’s DIY spirit of handmade set pieces and scrappy contraptions proves that the real magic is in using what you have and doing what you love.

Audiences can expect involvement in ***Mario the Maker Magician 2.0***, from passed props and live camera feeds to onstage participation. While all levels of the theater will see some interaction, seats along the aisles of the Orchestra level will get especially close to the magic.

Recommended for ages 4+, *Mario the Maker Magician 2.0* is 60 minutes long with no intermission.

“We’ve known Mario for a long time, beginning with his residency as part of our new work development program New Victory LabWorks. Bringing his special brand of magic to the New Victory stage for our 30th birthday season is a thrill,” said **New 42 Artistic Director Mary Rose Lloyd**. “His heartwarming, energetic show will inspire both children and adults alike.”

"The opportunity to bring our show back to NYC with a brand new set and very special new elements created just for the New Victory stage is an absolute dream come true and feels very much like a full circle moment for our little magic family," said Mario Marchese.

Photos for *Mario the Maker Magician* can be downloaded [HERE](#).

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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.

Tickets start at \$25 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

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 Henry Tisch, 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, audiences, and the future of the performing arts. New 42 is the recipient of a 2025 Tony Honor for Excellence in the Theatre.