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AUSTRALIA'S CIRCUS OZ UNLEASHES *MERRY MAYHEM* AT THE NEW VICTORY THEATER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Merry Mayhem will run at the New Victory from December 5-28

Tickets start at \$30

November 11, 2025 – The New Victory Theater will welcome Melbourne, Australia's **Circus Oz** to New York this December with the rowdy and ridiculous *Merry Mayhem*, an electrifying circus show displaying everything from playful punches to pranks and pratfalls. This production is part of the New Victory Theater's 30th birthday season. On December 11, 1995, New 42 reopened the Victory Theater as the New Victory Theater - New York City's first theater for kids and families.

Pow! Crash! Oi! The uproar from Down Under, Circus Oz is here to unleash some *Merry Mayhem* on your unsuspecting family. Exploding onto the stage in a rascally rainbow of high-flying frivolity, this multi-generational, muscle-bound ensemble tumbles, tussles and trapezes to the beat of a live rock band! Can an archer hit her target on rollerskates? Can a daredevil granny survive the Dive of Death? Can an aerialist reach the ceiling in his satin gown? Embrace the holiday frenzy and buckle up for a uniquely Aussie celebration of subversive circus fun.

The antics of Circus Oz can be epitomized in one Australian word- *larrakin*: a boisterous, badly behaved boy who balks at convention. This will be Circus Oz's sixth appearance at the New Victory, last taking the stage in 2012 with the *Circus Oz: From The Ground Up Tour*. *Merry Mayhem* is produced by Parrot Ox.

Recommended for ages 5+, *Merry Mayhem* is 75 minutes long with no intermission.

“We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Circus Oz back to the New Victory stage this December. Experiencing the rambunctious and lively spirit of *Merry Mayhem* is the perfect way for families to share some joy, humor and excitement during the holiday season,” said **New 42 Artistic Director Mary Rose Lloyd**.

“Returning to New Victory feels like stepping back into the ring with old friends, something of a homecoming. New York audiences have such a spark, they meet our mischief and mayhem with open arms. We can’t wait to fill the theatre with laughter, wonder, and a bit of classic Circus Oz chaos.”

Photos for *Merry Mayhem* 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 \$30. **To celebrate the New Victory’s 30th birthday, one hundred \$30 tickets per performance will also be available in the orchestra and mezzanine on a first-come, first-served basis at all performances between December 5-21.** No code required.

Tickets can be purchased online at NewVictory.org, via phone by calling 646.223.3010, and 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.

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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.