

THE NEW VICTORY THEATER 2016-17 SEASON

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The New Victory Theater Presents



The World Premiere of *Paper Dreams* At the New 42nd Street Studios

Catalan Company Makes World Premiere with Dance Piece for Toddlers

New York, NY (October 4, 2016) — How many stories are left untold on the sheets torn from a sketch pad or on pages tossed into a waste bin? Lost ideas take center stage when Barcelona's Mons Dansa presents the world premiere of *Paper Dreams* at the New 42nd Street Studios from November 11-20, 2016.

Inspired by the old adage "one man's trash is another man's treasure," *Paper Dreams* brings to life a world of wonder found among discarded drawings, written words and crumpled paper shapes. In a visual performance, specially created for ages 2-5, scrunched up scraps find new life thanks to the lyrical movement, deft manipulation and clever clowning of performers Sarah Anglada and Sara Pons. A mix of jazz and Catalan music by Henry Mancini, Cabo San Roque, Tactequeté and others accompanies each scene. When audience members receive their own pieces of paper, little dancers will have the opportunity to contribute to the show from their seats.

"It is amazing how quickly we throw away new ideas that just moments ago seemed worth scribbling down on a piece of paper. *Paper Dreams* explores the possibilities of what those ideas could become," says Claudia Moreso, artistic director of Mons Dansa, who last presented *Minimón* at the New Vic for its U.S. premiere in 2014. "This concept may seem high-minded, but the staff and crew of The New Victory take a lot of care and consideration in how work is presented to children and it really is the perfect place to try something new."

Paper Dreams features Ms. Anglada and Ms. Pons with direction by Ms. Moreso. Lighting is by Roger Guinot; set design is by Miquel Ruiz and Martí Doy; costumes are by Flavia Onofre das Neves; video is by Diego Delgado and Oscar Pérez; and video editing is by Martí Mira.

Learn more about *Paper Dreams* on the New Victory website (www.NewVictory.org).

Public Performance Schedule: 14 performances

Friday, November 11 at 10am / 1pm

Saturday, November 12 at 10am / 1pm / 4pm

Sunday, November 13 at 10am / 1pm / 4pm

Saturday, November 19 at 10am / 1pm / 4pm*

Sunday, November 20 at 10am / 1pm / 4pm

*sign-interpreted performance

Paper Dreams has a running time of 40 minutes with no intermission and is recommended for ages 2-5.

Ticket Information

Tickets for *Paper Dreams* at the New 42nd Street Studios (229 West 42nd Street) are \$13 for Members and \$20 at full price. Tickets are available online (NewVictory.org) and by telephone (646.223.3010). The New Victory Theater box office (209 West 42nd Street) is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12pm-7pm.

Membership

Theatergoers who buy tickets for three or more New Victory shows qualify for free Membership benefits, including locked-in discount ticket prices, free unlimited exchanges (up to 48 hours in advance) and access to a first-look purchase period for newly added performances.

More about Mons Dansa

Since 1998, under the direction of Claudia Moreso, Mons Dansa has created artful dance works for kids using choreography as a channel for communication, expression, amusement and education. The company has earned many awards, including the 2009 Premio Nacional de Catalunya de Dansa, the 2009 FETEN Award for Best Dance Production and the 2010 Dansacat Award. In 2006, Mons Dansa launched the educational project "Dansa a les escoles" to introduce contemporary dance to public school students throughout Spain. Mons Dansa is subsidized by the Ayuntamiento de Barcelona (ICUB), Department of Culture and Media of the Generalitat de Catalunya, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (INAEM) and Ramon Llull Institute (IRL). The company is also a founder/member of La Caldera and a member of TTP (Públics Tots Theatre Association), ASSITEJ (Association of Theatre for Children and Young People) and TeVeó (Theatre for Children and Youth). Though specializing in works for young theatergoers, choreographer Claudia Moreso has created works for all ages, both independently and in collaboration with dance companies, throughout Europe.

About The New Victory Theater

The New Victory Theater brings kids to the arts and the arts to kids as New York City's premier theater devoted to the highest quality performing arts for kids and families. Serving the city in all its diversity, The New Victory Theater on 42nd Street presents theater, dance, circus, opera and music from around the world at affordable ticket prices. In addition to its public performances, the New Vic is also the largest provider of live performance to NYC school kids, serving 40,000 students in grades PreK-12 from more than 200 schools, after school programs and day camps each year. The New Victory Theater's contributions to the cultural landscape of the city have been honored by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities with the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, a national Arts Education Award from Americans for the Arts and a Drama Desk Award 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 The New 42nd Street

Founded in 1990, The New 42nd Street is an independent nonprofit organization charged with the continuous cultural revival of 42nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues. Committed to the transformational power of the arts, The New 42nd Street builds on the foundation of seven historic theaters to make extraordinary performing arts and cultural engagement part of everyone's life. The New 42nd Street fulfills this purpose by ensuring the ongoing vibrancy of 42nd Street's historic theaters; maintaining and fully using the New 42nd Street Studios and The Duke on 42nd Street to support performing artists in the creation of their work; and through The New Victory Theater, New York's premier theater for kids and families.

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