

THE NEW VICTORY THEATER 2016-17 SEASON

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The New Victory Theater Presents



Juggling Pros Hit the Stage for a Physical, Funny and Riotous Performance

New York, NY (January 19, 2017) -- There's juggling, and then there's *this*. Guinness World Record-breakers combine deadpan humor with 15 years of award-winning juggling experience in ***Water on Mars***, playing at The New Victory Theater from February 10-26, 2017. Flinging rings, balls and clubs in hypnotic streaks of lite-brite neon, the three-man troupe of Plastic Boom one-up themselves with every act, keeping rhythm to an electro-pop soundtrack as they add bottles of water, bags of candy and rolls of toilet paper to the list of airborne objects.

Inspired by, and named for, the excitement of discovering something new and surprising, ***Water on Mars*** is a show of extreme juggling, built upon the art form's natural drama, humor and airborne geometry. Filling the stage in creative and varied ways, the trio teases physics with limitless skill, acrobatics and synchronicity to create a show full of humor and playfulness.

Water on Mars premiered in Malmö, Sweden, in 2013, and has since toured to Finland, England, Ireland, Scotland, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, and now, the United States.

Americans Tony Pezzo and Wes Peden met the Swedish Patrik Elmnert when all three were studying at the University of Dance and Circus in Stockholm. Together, they are Plastic Boom, a new company based in Stockholm. Individually, they are all award winners: Pezzo took the gold at the International Jugglers Association championships, Peden brought home the bronze from the Parisian Cirque De Demain and Elmnert holds a world record for his quadruple pirouette while suspending three clubs in the air. In 2009, Peden and Elmnert set a Guinness World Record for Most Club Passes Caught by a Duo Whilst Juggling—13 clubs and 26 catches.

The three jugglers started training when they were very young, between the ages five and eight, and they all come from very different backgrounds: Tony Pezzo studied musical theater and

dance; Patrick Elmnert studied acrobatics and circus; and Wes learned juggling from his father, who was also a juggler.

Water On Mars is created and performed by Wes Peden, Tony Pezzo and Patrick Elmnert. Jay Gilligan is artistic consultant; Guy Dickens is lighting designer; and Luis E. Santiago is stage manager and technical supervisor.

Performance Schedule: 18 performances

Friday, February 10 at 7pm
Saturday, February 11 at 2pm / 7pm*
Sunday, February 12 at 12pm / 5pm
Saturday, February 18 at 2pm / 7pm
Sunday, February 19 at 12pm / 5pm
Monday, February 20 at 3pm
Wednesday, February 22 at 2pm
Thursday, February 23 at 2pm
Friday, February 24 at 2pm / 7pm
Saturday, February 25 at 2pm / 7pm
Sunday, February 26 at 12pm / 5pm

*sign-interpreted performance

Water On Mars has a running time of 55 minutes with no intermission, and is recommended for everyone ages 5 and up.

Learn more about ***Water On Mars*** on the [New Victory Website](#) at NewVictory.org

Ticket Information

Tickets for ***Water On Mars*** at The New Victory Theater (209 West 42nd Street) are \$16-\$38 based on seat locations; for New Victory Members tickets are \$10-\$25 based on seat locations. Tickets are available online (NewVictory.org) and by telephone (646.223.3010). The New Victory Theater box office (209 West 42nd Street) is open Sunday & Monday from 11am-5pm and Tuesday through Saturday from 12pm-7pm.

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.

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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