

# THE NEW VICTORY THEATER 2016-17 SEASON

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## The New Victory Theater Presents



## Montreal Theater Company Splashes onto the New Victory Stage September 30 – October 10

**New York, NY (August 30, 2016)** – Astonishing sea creatures! Colossal battleships! Uncharted undersea worlds! Get swept away by this wildly inventive reimagining of a classic tale. Using an astounding array of media, including puppetry, projection and online engagement, Montréal-based Kidoons/WYRD Productions brings this fast-paced, action-packed adaptation of Jules Verne's *TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA* to The New Victory Theater, September 30 – October 10, 2016.

This modern reinvention of the science fiction classic, the source of countless film, comic book and graphic novel adaptations, now comes to brilliant life in this stunning, all-new theatrical production. The story follows Jules, a 36-year-old doctoral student, whose favorite novel happens to be *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, writing a thesis on the dark future that awaits the earth's oceans and mankind. When Jules begins to sink into the depths of despair, he finds himself transported into the heart of his favorite story in search of a dangerous sea creature, alongside Professor Aronnax and Ned Land. See what mysteries await when Jules—now at the helm of the story's narrative—and his shipmates are taken captive aboard the *Nautilus*, and drawn deeper and deeper into the nefarious Captain Nemo's world.

Kidoons/WYRD Productions has created accompanying digital content that audience members can enjoy at intermission and after the show. Audiences are invited to climb aboard the *Nautilus* online by visiting [app.20kshow.com](http://app.20kshow.com), where they can be a part of the continued adventures of Captain Nemo on the Kidoons Network, as well as the *Nautilus Leaks* series. *TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA* is written by Craig Francis and Rick Miller, and

directed by Dora and Gemini award-winner Rick Miller. The show features Rick Miller as Jules; Suzy Jane Hunt as Professor Claire Aronnax; Marcel Jeannin as Ned Land; and Richard Clarkin as Captain Nemo.

Kidoons/WYRD Productions is a unique concept in family entertainment and storytelling, integrating online education and live entertainment. WYRD is one of Canada's leading international exporters of multimedia theater, whose past productions include *MacHomer*, *Bigger Than Jesus* and *HARDSELL*. The Kidoons Network has created award-winning online educational storytelling for families all over the world. Together, they have not only developed the stage shows *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea*, *BOOM* (the most-produced new play in Canada in 2015-16) and *GAME of CLONES*, but also web series such as *Jerry Muskrat*, *Science Toons* and *Nautilus Leaks* that expand on the themes of the play. The video episodes are developed in collaboration with organizations across North America, on topics including history, culture, science and water conservation. Kidoons/WYRD Productions meet with museums, municipalities and companies, and each episode created is connected to a growing storyline on the Kidoons network.

Learn more about ***TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA*** on the [New Victory website](#).

### **Public Performance Schedule: 10 PERFORMANCES**

**Friday, September 30 at 7pm**

**Saturday, October 1 at 2pm & 7pm**

**Sunday, October 2 at 11am & 4pm**

**Saturday, October 8 at 2pm & 7pm**

**Sunday, October 9 at 12pm & 5pm**

**Monday, October 10 at 3pm**

***TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA*** has a running time of 1 hour and 45 minutes, including one intermission, and is recommended for everyone ages 8 and up.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets for ***TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA*** at The New Victory Theater (209 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street) are \$10, \$13, \$18 or \$25 for Members based on seat locations, with full price tickets starting at \$16. 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. Beginning September 6, the Box Office will also be open Sunday and Monday from 11am-5pm.

### **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.

### **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 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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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