



Celebrate the Holidays with World Premiere of



**Master Illusionist Jason Bishop Returns to New Victory
After Last Season's Sold-Out Run**

**Five Weeks Only!
December 1 – 30**

New York, NY (November 2, 2017) -- Celebrate the holiday season with the world premiere of **Jason Bishop: Believe In Magic**. Back by popular demand after a sold-out run last season with *Jason Bishop: Straight Up Magic* (New Vic, 2016), the internationally-touring magician returns with new, jaw-dropping tricks designed especially for a festive engagement at The New Victory. With consultation from Broadway's famed illusion designer Jim Steinmeyer (*Pippin*, *Into the Woods*, *Disney's Aladdin* and *Mary Poppins*), **Believe In Magic** will showcase Bishop's breadth of talents in a mix of sleight of hand and exclusive, full-stage illusions. The world premiere of **Jason Bishop: Believe In Magic** will be at The New Victory Theater December 1 - 30, 2017.

From making one million dollars in cash vanish in the "\$1,000,000 Challenge" to creating "Human Origami" out of his assistant, Kim Hess, Jason Bishop returns with new acts designed especially for The New Victory. Bishop's quick wit and engaging audience participation make each performance unique. Every show packs in more than a dozen acts with one remarkable illusion after another. And then, when he guesses an audience member's wish list and suddenly makes it snow, *Believe in Magic* will have you believing in the holiday spirit, too!

Bishop is a regular guest on "Masters of Illusion" on the CW Network, the "TODAY Show" on NBC and "Cabaret Du Monde" in Paris, France. He has also performed at the world-famous Magic Castle in Los Angeles. The youngest person to win the Magician's Alliance of Eastern States Stage Award and one of the youngest individuals to compete in The Society of American

Magicians national competition, this masterful illusionist performs an average of 150 shows per year and has traveled to 48 states, as well as 30 countries on six continents.

Bishop and Hess are joined on stage by their canine companion Gizmo. The creative team includes Jim Steinmeyer (Illusion Consultant), Ellen Schmoyer (Technical Director), Herrick Goldman and Susan Nicholson (Lighting Designers).

Learn more about **Jason Bishop: Believe In Magic** on the [New Victory website](http://www.newvictory.org) at NewVictory.org.

Public Performance Schedule: 28 performances

Friday, December 1 at 7pm
Saturday, December 2 at 2pm / 7pm
Sunday, December 3 at 12pm / 5pm
Friday, December 8 at 7pm
Saturday, December 9 at 2pm / 7pm
Sunday, December 10 at 12pm / 5pm
Friday, December 15 at 7pm
Saturday, December 16 at 2pm / 7pm
Sunday, December 17 at 12pm / 5pm*
Thursday, December 21 at 7pm
Friday, December 22 at 2pm / 7pm
Saturday, December 23 at 2pm / 7pm
Wednesday, December 27 at 2pm / 7pm
Thursday, December 28 at 2pm / 7pm
Friday, December 29 at 2pm / 7pm
Saturday, December 30 at 2pm / 7pm

*sign-interpreted performance

Jason Bishop: Believe In Magic has a running time of 1 hour and 45 minutes including one intermission and is recommended for ages 6 and up.

Ticket Information

Tickets for **Jason Bishop: Believe In Magic** start at \$20. Tickets are available online (<http://www.newvictory.org/boxoffice>) and by phone (646.223.3010).

To purchase tickets in person, The New Victory Theater box office is located at 209 West 42nd Street (between 7th / 8th Avenue). Box Office hours are Sunday & Monday from 11am-5pm and Tuesday through Saturday from 12pm-7pm.

About The New Victory Theater

The New Victory Theater brings kids to the arts and the arts to kids. Created in 1995 on iconic 42nd Street, this nonprofit theater has become a standard-bearer of quality performing arts for young audiences in the United States. Reflecting and serving the diverse city it calls home, The New Victory is committed to arts access for all students, teachers, kids, families and communities of New York to experience and engage with the exemplary international programming of theater, dance, circus, puppetry and more on its stages. A leader in arts education, youth employment and audience engagement, The New Victory Theater has been honored by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities with the 2014 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 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, building 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; supporting performing artists in the creation of their work at the New 42nd Street Studios and The Duke on 42nd Street; creating arts access and education at The New Victory Theater, New York's premier theater for kids and families; and through the New 42nd Street Youth Corps, its model youth development initiative, which pairs life skills workshops and mentorship with paid employment in the arts for NYC youth. Inspired by the city it serves, The New 42nd Street is committed to the transformational power of the arts.

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