

The New Victory Theater Presents
Pss Pss



“Extraordinary...riveting...infectious.” - The Stage (London)

Winner of the Cirque du Soleil prize & the 2016 Swiss Theatre Award

New York, NY (April 17, 2018) – Pss, the secret is out: there’s not much this dynamic duo can’t do! Winner of 15 international prizes, the modern-day clowns of Switzerland’s **Compagnia Bacçalà** bring the award-winning **Pss Pss** to The New Victory Theater from May 19-20, 2018, for its New York Premiere.

Inspired by Chaplin, Keaton and the stars of silent films, Camilla Pessi and Simone Fassari fumble through merry mishaps, absurd antics and priceless pas de deux that “transcends language and utterly captivates with imagination and fun” (Edinburgh Guide). Slapstick at its sweetest, **Pss Pss** celebrates the clumsy connection we make when we meet our match.

This timeless production has performed over 600 times in some 50 countries across 5 continents, earning the coveted Cirque du Soleil prize and the 2016 Swiss Theatre Award along the way. Having performed for sold out crowds at the London International Mime Festival, Avignon Festival France and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, **Pss Pss** most recently received the 2018 Victor Award for Most Popular Show at the American conference of International Performing Arts for Youth (IPAY).

Camilla Pessi and Simone Fassari studied at the prestigious Teatro Dimitri clown school in Switzerland. In 2008, they launched **Compagnia Bacçalà**--bacçalà meaning “codfish”--in reference to an Italian expression that describes a bumbling person with big eyes. With Louis

Spagna as Director, Valerio Fassari as Artistic Collaborator and Technical Manager and Christoph Siegenthaler as Lighting Designer, Compagnia Baccalà created their first full-length show, **Pss Pss**, to showcase a vaudevillian mix of theater, acrobatics and storytelling. Their intention was to create a show that could appeal to people regardless of age, gender, culture or class, and dispel preconceived notions about the comedy of clowning. The final touch? Adding in two delightfully charming characters who win hearts without saying a word.

Public Performance Schedule:

Saturday, May 19 at 11am / 3pm / 7pm

Sunday, May 20 11 at 11am / 3pm*

*sign-interpreted performance

Pss Pss has a running time of 65 minutes with no intermission and is recommended for ages 4 and up. Learn more about **Pss Pss** on the New Victory website at NewVictory.org.

Ticket Information

Full price tickets for **Pss Pss** at the New Victory Theater (209 West 42nd Street) are \$25 and Member tickets are \$17.

Ticket and Membership information is available online (NewVictory.org) and by phone (646.223.3010). The New Victory Theater box office at 209 West 42nd Street will be open Sunday and 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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