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Immigrants will be celebrated with comedy, music at inaugural New American Festival



Comedian Ronny Chieng, author and producer Padma Lakshmi, comedian Aparna Nancherla and many others will perform and speak at the inaugural New American Festival in September. Photo Credit: Composite: Presley Ann, Michael Loccisano, Getty Images / Rich Polk

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Immigrants and their major contributions to the fabric of American life are going to be celebrated at the New American Festival — the first festival of its kind — in September.

Author Padma Lakshmi will kick things off with a keynote address, touching on the achievements of immigrants, and sex therapist and author Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer and comedian, writer, and producer Hasan Minhaj will also speak about their personal experiences on Sept. 14 and 15 at [NeueHouse](#) at Madison Square.

But it's not just about panels and discussions — comedians Ronny Chieng, Aparna Nancherla and Aminatou Sow, among others, will take the stage for a Comedy Central-sponsored stand-up hour, as will musical artists Japanese Breakfast, Ruth B., Baby Yors, Mannywellz, Bohan Phoenix, and Ballet Hispánico, and others, who will perform live.

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