



BAM announces its 2017—18 BAMkids programming

Highlights include the BAMkids Music Series, the 20th annual BAMkids Film Festival, *Teknopolis*, plus physical theater, dance, and theater from around the world for very young audiences

Brooklyn, NY/September 5, 2017—BAM announces its 2017—18 BAMkids programming slate as part of its year-round arts events for kids and families. Each year, BAM seeks out the world's most fascinating film, music, digital arts, and theater engagements to present to its young audiences. The schedule commences with the return of the **BAMkids Movie Matinee** series—the popular Sunday afternoon movie collection curated by BAMcinématek. The series begins on Oct 8 with the funkadelic favorite *The Wiz*, followed by a selection of beloved family films, including the visually stunning and heartwarming *Born in China*; the courageous and playful *Pim & Pom: The Big Adventure*; the uplifting *Batkid Begins*; the empowering tale of Sacha, a feisty Arctic explorer in the *Long Way North*; and the Academy Award-nominated animated comedy, *Ernest & Celestine*.

BAMkids Music Series kicks off on Nov 4, featuring four artists performing morning and afternoon concerts. This year's line-up includes the jazzed-up pop of Jojo & The Pinecones; the stunning vocals of acclaimed Malian singer Awa Sangho; the over-the-top *Transformers* tribute band The Cybertronic Spree; and a family-friendly concert celebrating music and spoken word with *Get Up, Stand Up!*

For the 16th year, the annual free community Halloween celebration **BAMboo!** returns, featuring treats, games, a costume contest, and much more.

In addition to his Next Wave Festival engagement, Thaddeus Phillips will present a special BAMkids performance of his theater work, ***A Billion Nights on Earth***, on Nov 18.

BAMkids programming continues in the Winter/Spring with the acclaimed 20th annual **BAMkids Film Festival** (Feb 3 & 4) featuring a line up of shorts and features presented in association with Northwest Film Forum, TIFF Kids International Film Festival™, and the Jim Henson Foundation.

Family-friendly **BAMkids shows** continue with an array of shows from around the world including the NY premiere of *The Magic City*—a work that uniquely weaves together toy theater, shadow puppetry, live music, and actors; the giddy physical comedy and circus arts of *A Fool's Errand* from clowning virtuoso Jamie Adkins; and the exciting US premiere of *KNOCK!*—an interactive multi-sensory marvel by South Africa's acclaimed Magnet Theatre. To better support the needs and enjoyment of audience members with special needs, select performances of both *A Fool's Errand* and *KNOCK!* will be relaxed performances. Modifications will include enhancement of multi-sensory elements of the show; elimination of blackouts and sudden theatrical cues; maintaining moderate house lighting throughout the performance; lowering the overall volume of sound elements; allowing for audience vocalization and movement; and allowing for patron exits and entrances whenever needed. The relaxed performances are Sat, Mar 24 at 2pm for *Fool's Errand*, and Thu, Apr 29 at 3:30pm, Wed, May 2, and Sat, May 5 at 10:30am for *KNOCK!*

BAMkids programming also includes the return of BAM's acclaimed *Teknopolis*—an interactive, multi-space digital arts showcase in the Fisher building from Feb 24 to Mar 11.

Tickets for all BAMkids events (except *Teknopolis*, BAM Kids Film Festival, and *Get Up, Stand Up!*) go on sale Sep 19 (Sep 12 for Members). Please visit BAM.org/Kids for more details.

Fall 2017 Programming

Oct 8	BAMkids Movie Matinees—<i>The Wiz</i>
Oct 15	BAMkids Movie Matinees—<i>Born in China</i>
Oct 22	BAMkids Movie Matinees—<i>Pim & Pom: The Big Adventure</i>
Oct 29	BAMkids Movie Matinees—<i>Batkid Begins</i>
Oct 31	BAMboo!
Nov 4	BAMkids Music Series—<i>Jojo & The Pinecones</i>
Nov 12	BAMkids Movie Matinees—<i>Long Way North</i>
Nov 18	BAMkids Live Performance—<i>A Billion Nights on Earth</i>
Nov 26	BAMkids Movie Matinees—<i>Ernest & Celestine</i>
Dec 2	BAMkids Music Series—<i>The Cybertronic Spree</i>
Dec 9	BAMkids Music Series—<i>Awa Sangho</i>

Winter/Spring 2018 Programming

Feb 3—4	20th BAMkids Film Festival
Feb 9—11	<i>Magic City</i> (toy theater, shadow puppetry, live music, and actors)
Feb 24—Mar 11	<i>Teknopolis</i> (interactive, multi-space digital arts exhibition for all ages)
Mar 24—25	<i>A Fool's Errand</i> (physical theater, juggling, circus arts)
Apr 14	BAMkids Music Series—<i>Get Up, Stand Up!</i>
Apr 28—May 6	<i>KNOCK!</i> (interactive, multi-sensory experiments with rhythm and storytelling)

****Note:** There will also be a Spring series of BAMkids Movie Matinees to be announced in December**

About the Programs:

BAMboo!

In front of BAM (Peter Jay Sharp Building), 30 Lafayette Ave

Oct 31, 4—7pm

All ages

Free

BAM's annual free community Halloween celebration returns, featuring music, carnival games, arts and crafts, stilt walkers, roaming artists, a costume contest, and a candy giveaway.

BAMkids Movie Matinees

BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave

Oct 8—Nov 26, Sundays at 2pm

Tickets: \$7 for children 12 and under, \$10 for adults

Curated by BAMcinématek, this series offers families the perfect introduction to classic films on the big screen.

Oct 8: *The Wiz*, Dir. Sidney Lumet (1978) 134 min

We're definitely not in Kansas anymore... Diana Ross' Dorothy must find her way back home after she's whisked somewhere over the rainbow to the enchanted, Manhattan-like land of Oz, where she encounters Michael Jackson's Scarecrow, Richard Pryor's Wizard, and Lena Horne's Glinda the Good Witch. This Motown take on the children's classic bursts with memorably funky tunes and a heartfelt message of positivity.

Oct 15: *Born in China*, Dir. Lu Chuan (2016) 76 min

This grand journey into the wilds of China captures the adventures of three animal families—the majestic panda, the savvy golden monkey, and the elusive snow leopard—with some remarkably intimate moments. Featuring stunning cinematography captured on the wings of a red-crowned crane, *Born in China* navigates the country's vast terrain, from the frigid mountains to the heart of the bamboo forest.

Oct 22: *Pim & Pom: The Big Adventure*, Dir. Gioia Smid (2014) 70 min

Pim and Pom are two cats that are best friends and live together with the Lady. When the Lady's nieces hatch a plan to catnap Pim and Pom and keep them for themselves, the cats manage to escape the girls' clutches—but must learn the ropes of survival on the streets. Will Pim and Pom be able to stay together and find their way home? This gentle yet action-packed animated musical is based on characters by beloved Dutch illustrator Fiep Westendorp.

Oct 29: *Batkid Begins*, Dir. Dana Nachman (2015) 87min

It was the feel-good story heard 'round the world. For one day in 2013, San Francisco was transformed into Batman's Gotham City and one boy—a five-year-old leukemia survivor—was allowed to live out his ultimate superhero fantasy. *Batkid Begins* tells the uplifting, behind-the-scenes story of how thousands of strangers came together for an unforgettable act of kindness.

Nov 12: *Long Way North*, Dir. Rémi Chayé (2015) 81 min

Set amid the colorful backdrop of 19th-century Russia, this rousing adventure follows a fearless young girl as she embarks on a courageous quest to reach the North Pole in search of her missing explorer grandfather. A treasure box of gorgeous, hand-drawn animation, *Long Way North* offers both spirited action and an empowering story of self-discovery.

Nov 26: *Ernest & Celestine*, Dirs. Stéphane Aubier, Vincent Patar, and Benjamin Renner (2012) 81 min

Ernest is a gentle, but misunderstood bear. Celestine is a plucky, imaginative mouse. According to everything they've been taught, they're not supposed to be friends—but a surprising rapport develops between the two and a captivating adventure ensues as they set out to prove that the differences between them are only superficial. Lovingly drawn in watercolor hues, this animated charmer spins an enchanting tale of tolerance and acceptance.

BAMkids Music Series

Jojo & The Pinecones

Peter Jay Sharp Building (BAMcafé), 30 Lafayette Ave

Nov 4, 10:30am & 2pm

Ages 4—8

Tickets: \$10

The New York City-based Jojo & The Pinecones brings its skillful musicianship and love of jazz to the family audience. The group is known for its distinctive “jazzed-up pop and popped-up jazz” style as Joelle & The Pinehurst Trio. Their all-ages friendly alter ego Jojo & The Pinecones brings its exceptional talent with a new audience.

The Cybertronic Spree

Peter Jay Sharp Building (BAMcafé), 30 Lafayette Ave

Dec 2, 2pm

Ages 7+

Tickets: \$10

Hotrod, Arcee, Rumble, Unicron, Spike, Soundwave, Bumblebee, and A Quintesson have been brought together by the power of rock. Together they are the Cybertronic Spree, an over-the-top *Transformers* tribute band that performs music from *The Transformers: The Movie*, 80s animated TV shows including *Pokemon* and *Power Rangers*, and other classic tunes.

Awa Sangho

Peter Jay Sharp Building (BAMcafé), 30 Lafayette Ave

Dec 9, 10:30am & 2pm

Ages 4—8

Tickets: \$10

Awa Sangho is a proud daughter and shining star of West Africa where she sang, danced, acted, and traveled the world with the legendary Ensemble Koteba. In 1993 she co-founded the women-led band Les Go de Koteba, blending together jazz, soul, R&B, blues, pop, and disco. Raised in the desert north

of Mali, Sangho brings her stunning voice to BAM fresh off the release of her debut solo acoustic album, the blues- and rock-tinged *Ala Ta*.

Get Up, Stand Up! 2018

BAM Fisher (Fishman Space), 321 Ashland Pl

Apr 14, 2pm

Ages 8+

Tickets: \$10

Voices will rise in this family-friendly concert headlined by The Mighty Third Rail celebrating the power of spoken-word poetry and music. Featuring Brooklyn-based MC Mikal Amin alongside local performers, DJs, and student poets.

For BAMkids Music Series press information, contact David Hsieh at dhsieh@BAM.org or 718.724.8027.

BAMkids 2017—18 Live Events & Theater

A Billion Nights on Earth

Created by Thaddeus Phillips

In collaboration with Steven Dufala

BAM Fisher (Fishman Space, 321 Ashland Pl)

Nov 18, 2pm

Price: \$15

Ages 6+

A Billion Nights on Earth weaves the extraordinary and the unexpected into an epic theatrical adventure through space and time. A child in search of a lost stuffed animal discovers an unlikely door into another dimension, soon followed by his worried father. The pair—played by real father and son actors Michael and Winslow Fegley—must rely on ingenuity and each other to find their way home through an ever-shifting landscape. Employing Kabuki theater, pop-up storybook design techniques, and installation art aesthetics, Thaddeus Phillips and artist Steven Dufala create a magical theater work for adults and kids alike. Composer Juan Gabriel Turbay's cinematic score animates this work of suspense, wonder, and whimsical wisdom.

For *A Billion Nights on Earth* press information, contact Christian Barclay at cbarclay@BAM.org or 718.724.8044.

BAMkids Film Festival

In association with Northwest Film Forum, TIFF Kids International Film Festival™, and the Jim Henson Foundation

BAM Rose Cinemas (30 Lafayette Ave)

Feb 3 & 4, 9:30am—4pm

Price: \$10 for children (13 & under), \$14 for adults, and \$9 for BAM Cinema Club members

Ages 3—11

Highlighting the best kids' shorts and feature films from around the globe, the 20th annual BAMkids Film Festival returns with world, US, and New York premieres, and pre-film entertainment such as walkabout performers, magicians, balloon artists, and face painting. There will be free activities for ticket holders in the BAMkids Film Fest Café including digital animation and community partner performances featuring the Fire Flame Steppers from the Performing Arts and Technology High School (PATHS) and a group from MOVE(NYC). Visit bam.org/kidsfilmfest for full schedule (available in January).

For BAMkids Film Festival press information, contact Maureen Masters at mmasters@BAM.org or 718.724.8023.

The Magic City

Manual Cinema

BAM Fisher (Fishman Space, 321 Ashland Pl)
Feb 9 at 7pm; Feb 10 at 2 & 7pm; Feb 11 at 2pm
Price: \$16
Ages 8+

Loosely adapted from Edith Nesbit's 1910 novel, Manual Cinema's *The Magic City* tells the story of nine-year-old Philomena, who must learn to build a new life while coping with the loss of her parents, and facing the challenges of her new blended family. Using overhead projectors, live music, paper shadow puppets, live actors in silhouette, and a miniature toy theater, Manual Cinema's adaptation of *The Magic City* is a modern and fresh retelling of one of the first modern fantasy novels. When the lights come up, the audience is encouraged to go on stage and explore the miniature city that was created during the performance.

Teknopolis

BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl)
Feb 24—Mar 11
Price: \$16 (daytime), \$25 (evening)
Ages 6+

After last year's sold-out engagement, *Teknopolis* returns, staging an interactive, multi-space international digital arts showcase that takes over the entire BAM Fisher building. From the Greek word of *Tekne*—which means craftsmanship, craft, or art—and *Polis*—an "ideal" city state in ancient Greece—*Teknopolis* provides a unique space where community members can be inspired to move, make music, or immerse themselves in a story, all with new technology. *Teknopolis* is a three week-long digital art installation experience for ages 6+ designed to inspire creativity, connect with the future, and imagine new possibilities. The installation will feature local and international digital artists and technologists. Full schedule and details will be available in December.

A Fool's Errand

Jamie Adkins
BAM Fisher (Fishman Space, 321 Ashland Pl)
Mar 24 & 25 at 11am and 2pm (relaxed performance, Mar 24, 2pm)
Price: \$16
Ages 5+

Clowning virtuoso Jamie Adkins crawls, sways, and stumbles across a single rope in this physical comedy adventure. Evoking the skill, timing, pathos, and comedy of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton, Adkins brings you into a world where the banal of the everyday can suddenly crackle with comedy, and where the most simple of objects can be made fascinating.

KNOCK!

Magnet Theatre
BAM Fisher (Hillman Studio, 321 Ashland Pl)
Apr 28 & 29, May 5 & 6 at 10:30am and 3:30pm; May 1—4 at 10:30am
(relaxed performances, Apr 29, 3:30pm; May 2 & 5, 10:30am)
Price: \$15
Ages 3—5

Making its US premiere, *KNOCK!* is new theater work created by the indigenous South African Magnet Theatre group. In this interactive piece that explores the infinite sonic, rhythmic, and imaginative qualities of natural wood, the cast stirs imaginations by creating strange and magical animals and images with uniquely-shaped branches, wood blocks, and tree trunk chunks. The production features songs that engage children in singing and demonstrates how to create different sounds from a variety of materials.

For general press information on BAMkids programming, please contact Sarah Garvey at sgarvey@bam.org or 718.724.8025.

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General Information:

BAM Howard Gilman Opera House, BAM Rose Cinemas, and BAMcafé are located in the Peter Jay Sharp building at 30 Lafayette Avenue (between St Felix Street and Ashland Place) in the Fort Greene neighborhood of Brooklyn. BAM Harvey Theater is located two blocks from the main building at 651 Fulton Street (between Ashland and Rockwell Places). Both locations house Greenlight Bookstore at BAM kiosks. BAM Fisher, located at 321 Ashland Place, is the newest addition to the BAM campus and houses the Judith and Alan Fishman Space and Rita K. Hillman Studio. BAM Rose Cinemas is Brooklyn's only movie house dedicated to first-run independent and foreign film and repertory programming. BAMcafé, operated by Great Performances, offers a dinner menu prior to BAM Howard Gilman Opera House evening performances.

Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5, Q, B to Atlantic Avenue – Barclays Center (2, 3, 4, 5 to Nevins St for Harvey Theater)
D, N, R to Pacific Street; G to Fulton Street; C to Lafayette Avenue
Train: Long Island Railroad to Atlantic Terminal – Barclays Center
Bus: B25, B26, B41, B45, B52, B63, B67 all stop within three blocks of BAM
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