



## Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) announces 2019 BAMkids fall programming

### Highlights include the return of the BAMkids Movie Matinees and the BAMkids Music Series

**Brooklyn, NY/September 5, 2019**—Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) announces the 2019 BAMkids fall programming as part of its year-round arts events for kids and families.

The season commences with the return of BAMkids Movie Matinees, the popular Sunday afternoon movie collection curated by BAM Film. The series begins on Oct 20 with the strikingly animated, Oscar-winning superhero film *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, followed by a collection of family films, including Studio Ghibli alum Kitarô Kôsaka's *Okko's Inn*, Mira Nair's *Queen of Katwe*, and the holiday classic *Muppet Christmas Carol*.

Beginning Nov 9, the BAMkids Music Series returns this year with three family-friendly concerts. Performed in the more intimate setting of BAMcafé, kids get to enjoy up-close and personal performances meant to enrich and enhance their music education. This year's lineup includes the jazzed-up band *Lucy Kalantari & the Jazz Kats*; the family-friendly show celebrating music and spoken word with *Get Up, Stand Up!*; and the intermingling of classical Indian music and American classics with the musical trio *Raga Kids*. Families are encouraged to attend pre-concert activities before each performance.

For the 18<sup>th</sup> year, the annual free community Halloween celebration *BAMboo!* returns, featuring treats, games, a costume contest, and much more.

"Each season, we aim to present exciting new productions that will provide families with an unforgettable experience. This fall BAMkids has a wonderful slate of movie matinees and music for families with kids of all ages," said **BAM Director of Education and Family Programs, Steven McIntosh**. "We open the season, in October, cheering on Brooklyn's very own superhero in the award-winning animated film *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. And in November BAMkids Music Series, for our youngest concertgoers, returns with three fun, imaginative, and interactive concerts that will expose, and maybe introduce, children to different genres of music."

Tickets for all BAMkids Movie Matinees and BAMkids Music Series go on sale Sep 19 for the general public (Sep 12 for members). Visit [BAM.org/kids](http://BAM.org/kids) for tickets. Detailed program information below.

Oct 20	<b>BAMkids Movie Matinees: <i>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse</i></b>
Oct 31	<b><i>BAMboo!</i></b>
Nov 3	<b>BAMkids Movie Matinees: <i>Okko's Inn</i></b>
Nov 9	<b>BAMkids Music Series: <i>Lucy Kalantari &amp; the Jazz Kats</i> (jazz)</b>
Nov 16	<b>BAMkids Music Series: <i>Get Up Family Workshop</i> (hip-hop workshop)</b>
Nov 16	<b>BAMkids Music Series: <i>Get Up, Stand Up!</i> (hip-hop/spoken word)</b>
Nov 17	<b>BAMkids Movie Matinees: <i>Queen of Katwe</i></b>
Dec 1	<b>BAMkids Movie Matinees: <i>Muppet Christmas Carol</i></b>
Dec 7	<b>BAMkids Music Series: <i>Raga Kids</i> (Indian classical)</b>

## **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 20—Dec 1, Sundays at 2pm

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

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

#### **Oct 20: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse***

Directed by Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey & Rodney Rothman (2018) 116min

Spider-Man is Miles Morales, a middle-school kid from Brooklyn, in this delightful, boldly animated spin on the classic story.

(Ages 9+)

#### **Nov 3: *Okko's Inn***

Directed by Kitarō Kōsaka (2018) 120min

After she loses her parents, friendly spirits help a young girl process her grief in this heartfelt, beautifully animated children's ghost story from Studio Ghibli alum Kitarō Kōsaka.

(Ages 9+)

#### **Nov 17: *Queen of Katwe***

Directed by Mira Nair (2016) 124min

The uplifting true story of a young girl from Uganda whose world changes when she discovers chess, featuring Lupita Nyong'o and David Oyelowo.

(Ages 10+)

#### **Dec 1: *Muppet Christmas Carol***

Directed by Drian Henson (1992) 89min

Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale is at its most lovable when brought to life with music and Muppets.

(Ages 5+)

### **BAMkids Music Series**

This music series brings the power of live music into the hearts of children with specific concerts designed to introduce them to the world of music and instruments.

#### ***Lucy Kalantari & the Jazz Kats***

**BAMcafé** (30 Lafayette Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Nov 9, 10:30am & 2pm

Ages 3—5

Tickets: \$10

Grammy Award-winning band Lucy Kalantari & the Jazz Kats creates kids tunes with a roaring 20s flair. With ukulele in hand, frontwoman Lucy Kalantari leads the audience through jubilant swing numbers about the joys of life, community, and resilience. Families are welcome to come up 30 minutes before showtime for pre-concert activities.

### ***Get Up Family Workshop***

Jashua Sa-Ra

**BAMcafé** (30 Lafayette Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Nov 16, 1pm

Ages 8—11

Tickets: \$5

Kids are invited to explore the art of hip-hop in this playful pre-show workshop for budding emcees and their families. Through games and playful demonstrations, performance poet and BAM teaching artist Jashua Sa-Ra introduces the rhythmic, poetic, and performance skills that make a great emcee.

### ***Get Up, Stand Up!***

Dumi Right and Friends

**BAMcafé** (30 Lafayette Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Nov 16, 2pm

Ages 8+

Tickets: \$10

Voices will rise in this family-friendly concert celebrating the power of music and song. Created for children ages eight and up, *Get Up, Stand Up!* presents a hip-hop exploration of rhymes, beats, and cultural infusions. Featuring international emcee and cultural ambassador Dumi Right alongside a captivating crew of artists, including a DJ, musicians, and vocalists for a unique musical mélange.

### ***Raga Kids***

**BAMcafé** (30 Lafayette Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Dec 7, 10:30am & 2pm

Ages 5—7

Tickets: \$10

The *Raga Kids* concert will introduce kids and families to Indian classical music through interactive songs featuring Indian folk, Ragas, and original music. Kids and families will take part in the multilingual sing-along and learn about classical Indian instruments and the connection between Indian music and classics from the American kids' songbook. Families are welcome to come up 30 minutes before showtime for pre-concert activities.

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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, houses the Judith and Alan Fishman Space and Rita K. Hillman Studio. BAM Rose Cinemas features first-run independent and foreign film and repertory programming.

BAMcafé, operated by Great Performances, offers varied light fare and bar service 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

For ticket information, call BAM Ticket Services at 718.636.4100, or visit [BAM.org](http://BAM.org).