



CALENDAR LISTINGS

BAMkids Film Festival 2021 Virtual Offerings **Family-Friendly Shorts For Children Ages 3—11;** **Debut Of The Young Filmmaker Showcase;** **Free Dance Parties, Interactive Film And Dance Workshops, Digital** **Performances, Yoga, and Meditation For Families**

February 20—28, 2021

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In association with Northwest Film Forum and Melbourne International Animation Festival

February 12, 2021/Brooklyn, NY—BAMkids Film Festival 2021 will present a range of virtual programs from February 20-28. Established in 1998 and now in its 23rd year, the Festival—one of the largest attended children’s festivals in the country—presents nine days of virtual creative, fun, and culturally diverse films that tell stories about children and present ideas from a kid’s point of view. Alongside the dynamic slate of cutting-edge family-friendly shorts, the popular Brooklyn film festival will present interactive film and dance workshops, performances, dance parties, yoga, and more curated activities designed for the digital space. The Festival will also present its Young Filmmaker Showcase’s debut featuring shorts by young creators from New York City and around the world.

This year marks the first time the BAMkids Film Festival will run virtually and on-demand, allowing families from all parts of the country an opportunity to watch critically-acclaimed children’s films and connect with artists through specially curated workshops and performances. [Download media assets here](#)

Tickets for BAMkids Film Festival shorts are on sale. Individual tickets and Festival Passes are available at pay-what-you-can prices. Festival passes start at \$30, and individual tickets start at \$5. Workshops and other activities are FREE. Visit BAM.org/bkff2021 for more information.

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BAMkids Film Festival 2021 Shorts

Melbourne International Animation Festival & Northwest Film Forum

Saturday, February 20—Sunday, February 28

Ages: 3-11

Virtual

Tickets: Individual tickets and Festival Passes are available at pay-what-you-can prices
Festival passes start at \$30 and individual tickets start at \$5

International curators Northwest Film Forum and the Melbourne International Animation Festival offer six programs of imaginative animated, live-action, puppetry, and hybrid (live-action/animated) short films, tailored for children ages 3–11. The programs include 68 films by 103 filmmakers from 27 countries in ten languages. There are 14 premieres, including eight East Coast Premieres, four New York Premieres, and two North American Premieres.

[Full list of BAMkids Film Festival 2021 shorts and descriptions.](#)

Shorts Program: Let's Play! (Ages 3–5)
Shorts Program: Animal Party (Ages 3–5)
Shorts Program: Big Dreams (Ages 6–8)
Shorts Program: World of Wonders (Ages 6–8)
Shorts Program: Time for Adventure (Ages 6–8)
Shorts Program: Stronger Together (Ages 9–11)

BAMkids Film Festival 2021's film shorts will be presented on Eventive. Visit BAM.org/bkff2021 for more information.

Little Warriors Rising: Rhythm and Music with BAM Education

BAM Teaching Artists Farai Malianga & Kimani Fowlin

Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 10am EST

Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 10am EST

Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 10am EST

Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 10am EST

Ages: 3+

Virtual

FREE

Little Warriors Rising is a music and dance workshop led by BAM Education teaching artists Kimani Fowlin and Farai Malianga. Participants will create warrior poses and learn the movements to Nina Simone's *Children Go Where I Send You*. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.

Creating Animation with BRIC Arts + Media

BRIC Arts

Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 12:30pm EST

Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 12:30pm EST

Ages: 8–11

Virtual

FREE

In this filmmaking workshop participants learn to create short animations using a phone or tablet app to animate objects from around their home. App information will be provided prior to the workshop. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.

BAMKIDS FILM FESTIVAL Dance Party with MOVE|NYC|

MOVE|NYC|

Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 4pm EST (Kick-off party)

Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 4pm EST (Closing party)

Ages: All

Virtual

FREE

Learn new steps and freestyle on the virtual dance floor with MOVE|NYC| dancers and DJ TonyMonkey on the turntables. Founded in 2015, MOVE|NYC| is a multi-pillared New York City-based arts and social justice organization whose mission is to cultivate greater diversity and equity within the dance profession and beyond. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.

Characters Wanted: Virtual Story-making with BAM Education

BAM Teaching Artist Mel House

Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 12:30pm EST

Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 12:30pm EST

Ages: 6+

Virtual

FREE

A fun-filled virtual story-making session with BAM Education teaching artist Mel House. After experiencing theater-based warm-ups and activities, attendees will collaborate to improvise a pirate-themed tale from scratch. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.

Pilobolus Rules!

Pilobolus

Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 4pm EST

Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 4pm EST

Ages: 5+

Virtual

FREE

Pilobolus, the renowned acrobatic dance company, presents an interactive virtual performance as the dancers test the limits of human physicality using their moves to explore the beauty and power of connected bodies. Pilobolus directors unpack and share two of the company's best-loved pieces. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.

BAMkids Digital Fun For Families

February 20—28

Ages: All

Virtual

FREE

Participants can add to their at-home BAMkids Film Festival experience with interactive digital activities. For more information visit BAM.org/bkff2021.

- **Lincoln Center at Home's #ConcertsForKids Series** presents a variety of world-class on-demand performances and diverse musical perspectives straight from the artist's homes. Performances include the Brown Rice Family concert featuring BAM Teaching Artist, Okai!
- **Colorscape** is a fun and unique app that allows users to take any image and create coloring pages in the app, on paper, or both. *The app is free to download during the Festival, Fridays through Sundays only.*
- **BAMkids Film Festival Coloring Pages** are exclusive to BAMkids Film Festival attendees using the Colorscape app. *The app is free to download during the Festival, Fridays through Sundays only.*
- **Blog Opera** allows participants to create an opera inspired song with Blob Opera. A machine learning experiment by David Li in collaboration with Google Arts & Culture.

Yoga and Meditation

Instructor Chia-Ti Chiu
February 20—28
Virtual/VOD
FREE

- **Jungle Adventure**
Ages: 3—6
A little birdie told me that someone wonderful was spotted in the jungle. Is it a new lion cub, a pack of elephants, a giraffe with a purple neck? Participants will take on different animals through yoga poses as they go on a journey through the jungle. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.
- **Extraordinary Pets**
Ages: 6—8
We know that cats and dogs make good pets... but what if you could have any animal as a pet? Who would you choose? In this yoga story, participants make the shapes and sounds of animals. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.
- **Unshakeable You Meditation**
Ages: Adults
In this short video, participants practice a resilience meditation to help cultivate and access innate inner strength. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.
- **Breathe to Bolster Yourself**
Ages: Adults
In this short video, participants will explore breathing techniques to support them through moments of the day. Bolster the nervous system's ability to respond, receive, and recharge with simple guided breathing practices. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.
- **Find Your Inner Earth with Somatic Practices**
Ages: Adults
Somatic practices can help foster a deeper, more authentic mind-body connection and help participants feel more centered, grounded, and nourished. Viewers will learn some easy somatic practices to use in daily moments and share with others. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.

Young Filmmakers Showcase

February 20—28
Ages: All
Virtual
FREE

BAMkids Film Festival debuts its Young Filmmakers Showcase. Viewers will enjoy a selection of animated and live-action shorts created by young filmmakers (13 years old or younger) from NYC and around the world. More information at BAM.org/bkff2021.

- ***A Busy Recycling Day for Mr. Frank!*** (USA/NY) Creator: Henry Dionne (Age 7)
- ***Piksilation in Švicarija*** (Slovenia) Creators: Ivan Božič (Age 9), Karlo Šalej Eržen (Age 9), Erik Zadnikar Filipčič (Age 8) Ajda Marčun (Age 8), Valentin Pop-Tasič (Age 9) Mentors: Jelena Dragutinović and Gašper Markun (Društvo Slon)
- ***The Beach*** (USA/NY) Creator: Owen Niarhos-Perry (Age 6)
- ***Seagulls*** (USA/NY) Creator: Teo Palumbo (Age 11)
- ***Busy Saturday*** (USA/NJ) Creator: Annie Hope (Age 7)
- ***Robot Stories*** (Slovenia) Creator: Tjan Rozmarič (Age 12)

- ***The Walk*** (Slovenia) Creators: Niko Štefe (Age 10), Kiara Drolc (Age 13), Jure Šantej (Age 13) Mentors: Lea Vučko and Jelena Dragutinović (Društvo 2 koluta) J.
- ***Black Market*** (Slovenia) Director: Jelena Dragutinović and Gašper Markun Creators: Alma Medjugorac Menendez (Age 12), Ivan Božič (Age 9), Jan Primož Sevšek (Age 10) Mentors: Jelena Dragutinović and Gašper Markun (Društvo Slon)
- ***In The Gym*** (Russian Federation) Creator: Evangelina Sarett (Age 13)
- ***Frozen Food*** (USA/NY) Creator: Finnian Armstrong (Age 5)
- ***Dummy and a Chick save the Moon*** (Slovenia) Creators: Dorian Mahnič Dobrovoljc (Age 11), Gleb Šavli (Age 11), Zoja Isoski (Age 12), Jara Sofija Ostan (Age 12), Alma Medjugorac Menendez (Age 12), Vitjan Drolc (Age 10) Mentors: Jelena Dragutinović and Lene Lekše (Društvo Slon)
- ***Hail, King Henry II*** (USA) Creator: Itzet Marquez (Age 13)
- ***First Day of a Chick*** (Ukraine) Creator: Anastasia Shinkarenko (Age 9)
- ***To My Future Self*** (UK) Creator: Charlie Southby (Age 12)

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