



Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) announces 2016/17 BAMkids full season of programming

Highlights include the return of the BAMkids Music Series, the 19th annual BAMkids Film Festival, and physical theater, dance, and theater for very young audiences from around the world

Brooklyn, NY/September 6, 2016—Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) announces the 2016/17 BAMkids full season of programming as part of its year-round arts events for kids and families.

The season commences with the return of our BAMkids Movie Matinee Series, the popular Sunday afternoon movie collection curated by BAMcinématek. The series begins on Oct 9 with the offbeat Robin Williams classic *Popeye*, followed by a selection of beloved family films, including the Buster Keaton favorite, *The Cameraman*; the enchanting Miyazaki fairy tale *My Neighbor Totoro*; and the witty charm of *Chicken Run* and *The Muppet Movie*.

Beginning Oct 22, the BAMkids Music Series returns this year with four artists with a morning and afternoon concert for each performance. This year's line up includes the Persian shadow puppetry performance and workshop of *Zahhak: Legend of the Serpent King*; the intermingling of poetry and salsa music of *Flaco Navaja*; the return of world renowned clarinet player and music educator of *Oran Etkin: Timbalooloo*; and the hip-hop and soul dance party of *Soul Inscribed*.

For the 15th year, the annual free community Halloween celebration *BAMboo!* returns, featuring treats, games, a costume contest, and much more.

The winter/spring programming kicks off in January with the acclaimed 19th annual BAMkids Film Festival featuring a line up of shorts and features presented in association with Northwest Film Forum and TIFF Kids International Film Festival™.

The kid and family-friendly events continue with an array of shows from around the world including the US premiere of *Do Not Disturb*—the physical theater piece from Spanish cirque company Vaivén Circo; the opportunity to channel our inner-child in *The Peter Pan Experience* from Dutch children's theater company Het Laagland; and the BAMkids and LC Kids co-presentation of *In a Pickle*—the adaptation of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* for very young audiences. To better support the needs and enjoyment of audience members with special needs, select performances of both *Do Not Disturb* and *In a Pickle* 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 through 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, Feb 11 at 2pm for *Do Not Disturb*, and Sun, Apr 23 at 3:30pm, and Wed, Apr 26 and Sat, Apr 29 at 10:30am for *In a Pickle*.

The winter/spring season also includes *Teknopolis*—a new interactive, multi-space digital arts showcase in the Fisher building from Feb 25 to Mar 12. In addition, our annual celebration of spoken word and poetry returns with *Poetry 2017: Word.Sound.Power*, which explores the range and spectrum of spoken word and hip hop as it speaks to and with a wide range of audiences.

Tickets for all BAMkids events (except *Teknopolis* and BAM Kids Film Festival) go on sale Sep 20 (Sep 13 for Members). Please visit BAM.org/Kids for more details.

Fall 2016 Programming

Oct 9	BAMkids Movie Matinees — <i>Popeye</i>
Oct 16	BAMkids Movie Matinees — <i>The Cameraman</i>
Oct 22	BAMkids Music Series — <i>Zahhak: Legend of the Serpent King</i> (Persian shadow puppetry with live musical accompaniment and post-show shadow puppetry workshop)
Oct 30	BAMkids Movie Matinees — <i>My Neighbor Totoro</i>
Oct 31	BAMboo!
Nov 5	BAMkids Music Series — <i>Flaco Navaja</i> (poetry/salsa music)
Nov 13	BAMkids Movie Matinees — <i>Chicken Run</i>
Nov 19	BAMkids Music Series — <i>Oran Etkin: Timbalooloo</i> (jazz/world music)
Nov 27	BAMkids Movie Matinees — <i>The Muppet Movie</i>
Dec 3	BAMkids Music Series — <i>Soul Inscribed</i> (hip-hop/soul dance party)

Winter/Spring 2017 Programming

Jan 28—29	19th BAMkids Film Festival
Feb 11—12	<i>Do Not Disturb</i> (dance, physical theater, and cirque performance from Spain)
Feb 25—Mar 12	<i>Teknopolis</i> (interactive, multi-space digital arts exhibition for all ages)
Mar 18—19, & 25—26	<i>The Peter Pan Experience</i> (physical theater from the Netherlands inspired by Peter Pan's vow to never grow up)
Mar 31—Apr 1	<i>Poetry 2017: Word. Sound. Power</i>
Apr 22—23 & 25—30	<i>In a Pickle</i> (adaptation of <i>The Winter's Tale</i> from the UK for younger audiences)

****Note:** There will also be a Spring season 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, costume contest, and a candy giveaway. This year's *BAMboo!* theme is *BOO Bash*, the greatest costume party you've ever been to!

BAMkids Movie Matinees

BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave

Oct 9—Nov 27, 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 9: *Popeye*, Directed by Robert Altman (1980) 114min

Robert Altman brought his typically offbeat vision to this live action take on the iconic comic strip, featuring spot-on performances by Robin Williams and Shelley Duvall and songs by Harry Nilsson.

Oct 16: *The Cameraman*, Directed by Edward Sedgwick (1928) 69min

Buster Keaton plays an imaginary game of baseball in an empty Yankee Stadium and gets mixed up with a monkey in this delightful silent classic bursting with ingenious sight gags.

Oct 30: *My Neighbor Totoro*, Directed by Hayao Miyazaki (1988) 86min

This enchantingly simple paean to childhood—about two sisters who receive visits from a bevy of spirits—contains some of Miyazaki's most iconic imagery.

Nov 13: *Chicken Run*, Directed by Peter Lord & Nick Park (2000) 84min

A flock of plucky chickens hatch a *Great Escape*-style scheme to fly the coop in this wonder of wit and imagination from the animation geniuses of Britain's Aardman Studios (*Wallace & Gromit*).

Nov 27: *The Muppet Movie*, Directed by James Frawley (1979) 95min

Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie, and friends hit the road to Hollywood in their big screen debut, which features all the winking humor, goofy charm, and intelligence of the television series.

BAMkids Music Series

Zahhak: Legend of the Serpent King

BAM Fisher (Hillman Studio), 321 Ashland Pl

Oct 22, 10:30am & 3pm

Ages 8—13

Tickets: \$15

Returning to BAM following the sold-out BAM performances of *Feathers of Fire*, creator Hamid Rahmanian returns to BAM with *Zahhak: Legend of the Serpent King*. Taken from the *Shahnameh* or *Book of Kings*—a Persian epic poem penned in the 10th century by Persian poet Ferdowsi—this shadow play tells the story of a misguided prince who becomes the villainous Serpent King. This short show features intricate shadow puppetry, live musical accompaniment, and a post-show hands-on workshop for kids to create their own shadow puppets inspired by characters from *Shahnameh*.

Support for Muslim Stories: Global to Local provided by the Building Bridges Program of the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

Flaco Navaja

Peter Jay Sharp Building (BAMcafé), 30 Lafayette Ave

Nov 5, 10:30am & 2pm

Ages 6—9

Tickets: \$10

After appearing in BAM's *Poetry 2016: Past is Present*, poet, singer, and actor Flaco Navaja (HBO's *Def Poetry Jam*) returns to BAM to celebrate his Puerto Rican heritage through stories, poetry, and songs. Pairing a nostalgic old sound with brand new spoken word, Navaja's original style combines singing, beat-boxing, and spoken word backed by his six-piece salsa band (featuring bass, piano, Latin percussion, trumpet, and trombone).

Oran Etkin: Timbalooloo

Peter Jay Sharp Building (BAMcafé), 30 Lafayette Ave

Nov 19, 10:30am & 2pm

Ages 3—6

Tickets: \$10

Internationally renowned jazz and world artist Oran Etkin returns to BAM following the success of his *Timbalooloo Wake Up Clarinet* concerts around the world and the growth of *Timbalooloo* Music Classes taught throughout New York. Incorporating rhythms and melodies from Africa, South America, Asia, and Europe, he brings his own uniquely diverse musical perspective to his music for children.

This year's interactive concert includes a sneak peek of some of the songs from his next *Timbaloo* album to be released in 2017.

Soul Inscribed

Peter Jay Sharp Building (BAMcafé), 30 Lafayette Ave

Dec 3, 10:30am & 2pm

Ages 6—11

Tickets: \$10

Fusing poetic hip-hop lyrics and soulful vocals with funk and dub-influenced production, artists Baba Israel (emcee/production), Duv (vocalist), Sean Nowell (saxophone, flute) and Yako 440 (instrumentation/production) spin a dance party for the whole family. Soul Inscribed returns to BAM after previous performances as part of the annual Poetry program and Arts in the Gardens—the free summer arts partnership with NYRP. After participating in or judging dance competitions and events worldwide, hip-hop dancer Ken Fury will join to showcase his skills, while also giving volunteers from the audience the chance to explore theirs.

BAMkids Winter/Spring programming

BAMkids Film Festival

In association with Northwest Film Forum and TIFF Kids International Film Festival™

BAM Rose Cinemas (30 Lafayette Ave)

Jan 28 & 29, 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 19th 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. Ticket purchasers get free access to the BAMkids Film Fest Café which includes dancing, stop motion animation activities, hands-on crafts, performances, and a kid-friendly menu. Visit bam.org/kidsfilmfest for full schedule (available in January).

Do Not Disturb

Vaivén Circo

BAM Fisher (Fishman Space, 321 Ashland Pl)

Feb 11 & 12 at 11am & 2pm

Price: \$15

Ages 6+

Harkening back to the physical comedy of Chaplin and Keaton, *Do Not Disturb*—from acclaimed Spanish cirque company Vaivén Circo—combines dance, physical theater, and cirque to tell this simple story of teamwork. Each character reaches new (figurative and literal) heights through incredible partner balances, acrobatic feats, and choreographed dances as audiences experience firsthand the power of the ensemble working together, communicating through physicality instead of words. Infused with a flamenco and jazz score, *Do Not Disturb* is an inspiring adventure celebrating the creative potential in all of us.

Teknopolis

BAM Fisher (321 Ashland Pl)

Feb 25 through Mar 12

Ages 6+

For the first time at BAM, *Teknopolis* is an interactive, multi-space international digital arts showcase that takes over the entire Fisher building. From the Greek word of *Tekne*—which means craftsmanship, craft, or art—and *Polis*—a city state in ancient Greece, especially considered in its ideal form for philosophical purposes—*Teknopolis* provides a unique space where community members can be inspired to move, make music, create a dance video, 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.

The Peter Pan Experience

Het Laagland

BAM Fisher (Fishman Space, 321 Ashland Pl)

Mar 18 & 19 at 2pm; Mar 18 at 7pm; Mar 25 & 26 at 2pm; & Mar 25 at 7pm

Price: \$15

Ages 7+

Dutch children's theater company Het Laagland presents *The Peter Pan Experience*, an innovative, fast-paced piece of physical theater about rediscovering the joys of play and shaking off the shackles of adulthood. Plucked from their busy jobs, five adult strangers find themselves in a world of nightstands and night lights, a world where your favorite forgotten toys appear out of nowhere, your favorite music thrills you to dance, and the joys of childhood come flooding back thanks to the invisible magic of Peter Pan. In this US premiere, *The Peter Pan Experience* utilizes visual storytelling, music, dance, and special effects to help all audience members embrace their inner child.

Poetry 2017: Word. Sound. Power

Host/Director, Baba Israel

BAM Fisher (Fishman Space, 321 Ashland Pl)

Mar 31 & Apr 1 at 7:30pm

Price: \$20

Ages 13 and up

Poetry 2017: Word. Sound. Power is a resonant and exciting performance that takes the audience through the pantheon of spoken word and hip-hop. Celebrating the inherent radical nature of this oral tradition, this year's BAM performance continues to stretch the consciousness, and various creative aesthetics in and around hip-hop and spoken word. The dynamic Baba Israel returns as the host and director. The full line-up of artists and musicians will be available in December.

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In a Pickle

Oily Cart

BAM Fisher (Hillman Studio, 321 Ashland Pl)

Apr 22 & 23 at 10:30am and 3:30pm; April 25–28 at 10:30am; and April 29 & 30 at 10:30am and 3:30pm

Price: \$15

Ages 2—5

Inspired by Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, *In a Pickle* takes audiences on a voyage of discovery through the landscape of Shakespeare's imagination and the music of his language. The adventure begins in the woolly pastures of a shepherdess and her flock of little sheep, during a party to celebrate the sheep shearing. When she discovers a lost baby, audiences must help her follow the clues to return the baby home. An ensemble of versatile actors portray an array of charming characters who engage the audience in the story while using multiple sensory elements—enchancing music, imaginative dance, lavish costumes, and a variety of tactile experiences for the audience—to propel the story forward. The production began as a commission from the Royal Shakespeare Company to Oily Cart, both acclaimed cultural organizations in the UK, and is co-presented by BAMkids and LC Kids. For more information on *In a Pickle*, visit InAPickleShow.com.

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For press information on BAMkids programming, please contact Christina Norris at cnorris@bam.org or 718.636.4129 x8

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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 bar menu and dinner entrées prior to BAM Howard Gilman Opera House evening performances. BAMcafé also features an eclectic mix of live music for BAMcafé Live on Friday and Saturday nights with a bar menu available starting at 6pm.

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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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