



Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) announces new exciting BAMkids spring programming

Highlights include the 24th annual BAMkids Film Festival, theater puppetry, and music

January 20, 2022/Brooklyn, NY—Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) announces its 2022 BAMkids spring programming—a line-up of theater puppetry, music, and film for kids and family. The exciting new season features one-of-a-kind programs channeling the power of live performance.

The spring season kicks off with the joyous return of circus, dance, and interactive activities at the 24th annual **BAMkids Film Festival** — complemented by virtual workshops and on-demand offerings. Additional programs include the stunning shadow puppetry of ***Song of the North*** and the live energetic jazz and hip-hop concert ***Get Up, Stand Up! Jazz Rapastic***. This season invites kids to come together to dream, laugh, and let loose with their creativity.

"We are thrilled to bring you a season that will inspire you, that will delight you, that will take your breath away, and start extraordinary conversations," said BAM Director of Family Programming, **Steven McIntosh**. "Our season is filled with moments of connectedness and journeys—of the unexpected magic of a festival, the transcendent power of theater, and the undeniable energy of hip-hop. We have been waiting for this moment and look forward to seeing you all soon."

Tickets for BAMkids Film Festival (in person) go on sale on January 20 for the general public (January 18 for Members). Tickets for *Song of the North* and *Get Up, Stand Up! Jazz Rapastic* go on sale on February 10 for the general public (February 3 for Members). Visit [BAM.org/kids](https://bam.org/kids) for tickets and more details.

All events will adhere to protocols developed in accordance with New York State regulations and in consultation with medical professionals for the safety of our artists, audiences, and staff. Capacities for all events will comply with government-issued guidelines. Current protocols can be found [here](#) and will continue to be updated as they evolve

For press information on BAMkids programming, please contact Cynthia Tate at ctate@bam.org

Now—Feb 13	<i>Heroes of Color HQ</i>
Feb 5 & 6	BAMkids Film Festival 2022 (in person)
Feb 5—13	BAMkids Film Festival 2022 (virtual)
Mar 5—12	<i>Song of the North</i>
Apr 2	<i>Get Up, Stand Up! Jazz Rapastic</i>

BAMkids programming details:

Heroes of Color HQ

Co-curated by the BAMkids Parents Advisory Circle

Virtual ([BAM.org](https://bam.org))

Now— Feb 13

FREE

Ages 5-11

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy and learn about underrepresented historical figures, including —artists, scientists, and activists. Kids are invited to create their own heroes at home through a virtual workshop, videos, and activities based on David Heredia's Heroes of Color web series and books. Participants will create their own publications using *The Oregonian* "how to create a zine" as a resource. The digital program also offers a unique collection from the BAM Hamm Archives that showcases influential Black artists and speakers who have graced BAM stages in the past, including Baba Chuck Davis, Marian Anderson, Frederick Douglass, Langston Hughes, Martha Redbone, and more. Visit [BAM.org](https://bam.org) for more information. (High-Res Press Images [Here](#))

BAMkids Film Festival 2022

In association with Northwest Film Forum and Melbourne International Animation Festival

In-Person: **BAM Rose Cinemas** (Peter Jay Sharp Building, 30 Lafayette Ave)

Feb 5 & 6 starting at 9:30am

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

Ages 5–11

Virtual: **On-Demand** (BAM.org)

Feb 5—13

Price: Full Festival Pass Pay-what-you-wish starting at \$30 and Single Programs Pay-what-you-wish starting at \$5

Ages 3–11

Highlighting the best kids shorts and features from around the globe, the 24th annual BAMkids Film Festival returns with in-person and virtual imaginative shorts and free virtual workshops, performances, and more. This year's festival highlights short films from around the globe that encourage kids to embrace their dreams, follow their hearts, and let their imaginations soar. Plus, we've got a great lineup of free activities—including dance and circus performances, creative workshops, and the Young Filmmakers Showcase—offered online, at BAM, or both. Choose the combination of in-person and virtual programming that's right for your family.

In person programs are for ages 5–11, virtual programs are for ages 3–11.

Shorts Program: Joyful Surprises

In partnership with Northwest Film Forum

Turn up the joy! In this lively and vibrant mix of animated shorts, characters experience an array of delightful adventures, from waking up the sun to conducting an orchestra. This program includes films from Australia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United States.

Shorts Program: Follow Your Heart

In partnership with Northwest Film Forum

Let your heart lead the way! This colorful collection of shorts is full of tenderness, lessons learned, and the power of listening to our hearts as we go through life's adventures. This program includes films from Canada, France, Greece, Latvia, New Zealand, the United States, and Uzbekistan.

Shorts Program: Ready to Play!

In partnership with Northwest Film Forum

When we feel stuck, play can bring new possibilities. This eclectic mix of films explores the ways play can inspire change and even healing. Characters may have to bend a few rules (not too many, of course!) but their desire to do something unique ultimately brings them closer to family, friends, and furry companions. This program includes films from Canada, Denmark, France, Lithuania, New Zealand, Spain, and the United States.

Shorts Program: Eyes Wide Open

In partnership with Northwest Film Forum

As kids get bigger, so does everything else in their world. The young protagonists of these thought-provoking films ask big questions, make big choices, and even teach the grown-ups a thing or two. Watch as they summon their courage to face difficult situations and learn to embrace their everyday superpowers. This program includes films from Brazil, Canada, Colombia, France, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Mongolia, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Shorts Program: Adventure Friends

In partnership with Melbourne International Animation Festival

Imagination and unexpected friendships are the best ingredients to stir up adventure in these animated shorts from around the world. This program includes films from France, Germany, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Shorts Program: Big Dreams

In partnership with Melbourne International Animation Festival

No dream is too big for these characters, from learning to fly to searching for the meaning of life! This program includes films from Canada, France, Hungary, Peru, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Visit [BAM.org](https://bam.org) for the full schedule and more information. (High-Res Press Images [Here](#))

On-sale dates for the in-person program and the virtual program are separate. If you would like to attend the program in person and receive virtual access, you will need to buy two separate tickets. For additional questions or clarifications please contact info@bam.org.

Song of the North

Created and directed by Hamid Rahmanian

Kingorama and Two Chairs

Courtesy of Fictionville Studio

Harvey Theater at BAM Strong (651 Fulton St. Brooklyn, NY)

Mar 5 at 2pm; Mar 12 at 2pm & 7pm

Price: Pay-what-you-wish starting at \$15

Ages 8-14

An inspirational epic from ancient Persia comes to life in this stunning multi-disciplinary performance, created through shadow puppetry, projected animation, music, movement, and theater. Over 300 handmade puppets are used to tell the story of Manijeh, a courageous heroine who uses her strengths and determination to rescue her beloved and help prevent a war. Adapted from the *Book of Kings* (*Shahnameh*), a historical and cultural touchstone that is a national treasure in Iran, *Song of the North* challenges the Eurocentric worldview of art and storytelling. Carefully crafted for young audiences, it's a one-of-a-kind multimedia experience that celebrates collaboration, experimentation, and unity. Visit [BAM.org](https://bam.org) for more information. (High-Res Press Images [Here](#))

Get Up, Stand Up! Jazz Raptastic

With Ms. Mariella of Jazz Baby Music

The Adam Max Space (Peter Jay Sharp Building, 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY)

Sat, Apr 2 at 2pm

Price: Pay-what-you-wish starting at \$8

Ages 8+

Sing and dance along with Ms. Mariella and her band as they flip famous jazz standards into their hip-hop babies! Jazz Baby Music offers an interactive, joyful, and spontaneous environment for kids to dive into one of the musical roots of rap. Join the group as they glide and groove through familiar tunes, magically transforming them into hip-hop classics.

Mariella is the founder of Jazz Baby Music, where she blends her love of jazz with multi-sensory play for children. Jazz Baby classes can be found throughout New York City and Westchester, as well as online. Mariella also leads Spanish/Bilingual Storytime and Ready, Set, Kindergarten! programs for Brooklyn Public Library. She is currently writing a children's album. Visit [BAM.org](https://bam.org) for more information. (High-Res Press Images [Here](#))

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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. Harvey Theater at BAM Strong is located two blocks from the main building at 651 Fulton Street (between Ashland and Rockwell Places). BAM Fisher, located at 321 Ashland Place, houses the Judith and Alan Fishman Space and Rita K. Hillman Studio.

Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5, Q, B to Atlantic Avenue – Barclays Center (2, 3, 4, 5 to Nevins St. for Harvey Theater at BAM Strong) 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 more information, call BAM Ticket Services at 718.636.4100, or visit BAM.org.

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