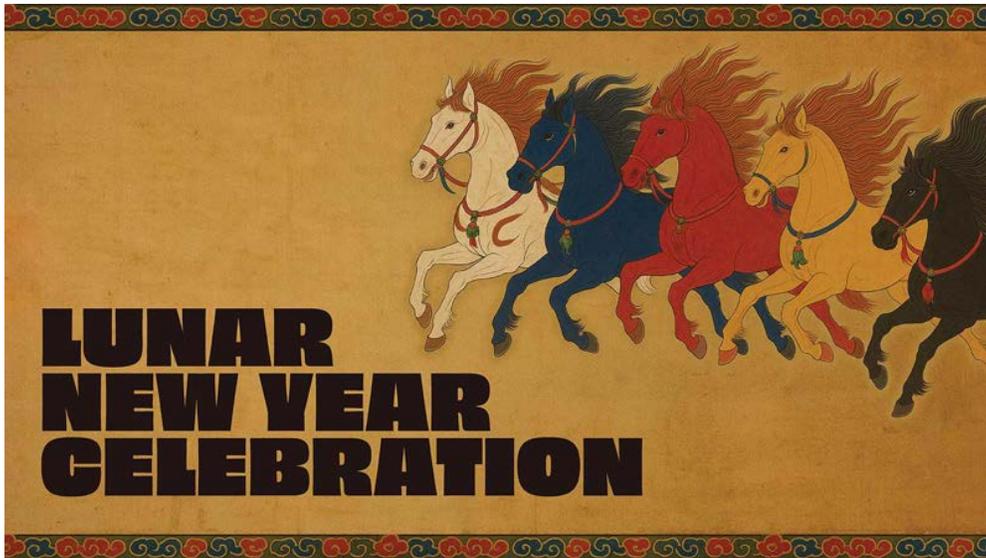


Lunar New Year Celebration at Lincoln Center

Relaxed Performance Visual Guide



Event Time: Sunday, February 22, 2026 from 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Where: David Geffen Hall

Address: 10 Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, NY 10023

How long: This is a drop-in event that runs for 4 hours

Recommended age: All ages

This visual guide shares what to expect when you come to the Lunar New Year Celebration at Lincoln Center.

What is a Relaxed Performance?

At Lincoln Center, we believe the arts are for all.

Relaxed Performances are open to everyone, and especially welcoming to people with autism, sensory or communication disabilities, or learning disabilities.

The performance itself stays the same. We make small changes to the theater's social and sensory environment and expectations, so the space feels more comfortable and flexible.

Relaxed Performances can also be helpful for neurodivergent people, families with young children, and anyone who finds traditional theater rules do not work for their needs.

At this event:

- You can **enter and leave** the performance space during the event, if you need to.
- You can **move, make sound, and respond** to any performance in your own way.
- We ask everyone to help create a **no “shushing” zone**.
- The lights stay on. The spaces are never fully dark.

- If there are **bright lights, loud sounds, or surprising sensory moments**, we describe them in this visual guide. **Please keep reading below.**

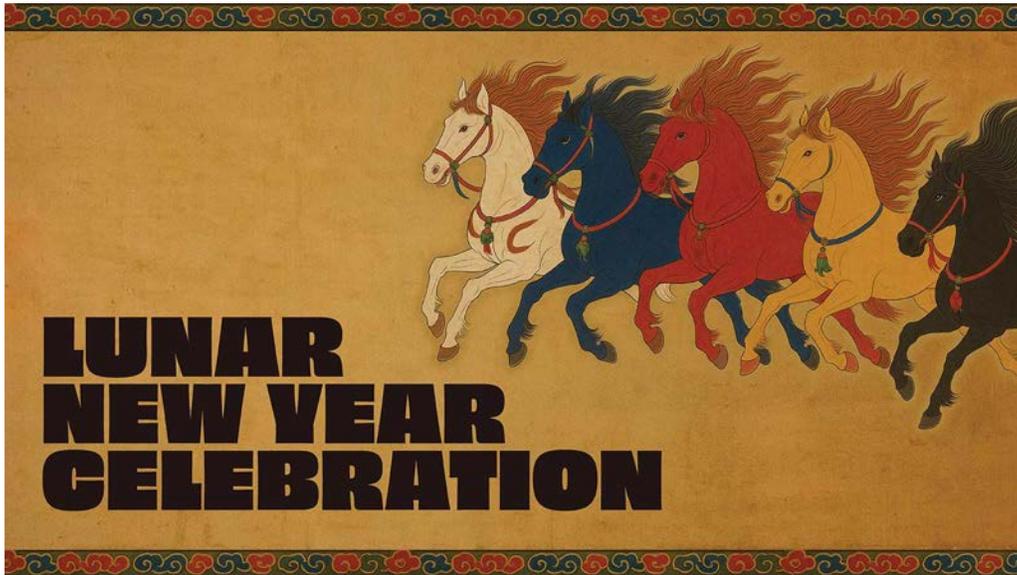
We may also share key reminders through announcements during the event.

- A **Chill Out Space with sensory support materials** is available if you need a break—you can return when you're ready.
- **Noise-reducing headphones** and **fidgets** will be available to borrow.
- Staff are trained in inclusive and accessible practice.

For more relaxed performances, visit lincolncenter.org/relaxed.

About This Event

What is the Lunar New Year Celebration?



- Lunar New Year Celebration is a free, family-friendly day at David Geffen Hall.
- You can drop-in anytime between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. You can stay for all four hours or just look around for a few minutes.
- You can celebrate the Year of the Horse with music, dance, arts and crafts, delicious food, and other activities.
- For the third year in a row, you can see the Tai Look Lion Dance Company—a Chinatown favorite.
- You can hear Korean rock music with Insun Park & Generals.

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- There is also a family-friendly storytime session with Monique Truong.
 - You're invited to join hands-on arts and crafts with Shanghai Museum.
 - This event is a Relaxed Performance. You can move around, make sound, and come and go as you need to.

Schedule at a Glance

- 10:30am: Doors to David Geffen Hall open: 10:30 am
- 11:00am-4:00pm: Drop-In Activity – **Shanghai Museum Gallery** (crafts + cultural products) – Leon and Norma Hess Grand Promenade
- 11:00am-4:00pm: Drop-In Activity – **Step into Covers: Music, Memory, and Migration of the Korean Diaspora** (installation by COVERS BY MP3) – Sidewalk Studio
- 11:00am-2:30pm: Drop-In Activity – **Cloud AI photo booth** – Grand Promenade West
- 11:00am: Performance – **Storytime With Monique Truong** – LeFrak Lobby
- 12:30pm: Performance – **BIAS.NYC x Not Shy Dance Crew** (K-pop choreography) – Grand Promenade
- 1:00pm: Performance – **Insun Park & Generals** (Korean rock music) – Grand Promenade
- 2:00pm: Performance – **Chinese Opera Association** – Grand Promenade

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- 2:30pm: Performance – **Lion Dance** (Tai Look Lion Dance Company) – Starts on the Grand Promenade, then moves through the building and outdoors

Food available all day from 11:00am-4:00pm – Grand Promenade (East and West bar locations) and LeFrak Lobby

Activity, Event and Performance details



Storytime With Monique Truong

(11:00 am) — LeFrak Lobby

- Monique will read children's book *Mai's Áo Dài* for families.
- The story is about tradition, family, and identity centered around Tết, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year
- Captions and written translations will be available in English, simplified Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.
- Sound: Medium sound, speaking level on a microphone.
- Light: The stage is well-lit. Daylight may come in through the glass doors and walls behind the audience.
- Seating: Seating is first-come, first-served. You may be able to sit in a chair, on a carpet, or stand nearby.

Shanghai Museum Activations (all day) — across Grand Promenade, Sidewalk Studio, First Tier Overlook

- Museum-style displays and hands-on crafting showcasing cultural products from Shanghai.

- Sound: Medium sound, speaking level
- Light: Natural lighting from glass windows.
- Seating: Chairs may be available at craft stations, but seating is limited.

Step into Covers (all day) — Sidewalk Studio

- A museum-style installation by COVERS BY MP3.
- You may see documentary footage and hear music.
- You can also choose to join activities like a digital photo booth or making zines.
- Light: The room is well-lit. Daylight may come in through the glass walls on two sides of the room.
- Seating: There is no general seating. Limited seating may be available at tables for making zines.

BIAS.NYC x Not Shy Dance Crew (12:30 pm) — Grand Promenade

- A short K-pop choreography performance.
- You can watch quietly or dance along if you want.
- Sound: Amplified music, may be loud at times.

- **Light:** The stage is well-lit. Daylight may come in through the glass behind the stage.
- **Seating:** You can sit on the carpet in front of the stage or in nearby chairs.



Insun Park & Generals

(1:00 pm) — Grand Promenade

- **Live contemporary Korean rock music.** With traditional and shamanic influences.
- **Instruments include drums, guitar, electric bass, keys, flute, and taepyeongso.**
- **Sound:** This performance will be loud.
- **Light:** The stage is well-lit. Daylight may come in through the glass behind the stage.
- **Seating:** You can sit on the carpet in front of the stage or in nearby chairs.



New York Chinese Opera Association (2:00 pm) — Grand Promenade

- Chinese opera is a traditional performance that uses singing and movement to tell a story.
- You will see performers in elaborate costumes and makeup.
- This performance is in a dialect of Chinese.
- Sound: This may be loud at times.
- Light: The stage is well-lit. Daylight may come in through the glass behind the stage.
- Seating: You can sit on the carpet in front of the stage or in nearby chairs.



Lion Dance (2:30 pm)

Starts on the Grand Promenade, then moves through the building and outdoors

- Performed by Tai Look Lion Dance Company.
- Sound: This can get loud. You may hear drums, cymbals, and a gong.
- The performers may come close to you as they move through the crowd.
- The movement of the dancers in the lion will mimic the expressions of the lion and show the different emotions through the costume.
- Light: All areas of performance and procession will be well-lit with daylight and indoor lighting.
- Audience participation: You may be invited to gently touch or interact with the lions.
- Seating: This is mostly standing-room viewing. You can step back or move to a quieter area if you need to.

Cloud AI Photo Booth (available 11:00 am–2:30 pm) — Grand Promenade West

- A staff member will take your headshot photo and create a personalized, Lunar New Year–themed AI avatar.
- You will receive both a digital file and a printed souvenir.
- A bilingual attendant (Mandarin/English) will help you and handle the AI process. You do not need your own device or to sign in.
- You may wait in a line. You will be asked to complete a short photo release form (a large-print version is available).
- Chairs will be available if you prefer or need to sit while waiting or during the photo.
- Sensory notes: There will be bright digital screens and standard photo-capture lighting. You will hear the sounds of any performances happening on the Grand Promenade, which can be loud.

Food vendors (all day) — Grand Promenade (East and West bar locations) and LeFrak Lobby

- You can buy food and drinks during the event.

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- On the Grand Promenade, outside vendors are set up near the East and West bar locations.
 - In the LeFrak Lobby, the concession stand will offer wonton soup as the special of the day, plus regular items.
 - You may notice a light sugar smell near tanghulu. Other food smells should be minimal in guest areas.
 - Allergen information will be posted on tabletop signs.

Sensory Guide

If you need support with sensory moments, you can borrow noise-reducing headphones and fidgets in the lobby or take a break in the Chill Out Space.

Here are some sensory moments you can plan for:

Sound

- Overall, this event can be busy. You may hear many people talking and children playing.
- Some performances can be loud, especially the Lion Dance (drum, cymbals, gong).
- The band for Insun Park & Generals may be louder than the DJ set.
- The Grand Promenade and the First Tier Overlook will be noisy during performances.

Light

- Stage areas are well-lit so you can see the performers.
- The audience areas will have a lot of natural light.

- Daylight may come in through the glass behind the stage.



Movement

- Guests may move around the Lobby and Grand Promenade.
- The Lion Dance performers move through the building, so you may see performers passing by.



Emotional content

- Some activities and installations share stories about home, immigration, and belonging.
- You can choose how much time you spend with this content.



Audience participation

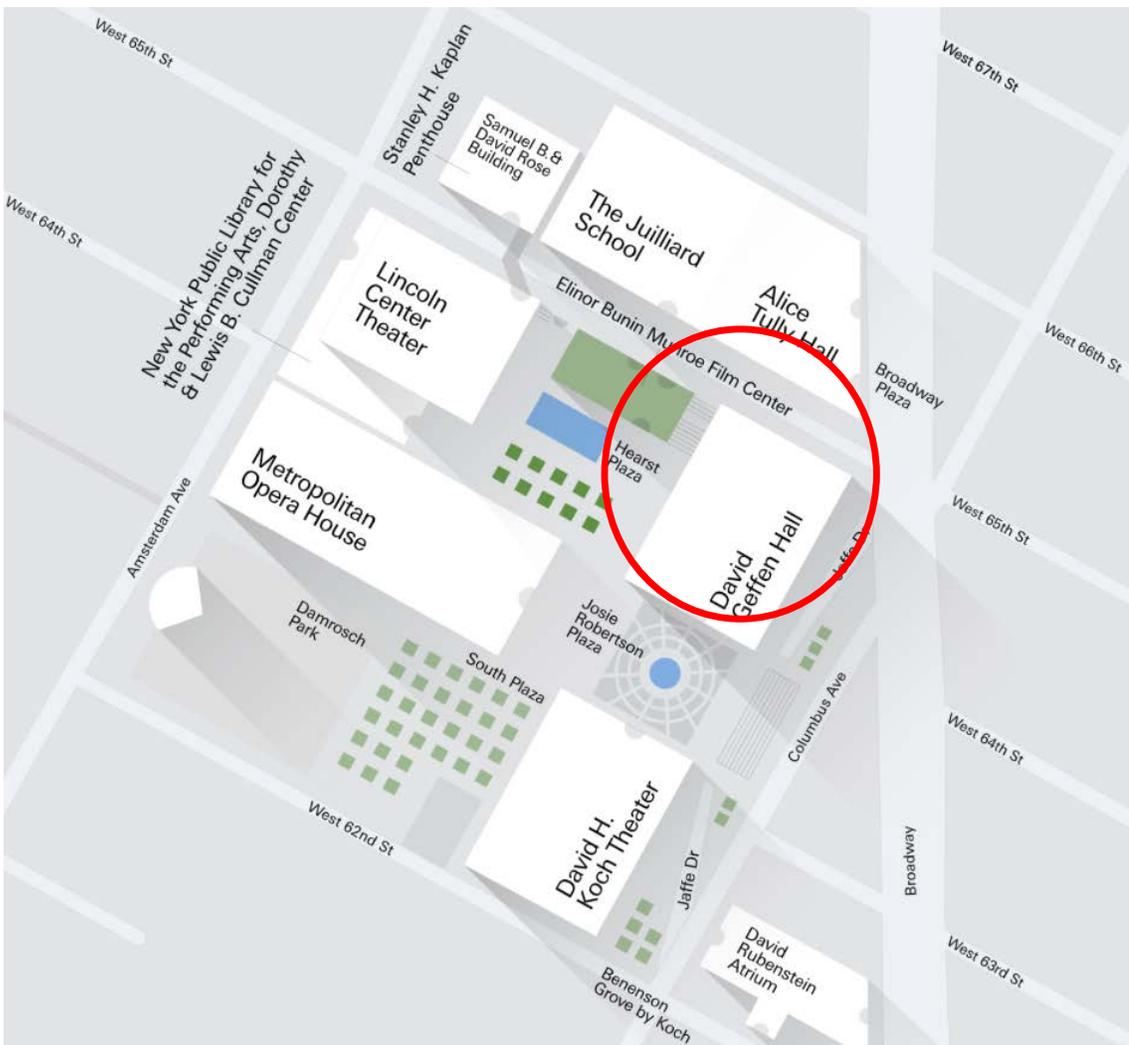
- You may be invited to join crafts, dance along, or gently interact with the lions.
- It is always your choice to participate or to observe.

Getting to David Geffen Hall

Address: 10 Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, NY 10023

David Geffen Hall is located between West 64th Street and West 65th Street on Columbus Avenue.

The main entrance is at 10 Lincoln Center Plaza. The entrance has automatic doors.



By Subway

- You can take **1 train** to **66 St–Lincoln Center** (with shorter distance)
- You can also take **A / B / C / D / 1 trains** to **59 St–Columbus Circle** (with slightly longer distance)
- Both subway stations are accessible via the elevator.



By Bus

You can take: **M5, M7, M10, M11, M20, M66, M104**. (within one block of the David Geffen Hall.)

Access-A-Ride

If you need an address for Access-A-Ride, use 20 Lincoln Center Plaza (Lincoln Center's designated Access-A-Ride stop).

Pick-Up/Drop-Off:

West side of Broadway between West 65th Street & West 66th Street.



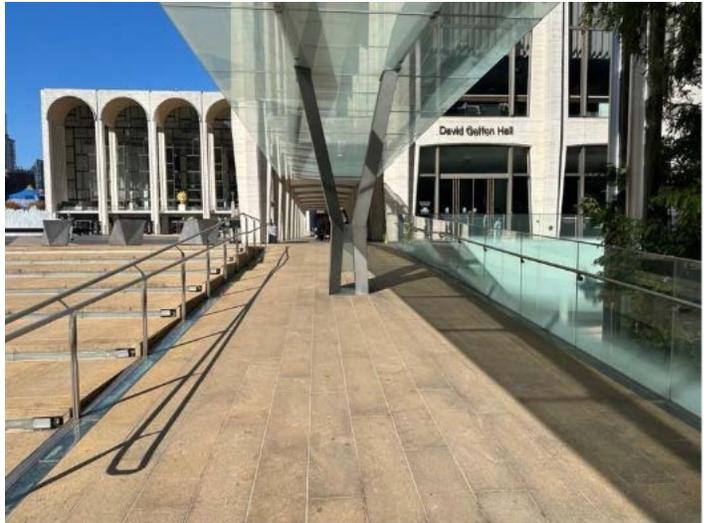
Parking at Lincoln Center

- Lincoln Center partners with Metropolis.
- If you can, register before you arrive. You can add your payment information and license plate number on your phone (link or Metropolis app).
- Or, when you arrive, scan a QR code in the garage to sign up.
- When you enter, cameras scan your license plate. When you exit, payment is processed automatically.
- Daily and monthly reservations are available to book online.
- **The 62nd Street (between Columbus Ave and Amsterdam Ave)** is best for southbound and westbound traffic. The entrance is mid-block on the right. It is open 24/7.
- **The Amsterdam Ave (just past 62nd Street, near 63rd St)** is best for northbound traffic. The entrance: about 100 feet on the right past 62nd St. It opens 6:00 am–midnight, daily.

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- **Designated accessible spaces** are in the Blue Section of the Plaza Garage. The recommended entrance is at 64th Street for accessible parking.

Entering the building

- Doors open at 10:30 am.
- You can enter David Geffen Hall from Josie Robertson Plaza.
 - There are ramps and stairs from Columbus Avenue and the plaza.



- You can also reach the entrance of the building from the concourse level (below the plaza) using the escalators or elevators.

When You Arrive

Security check



- You will go through a security check.
 - You will walk through a security machine. The machine might light up or make noise.
 - Security staff may also look inside your bags.
 - There may be a working dog nearby.
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- You can keep your phone and keys with you.
 - If you need a different type of screening, tell a security staff member.

LeFrak Lobby

- When you enter David Geffen Hall, you will be in the LeFrak Lobby.
- You can find Information Tables in the lobby.
- The lobby can feel busy during this event.
- Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. You may find chairs, tables, benches, and couches.
- You can choose to stay in the lobby for activities, food, and information tables, visit the Sidewalk Studio for craft activities, or take escalators or elevators up to the Grand Promenade for performances, more food and activities.



Information tables

- Staff can answer questions about the schedule and locations for activities.
- An Access table will have assistive listening devices (ALDs) and sensory supports to borrow.

Before you join a performance, you can:

Restrooms

- All-gender accessible restrooms and a water bottle filling station are in the LeFrak Lobby.
- Accessible companion restrooms are available on the Orchestra level and on all three tiers.
- Infant changing tables are available on every level.



We welcome you to use the restroom that best aligns with your gender identity or expression.

Coat check

- A coat check is in the main lobby near the restrooms.

Use the Chill Out Space

- The Chill Out Space is on the Grand Promenade, in the Grand Promenade East Support area (past the restrooms).

You can take a break there and return when you're ready.



We have noise-reducing headphones, earplugs, fidgets to borrow.

You can always ask staff for help anytime.

Food and Drinks (available for purchase)

You can buy food and drinks during the event (11:00 am–3:00 pm).

On the Grand Promenade

- Outside vendors will be set up near the East and West bar locations.
- Little Alley: shu mai (vegetarian, or pork/shrimp) — \$12
- Hula Tanghulu: tanghulu — about \$8 each

- Tanghulu was very popular last year, so you may see a line.

In the David Geffen Hall Lobby

The Lobby concession stand will offer wonton soup as the special of the day, plus regular items.

Smells / sensory notes

- Food prep should not create strong smells in guest areas.
- Tanghulu is prepared on site; you may notice a light sugar smell.

Allergens

- Allergen information will be posted on tabletop signs.
- Shu mai may contain: allium, soy, and potentially shellfish.
- If you have allergies, you can ask staff about ingredients.

Who You'll Meet

During your visit, you may see:

Guest Experience staff wearing red shirts and khaki pants, with a black name badge on their chest.

They can help you with:

- Finding the theater, restrooms, or the Chill Out Space
- Finding a seat that works for you (including accessible seating)
- Borrowing sensory tools (headphones, fidgets, etc.)
- Taking a break and returning to your seat

You may also see security staff wearing dark blue uniforms. Security will be at the entrance of David Geffen Hall and will be available in case of emergencies.



Before the Event – What You Can Do

- We recommend arriving early if you want a quieter start.
You can also arrive any time between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.
- When you arrive, you can choose where to start.
You can visit all-day stations in the lobby, Sidewalk Studio, or First Tier Overlook, or go to the Grand Promenade for performances.
- If you arrive before doors open, you can wait outside on Josie Robertson Plaza or Hearst Plaza or indoors at the David Rubenstein Atrium.



Welcome Center at David Geffen Hall

A place to get information about programs, ask questions, book tickets, or get a coffee or light snack.



Hearst Plaza

An outdoor area with green space and seating where you can sit, relax, or have a quiet moment before the performance.

Staff can help you find these spaces if you are not sure where they are.

Access Services & Accommodations

At Lincoln Center, we offer several access services that may be helpful during your visit:

Accessible Routes and Seating

The venue is on an accessible route, has elevators, and designated wheelchair and companion seating.



Assistive Listening

FM assistive listening devices with headsets and neck loops are available for all performances.

You are also welcome to bring your own standard-jack headphones.



Chill Out Space

A Chill Out space is available on the Grand Promenade, in GP East Support (past the restrooms).



Sensory Tools

We offer noise-reducing headphones, earplugs, and small fidgets. You can borrow them from staff.

Captions and language translations

Storytime With Monique Truong includes captions and written translations in English, Simplified Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.



Access Concierge Service

You can request 1:1 support from our Access Reps.



Please schedule more than seven days in advance.
To learn more or schedule this service in advance,
contact: **212-875-5456** or
guestexperience@lincolncenter.org.

You can always ask any staff member if you would like help finding these services.

Feedback

If you would like to share feedback about your experience, you can:

- Scan the QR code
- Fill out the survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/EESB5719dC>
- Talk with a staff member if you would like help sharing feedback.

Your comments help us improve future Relaxed Performances and visual guides.

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