

Lincoln Center Passport to the Arts

Fall 2025 Season (November to January)

ABTKids

David H. Koch Theater

Saturday, November 1st at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (All Ages)

American Ballet Theatre

Family Ballet Performance for General Audiences

Share the wonder of dance with your entire family as American Ballet Theatre presents ABTKids, a special, one-hour performance designed to introduce young audiences to the magic and beauty of dance. The performance, recommended for children ages 4-12, will be hosted by Principal Dancer Misty Copeland and feature child-friendly highlights from the Company's vast repertoire.

Opera Magic with The Metropolitan Opera

Virtual on Zoom

Saturday, November 8th at 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (Ages 5+)

The Metropolitan Opera

Virtual Backstage Tour for Passport Families

An exclusive virtual look at what it takes to make operatic magic! Learn about how an opera goes from the rehearsal room to the operatic stage, led by the Metropolitan Opera's Senior Associate, Tour and Volunteer, Elspeth Davis, and Manager, Education Partnerships, Stefanie Izzo.

Big Apple Circus

Damrosch Park at Lincoln Center

Sunday, November 9th at 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (All Ages)

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

Family Circus Performance for General Audiences

The magic of the Big Apple Circus returns to New York City — bolder, brighter, and more breathtaking than ever! Perfect for families, thrill-seekers, and dreamers of all ages. Get ready to laugh, gasp, and cheer—this is one show you don't want to miss!

Improv Workshop with EPIC Players

Clark Studio Theater

Friday, November 14th at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (Ages 13+)

Lincoln Center for Performing Arts

Interactive Improv Workshop for Passport Families

This workshop with EPIC Players will focus on developing foundational skills for improv performance. Be ready to let loose and have fun!

Relaxed Lincoln Center Campus Tour

Lincoln Center Campus

Sunday, November 16th at 10:00 am – 11:30 am (Ages 13+)

Lincoln Center for Performing Arts

Small Group Tours for Passport Families

This relaxed campus tour exclusively for Passport families will provide a behind-the-scenes perspective of the past and present of Lincoln Center. Led by a Lincoln Center tour guide, guests will learn about Lincoln Center's history; explore the front of house areas and behind the scenes of some of the iconic arts organizations that call Lincoln Center home; and experience our vibrant campus the way only artists and staff do.

This is a 90-minute active walking tour and is accessible for guests in wheelchairs and mobility devices.

Meet the Music: Musical Fairy Tales

Alice Tully Hall

Sunday, November 16th at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Ages 6+)

Chamber Music Society

Family Music Performance for General Audiences

What can music say—can a violin order a pizza? Join us for a fantastical journey as enchanting fairy tales from around the world are brought to life through music!

For all who are curious, they can try out instruments at our Instrument Petting Zoo from 1:00–1:50 PM in the lobby. Children will also have the opportunity to talk to the artists by asking questions at the end of the show.

You'll See...

Clark Studio Theater

Friday, November 21st at 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm (Ages 8+)

Saturday, November 22nd at 11:00 am – 11:45 am (Ages 8+)

Lincoln Center for Performing Arts

Relaxed Theater Performance for General Audiences

Ulysses for children? Yes, Ulysses for children. James Joyce's epic story of one day in one city is brought to life in this inventive show by Branar, bringing Ireland's most notorious book to audiences aged 8 and upwards, and to all those who haven't got around to reading it yet. Combining live performance, intricate paper design, and an original score, this is theater that will excite both young and old.

This production is commissioned as part of Ulysses 2.2, a collaborative project between ANU, Landmark Productions and Museum of Literature, Ireland. Kindly supported by Culture Ireland.

Young People's Concert: *Symphonies! Stories! Sibelius!*

David Geffen Hall

Saturday, November 22nd at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Ages 6+)

New York Philharmonic

Relaxed Music Performance for General Audiences

Sibelius's Symphony No. 2 is like an adventurous storybook waiting to be explored. As the Orchestra plays selections from this masterwork, young audiences will become musical detectives, piecing together clues that lead to a triumphant finale.

Pre-Concert activities where kids can try out instruments, meet musicians, and craft with teaching artists and their fellow attendees begin at 1:00 PM.

Virtual Workshop for Adults: “The New York Nutcracker” with CO_LAB Theater Group

Virtual on Zoom

Sunday, December 7th at 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (Ages 18+)

Lincoln Center for Performing Arts

Interactive Workshop for Passport Adults

Led by CO_LAB Theater Group, join the cast of the burlesque parody “The New York Nutcracker” for a virtual workshop exploring how burlesque, shadow puppetry, comedy, and dance can be used to reimagine classic stories.

Skeleton Canoe

Clark Studio Theater

Friday, December 12th at 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Ages 5+)

Lincoln Center for Performing Arts

Family Theater Performance for General Audiences

Written and performed by GRAMMY Award winner Ty Defoe, Skeleton Canoe is the powerful story of an Indigenous youth on the search for truth, belonging, and self-understanding. Using puppetry, multimedia design, and traditional Anishinaabe lifeways, the characters discover unexpected friends and weather storms.

A performance for families of all ages, Skeleton Canoe was created in collaboration with All My Relations Collective, who are dedicated to creating transformative experiences at the intersection of art, technology, and traditional Indigenous knowledge.

Sounds of the Season

David Geffen Hall

Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Ages 5+)

New York Philharmonic

Family Music Performance for General Audiences

Make your holiday season all the brighter with these family-friendly matinees featuring music from the classical canon (think Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*), popular hits (such as Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*), and festive songs from around the world (from Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* to South Africa's *Sizalelwe Indodana*).

Holiday Open House - *The Magic Flute*

The Metropolitan Opera House

Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Ages 8+)

The Metropolitan Opera

Family Opera Performance for General Audiences

A beloved New York holiday tradition, Mozart's enchanting musical fairy tale returns in the Met's abridged, English-language production by Julie Taymor—the Tony Award–winning director of Broadway's *The Lion King*. With dazzling puppets and a colorful setting, the Met's *Magic Flute* is one of the city's ultimate seasonal sensations for family audiences.

Continuing a longstanding tradition, the Met presents a Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 14, starting at 12PM, prior to the matinee performance of *The Magic Flute*. The Open House allows hundreds of children and families to take part in hands-on musical explorations and experience behind-the-scenes demonstrations by members of the Met's backstage and artistic staff, including musicians, actors, dancers, and members of the Wig and Costume Shop.

Home Alone: Live in Concert

David Geffen Hall

Thursday, December 18th at 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm (Ages 8+)

New York Philharmonic

Music Performance and Film Screening for General Audiences

A true holiday favorite that's fun for the entire family, this beloved comedy classic features renowned composer John Williams's delightful score performed live to picture by the NY Phil. Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an eight-year-old boy who's accidentally left behind when his family leaves for Christmas vacation, and who must defend his home against two bungling thieves.

Family Saturday: A Nutcracker Adventure

David H. Koch Theater

Saturday, December 20th at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (All Ages)

New York City Ballet

Family Performance for General Audiences

Join us for these exciting one-hour interactive presentations featuring excerpts from New York City Ballet's diverse repertory performed by Company dancers and members of the NYCB Orchestra. This family-friendly performance is recommended for ages 4-12.

Join Marie and the Nutcracker Prince on their magical journey to the Land of Sweets. Experience the intricate costumes, candy-colored sets, iconic music, and spectacular choreography of George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*® as we explore highlights from this holiday classic.

Big Band Holiday

Jazz at Lincoln Center Rose Hall

Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (All Ages)

Jazz at Lincoln Center

Relaxed Performance for General Audiences

Ring in the holiday season with this Jazz at Lincoln Center beloved annual tradition, returning to Rose Theater for its 13th year. Under the expert direction of JLCO trombonist and arranger Chris Crenshaw, this holiday spectacular brings new life to classic tunes.

Get ready for an evening of swing, joy, and the timeless magic of the season.

New York City Ballet: George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*® (Sensory Friendly)

David H. Koch Theater

Sunday, January 4th at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Ages 5+)

New York City Ballet

Relaxed Ballet Performance for General Audiences

This sensory friendly performance features the beloved holiday classic George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*®. Set to the enchanting Tchaikovsky score, audiences will delight as they embark on a magical journey with Marie and the Nutcracker Prince as they defeat the Mouse King and celebrate their victory in the Land of Sweets. With 90 dancers, 62 musicians, 40 stagehands, and more than 125 children from the School of American Ballet, in two alternating casts, this production is a treasured jewel of NYCB's repertory, capturing the joy of the holiday season.

What to Expect:

Passport to the Arts' fall season will run from September 2025 through early January 2026.

Programs labeled “Relaxed Performances” are open to the general public and especially welcoming for people with autism, sensory and communication disorders or learning disabilities.

In-person performances and programs take place on Lincoln Center's campus and are subject to up-to-date COVID-19 protocols. Families will receive pre-visit materials, including social narratives, photos and links before each program.

All virtual programs take place on Zoom and are inclusively designed. Most are open exclusively to families with children, teens or adults with disabilities.

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