Lincoln Center Passport to the Arts
Fall & Holiday 2026 Season
(September to January)

Request Tickets for Programs:

If you have previously attended programs through Passport to the Arts, your Fall & Holiday 2026 ticket request form has been sent via email.

To join the Passport to the Arts community and receive a link to register for Fall & Holiday 2026 programs,
visit LincolnCenter.org/Passport

What to Expect:

Passport to the Arts' fall season will run from September 2026 through January 2027. Additional programs may be announced at a later date.

Program ticket requests will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Capacity is limited, and we work to match every family with tickets for at least one program each season.

In-person performances and programs take place on Lincoln Center's campus. Families receive pre-visit materials, including written directions, visual guides, and program details before each event.

Programs labeled "Relaxed" are especially welcoming for people with autism, sensory and communication disorders or learning disabilities. Learn more about expectations on the Relaxed Performances webpage: LincolnCenter.org/Relaxed

All virtual programs take place on Zoom and are inclusively designed. Most are open exclusively to families with children, teens or adults with disabilities. Age ranges for virtual programs are suggestions and match the social environment of the program.

Fall 2026 Programs:

If you have questions about expected performance rules or content, please reach out to access@lincolncenter.org or 212.875.5375.

Dress Rehearsal: *Macbeth*

The Metropolitan Opera House

Friday, September 18th at 11:00 am – 2:30 pm (Ages 15+)
The Metropolitan Opera
Final Dress Rehearsal for Invited Audiences; Full-Length Opera

The season opens with hair-raising drama and spectacular singing as two of opera's most extraordinary artists star in *Macbeth*, Verdi's thrilling take on the immortal Shakespearean tale of the scheming couple determined to seize power at any cost.

Please note this is not a relaxed performance.

New York City Ballet Workshops

NYCB Ballet Studios

Saturday, October 10th at 10:30 am – 11:30 am (Ages 4-12)
Saturday, October 10th at 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm (Ages 13+)
New York City Ballet
Relaxed Workshops for Passport Families; Interactive Ballet Exploration

Join the artists of New York City Ballet in movement workshops designed especially for Passport families.

Workshops feature live piano accompaniment and a designated quiet space will be available. No prior dance experience is necessary, and family members are encouraged to participate.

Family Saturday: Ballet Emotions

David. H Koch Theater

Saturday, October 17th at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (All Ages)
New York City Ballet
Family Performance for General Audience; Ballet Excerpts with Interactive Moments and Host

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.

Discover how dance can express moods and feelings without saying a single word as music, movement, and costumes work together to create a world of emotion. From silly and scared to playful, proud, and daring, watch closely to see what makes each ballet at New York City Ballet unique.

CMS Kids: Building Blocks of Music

Rose Studio at CMS

Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Ages 3-6)
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
Relaxed Performance for Children; Musical Performance with Host

Come and join us for a joyful, sensory-friendly musical adventure that sparks curiosity and invites everyone to make believe together! CMS Kids is a relaxed and interactive concert experience designed especially for our youngest concertgoers. The program is presented in a friendly, relaxed, and supportive environment, welcoming all children, including neurodiverse audiences or other sensory sensitivities, along with their families and friends.

Virtual Screening: *San Juan Hill: Manhattan's Lost Neighborhood*

Virtual on Zoom

Saturday, October 24th at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Ages 12+)
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Relaxed Virtual Screening for General Audiences; Film Screening with Host

Join us for a relaxed virtual screening of San Juan Hill: Manhattan's Lost Neighborhood, an hour-long documentary directed by Emmy Award winner Stanley Nelson. Through never-before-accessed historical footage, expert commentary, first-person storytelling with former residents, and narration by Academy Award-winning actress Ariana DeBose (*West Side Story*), *San Juan Hill: Manhattan's Lost Neighborhood* traces the San Juan Hill neighborhood's rise and fall—and celebrates the people, arts, and culture whose enduring legacy still resonates today.

Young People's Concert: *Courtesies and Comedy: Mozart and Bologne*

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall

Saturday, November 7th at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Ages 6+)
New York Philharmonic
Relaxed Family Performance for General Audiences; Musical Performance with Host

Bows, curtsies, etiquette … and Mozart! Discover what happens when slapstick collides with a symphony as we explore Mozart's Symphony No. 40 and La finta semplice Overture. Principal Clarinet Anthony McGill joins the fun as the soloist in a concerto by Joseph Bologne, one of Mozart's contemporaries. 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.

Family Concert: Who Is Duke Ellington?

Rose Theater at Jazz at Lincoln Center

Saturday, November 7th at 3:00 pm (All Ages)
Jazz at Lincoln Center
Relaxed Performance for General Audiences; Jazz Performance with Host

Step into the world of the composer, pianist, and bandleader Duke Ellington in this family-friendly relaxed performance with the Future of Jazz Orchestra big band collective curated by Jazz at Lincoln Center, featuring the rising young stars in jazz today. From sophisticated orchestral forms to elegant melodies and stomping blues, audiences of all ages will discover the originality, sophistication, and unbridled joy that made Ellington a true American cultural icon.

De Papel

Clark Studio Theater

Sunday, November 8th at 11:00 am – 11:30 am (All Ages)
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Relaxed Family Performance for General Audiences; Interactive Puppet Show

De Papel (Of Paper) is an invitation to play—exploring the relationship between puppet and puppeteer and embracing the bond that emerges with an audience. Through interactive play, a paper puppet comes to life, gradually revealing a fragile and poetic connection to childhood.

Chilean-based company Silencio Blanco has distinguished itself for its meticulous work with highly expressive puppets, constructed from everyday materials, including newspaper and chopsticks. The emotional eloquence of these heartfelt creations has fueled the company's international popularity among children and their families.

Virtual Workshops – Exploring *The Magic Flute*

Virtual on Zoom

Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (Ages 6-12)
Saturday, November 14th at 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Ages 13+)
The Metropolitan Opera
Relaxed Workshops for Passport Families; Interactive Opera Exploration with Host

Each year, the Metropolitan Opera presents *The Magic Flute*, Mozart's enchanting fable in an abridged, English-language production by Julie Taymor. Find out what makes this a beloved New York holiday tradition in a virtual workshop led on Zoom by the Metropolitan Opera Teaching Artist Shawn Farrar and Manager, Education Partnerships, Stefanie Izzo.

Closed captioning and ASL Interpretation will be available.

Virtual Concert – Magnificent: Celebrating Disability and the Power of Difference with Lachi

Virtual on Zoom

Sunday, November 15th at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (All Ages)
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Relaxed Virtual Concert and Q&A for Passport Families; Recorded Cross-Genre Music Performance with Host

Share a moment with award-winning recording artist, author, and disability culture advocate Lachi as we explore her upcoming Atrium performance: a joy-filled, colorful musical celebration featuring pop, hip hop, R&B, and global rhythms. This interactive virtual workshop will center disability joy, inviting participants to embrace differences, celebrate who they are, and have fun doing it.

Virtual Watch Party – *Tough Turkey in the Big City*

Virtual on Zoom

Sunday, November 22nd at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (All Ages)
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
Relaxed Virtual Screening and Q&A for Passport Families; Recorded Chamber Music Performance with Host

Join us as we watch a recording of a Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's Meet the Music! Family show, featuring Bruce Adolphe's narrated piece *Tough Turkey in the Big City*. This funny, heartwarming tale follows a turkey who leaves the farm to try his luck in the Big Apple. Along the way, he gets swept up in capers, mix-ups, and even a romance, before landing at the heart of NYC's most famous November tradition: the Thanksgiving Day Parade!

Open to all ages and recommended for ages 5+, this virtual event will include interactive activities and a live Q&A with composer Bruce Adolphe and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

Meet the Music: Inspector Pulse in a Good Mode

Alice Tully Hall

Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Ages 8+)
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
Performance for General Audiences; Musical Performance with Host

Through the music of Debussy and Bach, along with transformations of familiar children's songs, Inspector Pulse explores how musical scales called modes can bring out different moods in music—from cheerful to sad to mysterious to hilarious and more. 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.

Virtual Workshop for Adults – Boombox Burlesque with CO_LAB Theater Group

Virtual on Zoom

Friday, December 11th at 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (Ages 18+)
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Relaxed Workshop for Passport Adults; Interactive Burlesque Exploration with Host

Led by CO_LAB Theater Group and joined by members of Boombox Burlesque's high-energy, multidisciplinary showcase *Remixes and Reveals*, this adults-only virtual workshop will combine the power of Hip-Hop culture with the theatrical glamour of burlesque as we explore the stage as a platform for bold creative expression.

Sounds of the Season

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall

Saturday, December 12th at 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm (Ages 5+)
New York Philharmonic
Family Performance for General Audiences; Holiday Music Performance

Our festive family-friendly concerts return to brighten your holiday. Take a break from the December bustle to relax with musical confections and let the Orchestra make your holidays merry and bright.

cOsmO

Clark Studio Theater
Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (All Ages)
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Relaxed Family Performance for General Audiences; Theater Performance

An international production for young audiences, cOsmO invites us to discover our playful relationship with the microscopic, macroscopic, and everything in between. In an original fusion of poetry, puppetry, and clowning, co-creators Haydeé Boetto and Hélène Ducharme introduce audiences to a world of cocoons—an astounding universe filled with textures, sounds, and creatures large and small. Using a multi-sonorous tapestry of crackling fire, the ocean, rain and thunder, and a visual world inspired by knitted and crocheted yarn, cOsmO engages the senses and delights the heart.

Art of the Score: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*™ in Concert

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall
Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 pm (Ages 8+)
New York Philharmonic
Family Performance for General Audiences; Music Performance and Film Screening

Relive the film that started it all. Watch the wand choose the wizard while the Orchestra performs John Williams's iconic score. Open captioning will be provided for this performance.

This event is part of Art of the Score, the ultimate "surround-sound" movie event: a legendary score is brought to life by the New York Philharmonic while you watch the film on a towering screen above the Orchestra!

Family Saturday: A Nutcracker Adventure

David H. Koch Theater

Saturday, December 19th at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (All Ages)
New York City Ballet
Family Performance for General Audience; Ballet Excerpts with Interactive Moments and Host

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 Holidays

Rose Theater at Jazz at Lincoln Center

Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (All Ages)
Jazz at Lincoln Center
Relaxed Performance for General Audiences; Jazz Performance with Host

Celebrate the holiday season with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (JLCO) and Big Band Holidays, a can't-miss tradition now in its 13th year in the House of Swing. Under the music direction of Chris Crenshaw, the JLCO enlivens festive favorites through swinging arrangements by orchestra members.

The Magic Flute

The Metropolitan Opera House

Saturday, December 26th at 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (Ages 5+)
The Metropolitan Opera
Relaxed Performance for General Audiences; Full-Length Opera Performance

A beloved New York holiday tradition, Mozart's enchanting fable takes the stage in the Met's abridged, English-language production by Julie Taymor—the Tony Award–winning director of Broadway's The Lion King. Running under 90 minutes and dazzling audiences with vibrant sets, colorful costumes, and eye-popping puppetry, it's the perfect show for the holidays and a delightful introduction to opera for audiences of all ages.

This is a Relaxed Performance, open to all and intended especially for those who may benefit from a non-traditional opera performance experience.

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

David H. Koch Theater

Sunday, January 3rd at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Ages 5+)
New York City Ballet
Relaxed Performance for General Audiences; Full-Length Ballet Performance

This sensory friendly performance features the beloved holiday classic George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*®. Set to the enchanting Tschaikovsky 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.

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