



## BAM (Brooklyn Academy of Music) announces exciting new BAMkids season for fall 2021

**Highlights include a free all-day outdoor festival featuring live music performances, interactive workshops and showcases; returning favorites BAMboo! and the Best of BAMkids Film Festival; plus a filmmaking series for youths in collaboration with BRIC; and more!**

**August 31, 2021/Brooklyn, NY—BAM (Brooklyn Academy of Music) announces its BAMkids fall 2021 season, offering programs that ignite imagination and ideas through musical and cultural styles of performance, film screenings, interactive workshops, and creative showcases for families and children ages 3 to 13. The exciting new season celebrates community resilience and the power of the arts through exciting events that encourage audiences to grow, learn, and explore together. Presented from September through December, the season will safely welcome back BAMkids audiences with a mix of in-person, virtual, and outdoor events for families to choose their adventure.**

“We’re thrilled to share our fall 2021 season, which we hope will excite new audiences and long-time friends of BAMkids as we spotlight local young talent, rediscover familiar favorites, and welcome artists making their BAMkids debuts,” said **BAM Director of Education and Family Programs, Steven McIntosh**. “This season, we’re offering more nimble and adaptable options for children and families to explore, connect, and play. We are eager to reconnect with our audiences and to share in the irreplaceable experience of enjoying the arts together.”

The fall season kicks off with the free outdoor event **BAMkids Family Day**, presented in collaboration with **Downtown Brooklyn Partnership**, a full day of exciting performances, interactive workshops, dance lessons, creative activities, live music, and more from local Brooklyn artists and organizations.

Throughout the season, families are invited to explore the artistic process more deeply through virtual programs that can be enjoyed from home, including, an animation workshop and filmmaking series, presented in collaboration with **BRIC**; character and story building improv classes designed to encourage creative thinking and cultural exchange; and dynamic live performance and Q&A by vocal sound effects wizard **Verbal ASE**.

More exciting in-person events include **Divi Roxx Kids**, a hip-hop, rock, and funk concert that’s equal part fun, empowering, and encouraging; the return of annual favorites, **BAMboo!**—the 20th annual Halloween block party; and the **Best of BAMkids Film Festival** featuring animated, live-action, and puppetry shorts from around the world, offered both in-person and video-on-demand. Download Season photos [here](#)

Tickets can be purchased starting Sep 21. For complete information on tickets and reservations, visit [BAM.org/Kids](http://BAM.org/Kids).

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\*\*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\*\*

### **BAMKIDS FALL 2021 SEASON**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Sep 25	<b>BAMkids Family Day</b>	The Plaza at 300 Ashland
Oct 10—Nov 15	<b>BAMkids Virtual Workshops</b>	Virtual
Oct 30—Nov 7	<b>Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Small Wonders</b>	Video on Demand
Oct 31	<b>BAMboo!</b>	In Front of BAM
Nov 6	<b>Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Small Wonders</b>	BAM Rose Cinemas
Nov 13	<b>Divi Roxx Kids</b>	BAM Lepercq Cafe
Nov 20	<b>Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Ready for Adventure!</b>	BAM Rose Cinemas
Nov 20—28	<b>Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Ready for Adventure!</b>	Video on Demand
Dec 4 & 5	<b>Verbal ASE</b>	Virtual

*Programming details below*

### **IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS**

#### **BAMkids Family Day**

Presented in collaboration with Downtown Brooklyn Partnership

Sat, Sep 25, 10:30am—4pm

The Plaza at 300 Ashland

FREE (RSVP Recommended)

Ages 3—13

#### **Photos**

BAMkids Family Day is a free all-day outdoor festival offering an array of live performances, interactive workshops, and showcases of local talent in celebration of community resilience and the power of the arts. Featuring high energy musical performances by Lucy Kalantari & the Jazz Cats, Nadia Dieudonné and Feet of Rhythm Kids, Brooklyn United Music and Arts, and Brown Rice Family; interactive workshops Hula Nation Inc. and Dancewave's Moving Together: Bollywood with Pooja Uberoi; and inspiring poetry shares by teen artists involved in BAM's Arts & Justice program. The festivities are emceed by BAM teaching artists Kimani Fowlin and Farai Malianga.

Performances by:

On the heels of the release of their EP *What Kind of World*, Grammy Award-winning quartet **Lucy Kalantari & the Jazz Cats** share their growing collection of foot-tapping songs highlighting the joys of life, community, and resilience.

**Nadia Dieudonné and Feet of Rhythm Kids** (F.O.R. Kids) is a Brooklyn-based Haitian dance company and art organization focused on preserving the rich culture of Haiti through the performing arts. Dieudonné fuses traditional Haitian Vodou dance with her unique style.

A community-based organization that serves New York City youth and provides them with a positive marching band experience, **Brooklyn United Music and Arts** focuses on youth development through academic support, character development, skills building, and performance opportunities. They strive to build strong, well-rounded, healthy, positive, and capable young people through these pillars.

Today's freshest world roots band, **Brown Rice Family** (BRF), is jamming towards global solidarity and organic happiness. Guided by a strong belief in the natural flow of things, BRF provides the masses with a distinctively organic world roots music, encompassing reggae, hip-hop, dancehall, Afrobeat, jazz, rock, Brazilian, Latin, and funk music.

**Kimani Fowlin** is dedicated to creating art with a purpose—social justice is at the core of her dance making. She helped launch and co-facilitate the popular YouTube series *Black Dance Stories*; received a Faculty Leadership Award at Drew University for her commitment to civic engagement; and is currently collaborating on a Milwaukee-funded community art project on race, gender, and parenting.

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, **Farai Malianga** studied African dance and drum with pioneers Yousouf Koumbasa, Mbemba Bangoura, and Ronald K. Brown, and has performed with Chuck Davis, Reginald Yates, Heritage O.P., and many others. He appeared in *Darker Faces of the Earth* off-Broadway and *Fela!* on Broadway, scored music for Beatrice Capote's solo piece "Reyita," and performed his original drum compositions in The Public's *MERRY WIVES*.

#### **Dancewave's Moving Together: Bollywood with Pooja Uberoi** (Workshop)

Professional dancer, teacher, and choreographer Pooja Uberoi invites families to explore the unique dance of Bollywood. These interactive workshops reflect the organization's mission to provide access to supportive and empowering dance experiences that center social, emotional, and cognitive development through movement.

#### **Hula Nation Inc.** (Workshop)

Hula Nation founder Isamar Gonzalez brings together hula hooping, hatha yoga, and meditation in an interactive workshop on HoopYogini™ dance. Since 2013, Hula Nation has worked to empower children and families through art and movement workshops, participating in over 300 events and festivals throughout NYC and around the world.

### **Arts & Justice Poets (Showcase)**

Alumni from BAM Education's Arts & Justice after-school program present original poems. Arts & Justice is an interdisciplinary program where high school students create movement, poetry, songs, and theater that bring together social justice and the arts.

Downtown Brooklyn Partnership Programming at The Plaza at 300 Ashland is made possible by support from Two Trees Management Co.

For more information and to RSVP visit [BAM.org/FamilyDay](https://www.bam.org/FamilyDay)

### **Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Small Wonders**

In association with Northwest Film Forum and Melbourne International Animation Festival  
Sat, Nov 6 at 11am

**BAM Rose Cinemas** (Peter Jay Sharp Building) 30 Lafayette Ave

Tickets \$10 for children (13 & under), \$14 for adults, and \$9 for BAM members Ages 3—5

#### [Photos](#)

A selection of the most popular animated and short films for children 3—5 from BAMkids Film Festival 2021. Small Wonders includes 13 films from 10 countries showcasing a myriad of cultures. These playful tales from around the globe come alive with vibrant animation, animals, and music. (65min)

Complete list of shorts: *Ink* (The Netherlands); *(OvO)* (Brazil); *Frida Fox: The Windmachine* (Germany); *Fussel* (Germany), *A Lynx In The Town* (France); *The Kindergarten Show* (France); *Warm Star* (Russia); *Snip, Snap, Snut and the Colours* (Sweden); *A-Choo!* (South Korea); *Blanket* (Russia); *The Little Hedgehog* (USA); *Sockz* (USA); *Theatre's Little Speckled Frogs* (USA); and *The Fox And The Pigeon* (Canada)

For more information visit [BAM.org/smallwonders](https://www.bam.org/smallwonders)

Tickets for Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Small Wonders (BAM Rose Cinemas) go on sale Fri, Oct 8 for the general public (Oct 7 for members).

### **BAMboo!**

Sun, Oct 31, 2pm—5pm

**In front of BAM** (Peter Jay Sharp Building), 30 Lafayette Ave

FREE

All Ages

#### [Photos](#)

BAM's festive Halloween block party returns outdoors this year. The action-packed afternoon of revelry features music, carnival games, arts and crafts, and a candy giveaway. Families will delight in wild, wacky, and adorable costumes and have the opportunity to win prizes with an entry in the annual costume contest. The event is free, and all are welcome. For more information visit [BAM.org/BAMboo](https://www.bam.org/BAMboo)

## **Divi Roxx Kids**

Sat, Nov 13 at 10:30am & 2pm

**BAM Lepercq Cafe** (Peter Jay Sharp Building) 30 Lafayette Ave, 2nd Flr.

Tickets Pay-what-you-wish starting at \$8

Ages 5—7

[Photos](#)

Grammy-nominated musician Divinity Roxx debuts her first album for children. In a performance that is equal parts fun, empowering, and encouraging, the inspirational frontwoman and virtuosic bassist, shares a dynamic mash-up of hip-hop, rock, and funk. Children 5—7 are invited to join the live concert as Divinity furthers her mission to inspire and empower others through her newly formed production company, Divi Roxx Kids.

For more information visit [BAM.org/diviroxxkids](https://BAM.org/diviroxxkids)

Tickets for Divi Roxx Kids go on sale Fri, Oct 15 for the general public (Oct 14 for members).

## **Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Ready for Adventure!**

In association with Northwest Film Forum and Melbourne International Animation Festival

Sat, Nov 20 at 11am

**BAM Rose Cinemas** (Peter Jay Sharp Building) 30 Lafayette Ave

Tickets \$10 for children (13 & under), \$14 for adults, and \$9 for BAM members Ages 6—8

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For more information visit [BAM.org/readyforadventure](https://BAM.org/readyforadventure)

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## **VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING**

### **BAMkids Virtual Workshops**

Oct 10—Nov 15

Virtual

Tickets start at \$5

Ages 5+

[Photos](#)

#### **Characters Wanted Workshop**

Sun, Oct 10 at 10 am

Virtual

Tickets \$5

Ages 5+

A fun-filled virtual story-making workshop with BAM Education teaching artist Mel House designed to encourage creative thinking and cultural exchange. After experiencing theater-based warm-ups and activities, attendees will collaborate to improvise from scratch.

### **Creating Animation Workshop**

In collaboration with BRIC

Sat, Oct 16 at 4 pm

Virtual

Tickets \$5

Ages 8+

In this filmmaking workshop with BRIC, participants learn to create short animations using a phone or tablet app to animate objects from around their home. App (free) information will be provided before the workshop.

### **Storymaking Workshop Series**

Saturdays, Oct 17, 24, 31 & Nov 7 at 10 am

Virtual

Tickets \$20

Ages 5+

A fun-filled virtual story-making series with BAM Education teaching artist Mel House designed to encourage creative thinking and cultural exchange. After experiencing theater-based warm-ups and activities, attendees will collaborate to improvise a circus-themed story from scratch.

### **Make a Film Workshop Series**

In collaboration with BRIC

Mondays, Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 & 15 at 4 pm

Virtual

Tickets \$20

Ages 8+

In this filmmaking series with BRIC, participants learn to create short animations using a phone or tablet app to animate objects from around their home. App (free) information will be provided before the workshop.

For more information visit [BAM.org/virtualworkshops](https://www.bam.org/virtualworkshops)

Tickets for BAMkids Virtual Workshops go on sale on Tue, Sep 21.

### **Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Small Wonders**

In association with Northwest Film Forum and Melbourne International Animation Festival

#### **Video On Demand**

Oct 30—Nov 7

Tickets Pay-what-you-wish starting at \$5

Ages 3—5

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### **Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Ready for Adventure!**

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Nov 20—28

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Ages 6—8

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Tickets for Best of BAMkids Film Festival: Ready for Adventure! (Video-on-Demand) go on sale Sat, Nov 20.

### **Verbal ASE**

Sat, Dec 4 & Sun, Dec 5 at 4pm

#### **Virtual**

Tickets Pay-what-you-wish starting at \$5

Ages 6+

#### [Photos](#)

Beatboxer, singer, rapper, SFX wizard, and YouTube star creator **Verbal ASE** brings his high-energy artistry to BAMkids using Zoom to share the digital platform he's mastered: YouTube. Join the originator and performer of the popular online animated series for children *Cartoon Beatbox Battles* for a virtual live performance, followed by a Q&A where he shares tips for aspiring YouTube creators.

For more information visit [BAM.org/verbalase](https://www.bam.org/verbalase)  
Tickets for Verbal ASE go on sale Tue, Nov 9.

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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). 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.

Subway: 2, 3, 4, 5, Q, B to Atlantic Avenue – Barclays Center (2, 3, 4, 5 to Nevins Street for Harvey Theater) 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 ticket information, call BAM Ticket Services at 718.636.4100, or visit [BAM.org](http://BAM.org).

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