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The Best Spring Theater for NYC Kids: 17 Fabulous Shows

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The [spring](#) is always a great time for family theater, but this season looks particularly exciting. There are page-to-stage adaptations of cool kid lit ([The Little Red Fish](#) for toddlers and [Seedfolks](#) for tweens); wordless spectacles to captivate all ages (clown show [Air Play](#) and underwater spectacle [Symphonie Fantastique](#)); and Lincoln Center's [Big Umbrella Festival](#), the first-ever monthlong performance fest for children on the autism spectrum.

While on [Broadway](#) it's all [Frozen](#), [Harry Potter](#), and [Mean Girls](#) mania, there's no need to shell out big bucks to give your kids a [memorable live entertainment experience](#) in NYC. Most of the 17 shows we're spotlighting are just \$25—or less—per ticket.

[Don Quixote Takes New York](#) — East Village

Saturday, April 21–Sunday, May 6

Ages 4 and older

Miguel de Cervantes' iconic tale gets a funky family-friendly makeover at La MaMa Kids as Don Quixote and his pal Sancho Panza wander the five boroughs on a quest to save humanity from the evil forces of the Orange Knight. Subtle it's not, but oversized puppets, fanciful dances, and toe-tapping music keep the tone light as kids (and parents!) are reminded that no dream is impossible and no fear insurmountable.