

THE 1041: Introduction to Theatre Guide to Inexpensive Theatregoing in NYC

Special Programs and Discounts for Baruch Students

TDF (Theatre Development Fund): Offers tickets to Broadway, Off-Broadway, music, and dance performances for \$9 - \$39 per ticket. As a CUNY student, you are eligible to join TDF for just \$10 for your first year (regular price: \$30/year). Visit baruch.cuny.edu/wsas/TDF.htm for more information.

The BPAC (Baruch Performing Arts Center) is an off-Broadway theater venue offering a full array of professional theater, music, and dance performances. Located in the Vertical Campus building. Visit baruch.cuny.edu/bpac for more information and a calendar of events.

Target Margin Theater (www.targetmargin.org) will be offering a special Baruch student discount to their entire 2014 season. Stay tuned for more information.

Broadway and Off-Broadway Tickets

[TKTS](#) is a half price ticketing service for Broadway and Off-Broadway shows. They have discounts of up to 50% off available the day of the show. Just go the Board at 47th Street and Broadway, see what's available, and get in line. This is not the cheapest method but if you didn't get rush seats or lost a lottery and you really want to see something tonight, TKTS is a good option.

Pro tip: There are also TKTS booths at South Street Seaport and in Brooklyn. The satellite booths usually have much shorter lines.

Broadwaybox.com offers steep discounts to purchase Broadway and off-Broadway tickets online. Join their mailing list for discount alerts. [TheaterMania](#) is a similar site that also offers discount Broadway and off-Broadway tickets.

Studentrush.com is another great resource.

See also the section on rush ticket and standing room ticket policies below.

\$30 and under

Join LincTix, a free discount program that offers \$30 tickets to dozens of shows on dozens of Broadway, off-Broadway, and Lincoln Center shows for anyone ages 21-35 (<http://www.lct.org/linctixMain.htm>)

Metropolitan Opera: Students (29 and under) may purchase discounted tickets to select Metropolitan Opera performances. Weekday shows are priced at \$25 while Friday and Saturday shows go for \$35. Tickets must be purchased at the box office with a current student ID and there is a two ticket per student limit.

Manhattan Theatre Club: 30 under 30 program provides \$30 tickets to anyone under the age of 30 on select dates. MTC sends periodic emails to 30 under 30 members with a list of available performances in the upcoming weeks. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone or at the box office. You can purchase up to two tickets for \$30 a piece. You can join on MTC's website. <http://www.manhattantheatreclub.com/30-under-30/>

Public Theater \$25 student tickets: Tickets can be purchased in advance at the box office for every Public Theater performance. Must have a valid student ID at the time of purchase. Limit one ticket per ID. Visit tickets.publictheater.org for a schedule.

City Center usually has something going on, and balcony is generally \$25. [Nycitycenter.org](http://nycitycenter.org)

\$20 and under

All shows at LCT3, Lincoln Center Theater's experimental theater, are **\$20**. LCT3 specializes in producing plays by young, new playwrights. See http://www.lct.org/index_lct3.htm

New York City Ballet: Full-time students under 30 with valid ID are eligible for \$12 Student Rush Tickets to select same-day performances. One ticket per person; purchase tickets online or at the New York State Theater box office.

Roundabout Theatre Company offers \$20 tickets to theatergoers ages 18-35 via Hiptix (<http://www.roundabouttheatre.org/Shows-Events/HipTix.aspx>). Free to join, includes discount tickets, event invites, and a free subscription to *Time Out New York*.

New York Theatre Workshop CheapTix Sundays: A limited number of \$20 seats are held for all Sunday evening performances at 7 PM. Limit 4 per order, cash only. Available at the box office.

\$10 and under

The Brooklyn Academy of Music offers \$10 tickets to students (full- and part-time under 25 years old) and seniors with valid ID. Tickets for unsold seats may be purchased at the box office 90 minutes prior to showtime. There is a two ticket per person limit. No checks.

New York Philharmonic: Students, senior citizens (62 and over), and disabled persons are eligible to purchase \$10 tickets on the day of select performances. Two tickets per person; sold at the Avery Fisher Hall Box Office. Call ahead for availability; tickets are not available for Friday matinees or Saturday evening performances.

Lots of shows at smaller theaters offer student tickets for \$10 and under. Try:

The Chocolate Factory Theatre in Long Island City
(<http://www.chocolatefactorytheater.org>)

The Brick in Williamsburg
(<http://bricktheater.com>)

Dixon Place in Lower Manhattan
(www.dixonplace.org)

The Incubator Arts Project, near Union Square
(<http://www.incubatorarts.org>)

HERE, near NYU
(<http://here.org>)

Abrons Arts Center, on the Lower East Side
(<http://www.abronsartscenter.org>)

The Kitchen, in Chelsea
(<http://www.thekitchen.org>)

Performance Space 122, in the East Village
(<http://www.ps122.org>)

The Bushwick Starr in Brooklyn
(<http://www.thebushwickstarr.org>)

Free

Volunteer as an usher! Most shows rely on volunteers for ushering, and it's a great way to see a show for free. Many theaters have instructions on their websites for signing up. You can also always call the theater and ask.

[Guide to Ushering](#) in NYC Theaters (with phone numbers)

May – August: Shakespeare in the Park. Across the city.

Dixon Place (www.dixonplace.org) often has free tickets to music and theater shows.

Rush Tickets

A lot of shows/venues have rush ticket policies (including the Metropolitan Opera where you can get rush tickets Monday-Thursday for \$20 a piece). Rush policies are not all the same so you will need to check websites or call box offices but the most common types of rush are:

General Rush: These are a limited number of seats available for a show on the day of. Usually these are purchasable when the box office opens in the morning.

Student Rush: These tickets are not always publicized so it is good to ask. As long as you have your student ID you are good to go.

Lotteries: Some shows, like *The Book of Mormon* or *Newsies*, have a lottery system in place.

This means that they save a select number of seats per show to sell at a cheaper price the day of the performance. Usually there is a half an hour window where you can put your name in for the drawing and then if your name is drawn you can purchase up to 2 tickets for that night's performance for fairly cheap for example, *Mormon* tickets are \$32 a piece. However, these lotteries often have a lot of people attending so the odds are not always in your favor.

Standing Room: Some shows that are wildly popular and have a habit of selling out will offer standing room only seats. There will be a line at the theater for standing room that you wait in to hope to get a seat. Once again these are usually pretty inexpensive between \$20-\$40.

The most currently list of rush/lottery and standing room only policies on Broadway can be found at:

<http://www.playbill.com/celebritybuzz/article/82428-Broadway-Rush-Lottery-and-Standing-Room-Only-Policies>

For Off-Broadway:

<http://www.playbill.com/celebritybuzz/article/144419-Off-Broadway-Rush-Standing-Room-and-Inexpensive-Ticket-Policies>