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 at the
Riverdale Y
2008-09

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 The New Theater at The Riverdale 

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Tickets available online at www.RiverdaleY.org

Early Bird Discount: Buy your tickets to any event (other than films) online before September 29 and receive a 10% discount. Use code PS10 for your discount.

Theater & Dance

Cafe Ma'ayan

In the Land of Israel

Sunday, October 19, 2 pm

based on the book by Amos Oz Adapted and performed by TAMIR

This award winning one-woman show portrays contemporary Israel through six diverse characters. A Zionist farmer, a religious zealot, a Catholic nun, an Israeli right-wing extremist, a Palestinian Arab, and a Rumanian immigrant. The actress takes the audience on a journey through Israel's human landscapes as she transforms onstage from one character to another. These characters present an unusually wide spectrum of political views and raise questions of universal human concern. More importantly they examine Jewish identity and the essence of life in Israel. Followed by a talk-back with the actress.

\$18 general admission/\$12 seniors and students

Carol Channing in Concert

Starring Richard Skipper

Saturday, November 15, 8 pm

A loving tribute to one of Broadway's greatest treasures. Richard Skipper takes the audience back to a time of clean wholesome entertainment. It is a tribute to Carol Channing's life and career featuring highlights from both GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES and HELLO, DOLLY! Special guest Star Becky Lillie Woods as Judy Garland! Richard Skipper has won two MAC AWARDS and a BACK STAGE BISTRO AWARD for his dead-on tribute to Carol Channing. This show has traveled to the stages of Carnegie Hall, Atlantic City, casinos in Canada, The Signature Theatre in Washington, DC, and the Plush Room in San Francisco to sold out engagements. \$20 general admission/ \$15 seniors and students



Rent (school edition) Pending licensing approval.

Presented by the Y's Riverdale Rising Stars teen theater company.

December 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18 and 20



Peter Pan

Presented by the Y's Jr. Rising Stars children's theater company.

January 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, and 25



Ballet Neo

Sunday, March 1, 7 pm

Come experience this cutting edge ballet troupe, dedicated to creating new works on point. The Company consists of some of Manhattans finest classical dancers and is directed by Kate Thomas. \$18 general admission/ \$12 seniors and students

Café Ma'ayan*

For one all-inclusive cover charge, come enjoy a coffee house/cabaret atmosphere with small, candle-lit tables, kosher wine, Starbucks' coffees, delicious sweets and savories and performances, salons, post-movie discussions - or just a quiet spot to hang out with friends.

It's beautiful, it's stimulating, it's right near home!

Opening Night -- Neshama Carlebach

Saturday, November 22, 8 pm

Sip wine with friends and enjoy the magic of Neshama's beautiful voice by candlelight. \$25, all inclusive.

A Salon Conversation on Loving, Learning and Leading: Navigating Relationships

Saturday, December 13, 8 pm

For anyone who has ever experienced a tension between the demands of work and home. . . . A relaxing and inspiring evening featuring a panel of local spiritual leaders and scholars. Our panel will include: Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses, Scholar in Residence, UJA-Federation; Sarah Hurwitz, Madricha Ruchanit (spiritual counselor), Hebrew Institute of Riverdale; Rabbi Judith Lewis, Rabbi at Riverdale Temple; and Devorah Zelochower, Rosh Beit Midrash, Drisha. \$18, all inclusive.

Basya Schecter of Pharaoh's Daughter

Saturday, December 20, 8 pm

Basya returns with her eclectic mix of cultural music and her new Heschel project. \$25, all inclusive.

Salon: Ethical Leadership, Visions for the Next Four Years with Rabbi Arthur Waskow

Saturday, January 31, 8 pm

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Ph.D., founded (in 1983) and directs The Shalom Center, a prophetic voice in Jewish, multireligious, and American life that brings Jewish and other spiritual thought and practice to bear on seeking peace, pursuing justice, healing the earth, and celebrating community. \$18, all inclusive.

Café Ma'ayan will also be open on:

January 17, February 14, and March 21

*Ma'ayan: Just as a village community would gather around a wellspring, so do we gather to celebrate our community.

Note: all food served at the Riverdale Y is kosher, under the supervision of the Vaad Harabonim of Riverdale.



Family Shows

Cinderella the Musical

Sunday, September 28, 2pm

This retelling of the classic fairytale just finished a successful run at Lehman college and is a perfect show for the entire family. Composed and directed by Riverdale resident and Lehman College Music Professor Penny Prince, this special performance should not be missed. Will the shoe fit your foot? \$10



Bronx Arts Ensemble Jack and the Beanstalk

Sunday, October 12, 2pm \$8

The Y and the Bronx Arts Ensemble bring you Jack and the Beanstalk with the New York Lyric Circus' master juggler, magician, and storytellers. Look for magic and wonder -- a moving haystack, a talking harp, the goose that lays the golden egg, and a magic sword dance!

New York Children's International Film Festival

The renowned Manhattan-based festival is coming to the Riverdale Y! \$6 Children/ \$10 Adults / 4-movie pass: \$20 children/\$36 adults

My Neighbor Totoro



Sunday, November 9, 10:30 am

Japan, Animated, 81 min

Recommended for all ages Rated: G. In English.

BEST OF NYICFF - A story of two sisters' encounter with a family of forest sprites called Totoros, gentle but powerful creatures who live in an ancient camphor tree and are seen only by children. Based on

Miyazaki's own childhood imaginings, Totoros look like oversized pandas with bunny ears. They take the girls on spinning-top rides through the tree tops and introduce them to a furry Catbus—a nod to Lewis Carroll's Cheshire Cat. My Neighbor Totoro is about humanity's relationship to the Earth. This dubbed English language version features the voices of Dakota and Elle Fanning, supervised by Pixar's John Lasseter.

Help! I'm a Fish

Sunday, November 9, 1 pm

Denmark, Animated, 72 min

Recommended Ages: 4 to 10 Rated: Unrated. In English.

From the Academy Award nominated director Stefan Fjeldmark comes this beautifully animated undersea adventure about three kids who stumble upon the hidden cave-laboratory of mad professor MacKrill and drink a potion that transforms them into sea creatures. Action is propelled by a super-catchy Europop soundtrack and the mix of computer and cel animation includes stunning, hand-painted undersea backgrounds. Featuring the voices of Monty Python's Terry Jones as MacKrill and Alan Rickman as the devilishly campy villain, Joe.



Lotte From Gadgetville

Sunday, November 16, 10:30 am

Estonia/Latvia, Animated, 81 min

Recommended Ages: 3 to 8 Rated: NR. In English.



This first feature-length animated film from Estonia is a gentle spirited film full of wacky contraptions, silly/happy songs, and a warm and refreshingly uncynical sense of humor. Lotte is a cheerful girl-dog who lives in Gadgetville, a village crazy about inventing Rube Goldberg-esque machines. The town is abuzz about the Japanese bee Susumu, who introduces Gadgetville

to the concept of judo. After the town becomes obsessed with the sport, Lotte and her three friends try to help Susumu get back to Japan, to test their new skills in an international judo contest.

Viva Cuba!

Sunday, November 16, 1 pm

Cuba, 80 min

Recommended Ages: 8 to 16. Unrated. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Juan Carlos Cremata Malberti's lightning-paced road-movie fairy-tale follows the adventures of two young runaways, Malu (Malu Tarrau Broche) and Jorgito (Jorgito Milo Avila), as they embark on a rollicking odyssey from the streets and schools of Havana across the length of the island by train, bus, car, motorcycle, oxcart, and on foot, in search of Malu's father. Filmed with Amelie-style whimsy and brimming with visual humor, Viva Cuba has charmed and captivated festival-goers from London to Toronto to Cannes, and was Cuba's official entry to the 2006 Academy Awards.



Shir La La

Sunday, December 21, 4:30 pm (first night of Chanukkah)



Shira Kline and Shir La La in a long-awaited Riverdale Chanukkah concert! The whole family will enjoy her lively holiday songs and joyous dancing in our theater aisles! Price includes latkes and menorah candle lighting after the show. \$15 for adults/\$10 for children under 12.

Bronx Arts Ensemble Beauty and the Beast

Sunday, March 15, 2 pm

Alana Llama Sunday Films

13 Sundays, 10:30 am January 4 - May 10

Tickets are \$5 (including free popcorn and take-home gift).

Buy a pass for the whole family, for the whole season!

An All-Alana film pass (good for all 13 films for your WHOLE family) is \$100. That's \$8 per movie for everyone in your family!

Tickets and the **All-Alana Film Pass** can be purchased on our website, with no service charge, www.RiverdaleY.org.

Opening Day: **January 4, A Bug's Life** (including post-movie visit by a Greenburgh Nature Center entomologist and live bug display!)

January 11, **101 Dalmations**

February 1, **Finding Nemo**

February 8, **Snow Buddies**

February 22, **Wizard of Oz**

Sing-a-long

March 1, **Curious George**

March 22, **Charlotte's Web**

March 29, **Shark Tales**

April 5, **Toy Story 2**

April 19, **Monsters Inc**

April 26, May 3, May 10

We'll show the latest children's films available this spring!



Remember: popcorn is always free at Alana Llama films, and there's always a take home gift!



Music

Opening Night Gala

Sunday, September 7, 7pm

Opening night gala and fundraiser, featuring well-known Broadway performers as well as performances by Riverdale Rising Stars, Junior Rising Stars and Riverdale Repertory Company. Our gala will set the stage for 2008-2009 theatrical season. You don't want to miss this exciting evening of song and dance!

Featured performers include:

Michele Pawk - Tony Award winning actress from HAIRSPRAY, CRAZY FOR YOU and more

John Dosset - GYPSY, RAGTIME

Bob Walton - DROWSY CHAPERONE, CITY OF ANGELS, I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT

Joe Kolinski - LES MISERABLE, TITANIC

Alison Kolinski - FOSSE, 42ND STREET

Emily Walton - SAVED

Alicia Svigals - World famous Klezmer fiddler

And the award winning Richard Skipper as Carol Channing!

Also performances by January Akselrad, Ballet Neo, The Bronx Arts Ensemble, The Bronx Opera and the Flynn School of Irish Dance! \$25 general admission/\$20 for seniors and students.



Bronx Jazz Series

The Bronx Jazz Series is coming to the Y! This series is a gateway to knowledge through an active understanding of the art of jazz, seen in three different perspectives. Each concert program is preceded by visits from the performers and a guest speaker. Concerts are open to students, parents and faculty; **no admission fee is charged, but registration is requested (www.RiverdaleY.org).**

The Rhythm Road: Jazz Diplomacy

Tuesday, September 16, 5pm: pre-concert workshop

Wednesday, September 17, 7pm: Concert

The Chris Byars Ensemble will share the music and stories of their 2008 U.S. State Dept. tour of the Balkan region.

Modern Choices: The Teddy Charles Project

Monday, October 6, 5 pm: pre-concert workshop

Tuesday, October 7, 7pm: Concert

Legendary vibraphonist/composer Teddy Charles joins with the Chris Byars Ensemble in a highly interactive workshop, the audience will become impromptu composers, discovering their own jazz creativity in the presence of a master.

Jazz Pictures at an Exhibition of Himalayan Art

Wednesday, November 12, 5pm: pre-concert workshop

Thursday, November 13, 7pm: Concert

The Chris Byars Ensemble will perform to a slideshow of exotic paintings and sculptures from the collection of the Rubin Museum of Art. The performers and audience will examine how music and the visual arts can work well together, and how multi-media presentations affect the observer.

Judy Carmichael

Saturday, October 25, 8pm

Grammy nominated pianist Judy Carmichael is one of the world's leading interpreters of stride piano and swing. Count Basie nicknamed her "Stride", acknowledging the command with which she plays this technically and physically demanding jazz piano style.

\$20 general admission/\$15 seniors and students



Bronx Arts Ensemble Chamber Music

Sunday, October 26, 2 pm

Featuring the music of Mendelssohn, Prokofiev, and Dvorak. \$12

Bronx Opera

Saturday, November 8, 8 pm

The Bronx Opera presents an evening of well loved arias and Broadway favorites. Directed by Michael Spearman. \$10

Ribs and Brisket Revue

Saturday, January 10, 8 pm



Paul Shapiro's irresistible RIBS AND BRISKET REVUE is coming to the Riverdale Y. Featuring: Cilla Owens, Babi Floyd, Brian Mitchell, Booker King and Tony Lewis. TIME OUT NEW YORK writes: Tenor saxophonist Paul Shapiro, who's played alongside artists as far-flung as Michael Jackson, Lou Reed and the Microscopic Septet, leads a band of friends in '40's swing with a distinctly Yiddish accent. \$18

general admission/\$12 seniors and students

Pharaoh's Daughter

Saturday, February 28, 8 pm

Blending a psychedelic sensibility and a Pan-Mediterranean sensuality, Basya Schechter leads her band, Pharaoh's Daughter, through swirling Hasidic chants, Mizrahi and Sephardi folk-rock, and spiritual stylings filtered through percussion, flute, strings and electronica.

Their sound has been cultivated by Basya's Hasidic music background and a series of trips to the Middle East, Africa, Israel, Egypt, Central Africa, Turkey, Kurdistan and Greece. She began retuning her guitar to sound like a cross between an Arabic oud and a Turkish saz, with harmonic minor melodies, and odd time signatures. A concert not to be missed.

\$25 general admission/\$20 seniors and students



Alicia Svigals

Thursday, March 5, 7pm

World-renowned Klezmer fiddler returns to the Y. \$15 general admission / \$10 for seniors and students.

Carrick on the Hudson

Saturday, March 7, 8 pm

"Carrick" is the Gaelic term for "rock" and in Ireland it usually refers to a town on the banks of a river (Carrick-on-Shannon, Carrick-on-Suir) Well, for one night, Riverdale will be an Irish town on the banks of the beautiful Hudson River!

The list of contributions that Irish immigrants have made to the Bronx and New York City is long, and tonight we pay tribute to that rich history with an Irish American lineup of music, comedy and dance. \$20 / \$15 (seniors and students)

Jazz Concert with Nikki Parrott, Derek Smith, and Randy Sandke

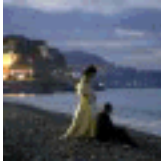
Saturday, March 14, 8:30 pm

Jazz Bassist and vocalist Nikki Parrott returns to the Riverdale Y for an evening of jazz with Derek Smith (the world's most recorded jazz pianist) and Randy Sandke (composer, arranger and trumpet player who the Wall Street Journal called "the best trumpet player you've every heard"). \$20 general admission/\$15 seniors and students



Film

Fälscher, Die (The Counterfeiters)



Saturday, September 20, 8:30 pm
Stefan Ruzowitzky Austria/Germany 2007
1 hr.36min.

This year's Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film, *The Counterfeiters* is the story of Operation Bernhard, a little known World War II program engineered by the Nazis to use Jewish prisoners to subvert the currency of the U.S. and the U.K. through forgery. One of the biggest scams of the war, the operation printed over 130 million pounds sterling in its attempt to destabilize the Allied cause. This is a fascinating and thought-provoking film.

\$8 (film only); \$12 (film and after-show wine/coffee/snacks)



NY Disabilities Film Festival

September 21-23. Separate brochure available or visit our website, www.RiverdaleY.org.

The General

Saturday, October 18, 8 pm

with live piano accompaniment by Ben Model

Not only is this 1927 film considered Buster Keaton's greatest, it is also widely recognized as one of the true masterpieces of American cinema. The visually-stunning silent film is undoubtedly one of the greatest comedies ever made, with non-stop physical comedy and sight gags, shot almost entirely aboard moving trains. Keaton created this great comedy out of an authentic episode of American history during the Civil War - a story about



a famous locomotive, though in real-life the locomotive was stolen by the Confederates. The two things devoted Confederate engineer Johnny Gray (Keaton) loves most in the world are his Southern belle sweetheart (Mack) and his beloved locomotive named *The General*.

Live musical accompaniment for the film by Ben Model, silent film accompanist for the Museum of Modern Art; Model will also introduce the film and answer questions following the screening. \$15 (Price includes the café after the show)

How was your Thanksgiving? Come see how a delightful dysfunctional family handled theirs...

Home for the Holidays

Saturday, November 29, 7 pm

After losing her job and learning that her daughter plans to spend Thanksgiving with her boyfriend, Claudia Larson (Holly Hunter) has to face spending the holiday with her family. Directed by Jodie Foster. With Robert Downey Jr., Anne Bancroft, Charles Durning, Geraldine Chaplin. \$8 (including pre-show pumpkin pie and coffee. The movie will start at 7:30 pm)

International Jewish Film Festival

Saturday, January 3, 7 pm: **Aviva My Love** (Israel)

Sunday, January 4, 7 pm: **Sweet Mud** (Israel)

Tuesday, January 6, 7 pm: **Sixty Six** (Great Britain)

Wednesday, January 7, 7 pm: **The Ritchie Boys** (Germany)

Separate brochure available, or visit our website, www.RiverdaleY.org

Classic Film Series

Join us for 7 Sundays of classic films coupled with post-screening talks by film educators, directors, and more.

October 26, November 16, February 22, March 8, April 12 (after a kosher-for-Passover brunch, enjoy a matinee of **The Ten Commandments** with Charlton Heston as Moses!), May 3, and June 21. Separate brochure available, or visit our website, www.RiverdaleY.org **Thank you, Daniel Rose, for sponsoring this film series.**



October 30 - November 2

Separate brochure available, or see details and buy tickets at www.RiverdaleY.org



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