

# CAROLY STAGES

## Student Guide to affordable theater tickets



### NOT JUST BROADWAY

NYC is full of music and dance performances:

**Carnegie Hall** has \$10 student rush tickets available the day of the concert, from noon to one hour before curtain.

57<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts** has several programs that make discount tickets available to students:

[www.lincolncenter.org/asc\\_load\\_screen.asp?screen=purchase\\_studentdiscounts](http://www.lincolncenter.org/asc_load_screen.asp?screen=purchase_studentdiscounts)

### Ushering Opportunities

A great way to get to see a performance for free is through volunteer ushering. In exchange for a little time and work, ushers are given the opportunity to sit in the audience and watch the show. Every theater has different policies regarding volunteer ushers, so call the theater to get details. Also, you can check out this helpful article:

[www.nytx.com/Links/Broadway/Articles/volunteerushers.html](http://www.nytx.com/Links/Broadway/Articles/volunteerushers.html)

You can also check out:

[www.bricartsmedia.org](http://www.bricartsmedia.org) for free/affordable shows in Prospect Park in Brooklyn and

[www.queenstheatre.org](http://www.queenstheatre.org) for affordable shows in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens

**You've gone to the theater with Early Stages:  
now venture out on your own!**

### STUDENT RUSH TICKETS

Students with a valid school photo ID can buy same day tickets usually 1-2 hours before the performance ranging \$20 to \$40. Most box offices for Broadway and Off-Broadway shows sell student rush, but usually only allow them to be paid for in cash. Because each show varies, it's usually necessary to call or stop by the box office the day of the show for detailed instructions as far as cost and acquiring tickets. For example, *Fuerza Bruta*, originally \$75 offers student rush for \$25. *Hair* holds a lottery two hours before curtain time. Winners can buy up to 2 tickets for \$25 each.



### FREE FREE FREE!

**Shakespeare in the Park** is a classic NYC theater experience put on by the Public Theater. It's free, and it's a lot of fun. The best way to get a free ticket is to arrive early to Central Park – between 7am and 10am. **The tickets are first come, first served, so the earlier you can get there, the better.** The theater is located mid-park at 80<sup>th</sup> street. Bring a group of friends, a blanket, some games, a book, music, and some food. On a beautiful summer day, it's a great way to hang out with friends in the park and see a great show in the evening.

**Each person is given up to 2 tickets**, so you can even take turns waiting on line. After getting tickets you can grab a bite to eat, check out the zoo, or just hang with friends until the show starts. This summer, *The Winter's Tale* and *The Merchant of Venice* (starring Al Pacino) are being performed so grab some friends and enjoy!  
[www.shakespeareinthepark.org](http://www.shakespeareinthepark.org)

**City Parks Foundation** also produces a number of free music concerts, theater events and dance performances during the summer. The Main Stage is located in mid-Central Park off of Fifth Avenue at 69<sup>th</sup> Street, but there are performances scheduled in parks in all 5 boroughs. No need to buy tickets, but be sure to arrive a couple hours early to ensure that you can get in. Check out the website [www.summerstage.org](http://www.summerstage.org) for a full schedule of events!