

Performing Arts

From Broadway glitter to Lower East Side grunge, the range and variety of the performing arts in New York is exactly what you might expect. Broadway, and even Off-Broadway theater

, is notoriously expensive, but if you know where to look, there are a variety of ways to get tickets cheaper, and on the Off-Off-Broadway fringe you can see a play for little more than the price of a movie ticket. As for dance, music and

opera , the big mainstream events are extremely expensive, but smaller ones are often equally as interesting and far cheaper. New York gets the first run of most American films (and many foreign ones before they reach Europe) and has a very healthy arthouse and revival scene.

Listings

for the arts can be found in a number of places. The most useful sources are the clear and comprehensive listings in Time Out New York

, the free

Village Voice

(especially the pull-out "Voice Choices" section), or the also-free

New York Press

, all especially useful for things downtown and vaguely "alternative."

For tonier events try the "Cue" section in the weekly New York Magazine

, the "Goings On About Town" section of the

New Yorker

, or Friday's "Weekend" or Sunday's "Arts and Leisure" sections of the

New York Times

. Specific Broadway listings can be found in the free

Official Broadway Theater Guide

, available at theater and hotel lobbies or at the New York Convention and Visitors' Bureau.