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City that Drinks the Mountain Sky

Trace the path of life's quintessential liquid from mountain-top to New York City tap

Learn about the New York City water supply system as told through mask and puppet theater.

Thursday, October 16, 2025
10:15 - 11:15 am

BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center
Borough of Manhattan Community College
199 Chambers Street, Manhattan
(Between Greenwich and West Streets)

For reservations, email
ticketing@tribecapac.org or call
the box office (212) 220-1460

Tickets are \$8.00 for students and chaperones
or \$6.00 Fast Track rate;
free for teachers and school staff

Through a 55-minute shimmering tapestry of poetry, puppetry, and music, *City that Drinks the Mountain Sky* brings alive the landscape of the Catskill Mountains to portray the ongoing partnership needed to protect our flowing treasure - water.

This dazzling show, recommended for children and adults, will take you into the heart of a watershed to uncover how forests filter water as it moves towards streams and reservoirs.

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You will meet scientists, engineers, and laborers who built the reservoirs and aqueducts and maintain the system today. You will discover how this enormous water project brought profound changes to the Catskill Mountain communities and New York City. You will also explore some of the challenges facing the water supply; infrastructure repair, land-use practices, and the impacts of climate change.

The New York City water supply is one of the engineering wonders of the world. From the Catskill Mountain watersheds, gravity helps to deliver over 1 billion gallons of drinking water to the faucets of more than 9.5 million people in a journey that spans more than 125 miles.