

# *Molière* **IN THE PARK** Prospect Park's Free Theater

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## **MOLIÈRE IN THE PARK RECEIVES FY2026 CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT FROM NYC DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

*Grant will support free, outdoor theatre productions across Brooklyn*

**New York, NY** — Molière in the Park has received an award of \$45,980 from the City of New York as part of the city's announcement of more than \$74 million in Cultural Development Fund (CDF) grants to 1,171 cultural organizations across the five boroughs.

The FY2026 awards represent the largest-ever allocation for the Cultural Development Fund, supporting organizations that deliver accessible and affordable arts programming throughout the city.

For Molière in the Park, this funding will support the company's free, outdoor productions of Molière plays in Brooklyn parks, as well as its educational initiatives, including free student matinees for Public School students across Brooklyn. By offering performances at no cost, MIP continues to expand access to high quality theatre and create shared cultural experiences for diverse audiences.

"This support affirms our belief that theater in public space can bring people together in meaningful ways," said Lucie Tiberghien, Founder and Executive Artistic Director of Molière in the Park. "By offering Molière for free in Prospect Park and beyond, we're creating opportunities for different communities to experience art together, connect, and reflect, as one people. ."

"New York City's cultural community brings meaningful, affordable, and accessible cultural programs to every corner of the five boroughs," said Audrey St. Clair.

"This historic investment through the Cultural Development Fund reflects the central role arts and culture play in New York City's identity," said Deputy Speaker Nantasha Williams.

96% of FY2026 CDF grantees offer free or subsidized programming, ensuring broad access to arts and culture for New Yorkers.

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## **ABOUT MOLIÈRE IN THE PARK**

Molière in the Park (MIP) is a Brooklyn-based theater company dedicated to fostering empathy, dialogue, and community through free theater, founded on the belief that access to the arts benefits all, individually and collectively. MIP presents professional performances across Brooklyn, with a yearly 4-week run at LeFrak center at Lakeside in Prospect Park, removing economic and social barriers to participation while bringing people together across neighborhood, and backgrounds.

MIP's programming centers on the works of Molière, presented in contemporary translations and vibrant productions that resonate with modern audiences while preserving the integrity of Molière's language. Since its founding, the company has produced Molière's plays annually, including *Tartuffe*, *The Misanthrope*, *The Miser*, *The Imaginary Invalid*, and *The School for Wives*, with productions staged both in person and online, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guided by a vision of a Brooklyn where all communities benefit equally from access to the arts, Molière in the Park is committed to equity, inclusion, and anti-racist practices. The organization's casting, hiring, and programming decisions reflect these values, prioritizing representation, accessibility, and public engagement at every level of its work.

Molière in the Park offers all performances free to the public and collaborates with local artists, educators, and cultural partners to deepen community connection and expand access to theater across New York City.

For more information, visit <https://www.moliereinthepark.org> and follow Molière in the Park on **Instagram**, **TikTok** and **Facebook** @moliereinthepark.