

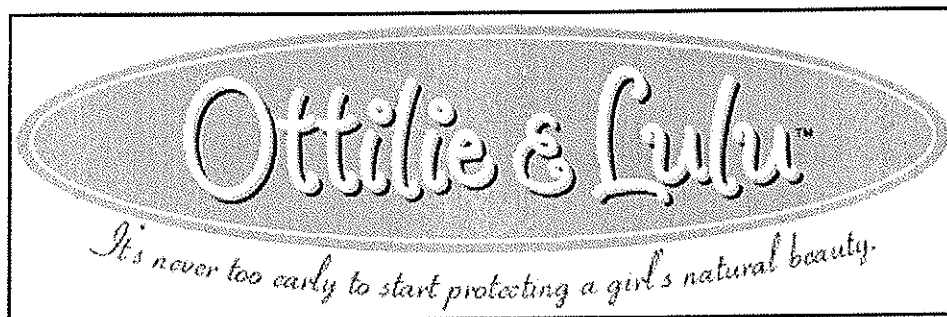
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TADA! Youth Theater

Have you taken your daughter to the theater lately? Yes, there are some fabulous Broadway shows if you have the budget. But there are also some really great alternatives that provide fun entertainment at a fraction of the price.

One of my favorites is TADA! Youth Theater. From now through February 15, TADA! is performing B.O.T.C.H., a most enjoyable musical where you and your daughter meet artistic rats, dancing mummies, and the kids of B.O.T.C.H. who lurk under the New York City subway system. Last weekend my tween daughter and I joined 2 of her friends with their mothers to see this show.

The performers range from ages 8 to 17 and come from all 5 boroughs, plus, New Jersey. The play is from the book and lyrics of Jon Agee, a popular playwright and lyricist. The smokey, jazz music is by Daniel Feigelson, and choreography by Joanna Greer. These really talented kids sing, dance, and act their hearts out—and they are amazing. Our daughters were enthralled—mine by the dancing rats; her friends by the gorgeous, tap-dancing mummies. What was so wonderful to watch was the cooperation and confidence of the cast. These are great, talented kids of all shapes, sizes, and ethnic backgrounds. Some have braces, some wear glasses, but all are beautiful, hard-working, dedicated performers.

I can't say enough wonderful things about TADA! Youth Theater. A number of years ago my daughter celebrated her birthday at TADA! The staff were incredibly helpful and arranged for some of their professional coaches to come in and do fun, theater exercises with my daughter's birthday guests. A couple of TADA! students joined the party and brought their special talents for the girls to enjoy with an impromptu performance. I highly recommend it if you are thinking of a theme birthday party. Janine Nina Trevens and her staff do an amazing job.

For 25 years TADA! has been providing young people of all different backgrounds the opportunity to explore and perform musical theater together in an educational, supportive, and professional environment. And every year they perform three original musical theater productions.

If you don't live in the New York Metro area, your town, school, or community theater can rent TADA! musicals and plays. You can browse their selections and Script Marketing page at www.tadadtheater.com/scriptrental or call 212.252.1619 x133.

Your daughters will enjoy TADA! theater, and you will smile when you see these young actors doing what they love.