

## Only Make Believe (OMB)

*"I think OMB is a strong healing element to the kids we serve, mentally and even physically." – via Ryan Duncan, OMB NYC Actor [<https://twitter.com/OMBnyc/status/913104702627131392>]*



*Image by Jessica Earnshaw*

Since 2014, The Manhattan Childrens Center has proudly partnered with Only Make Believe (OMB) in an ongoing effort to allow our students to experience the “theater” in a setting in which they are comfortable...MCC!

OMB was founded by Dena Hammerstein, with the original intention of bringing the magic of the theater to children who lived primarily in a hospital setting, or to those who were unable to attend the theater. OMB visits MCC twice a year, at no cost to our school or families. Shows at MCC are adapted to entertain and engaged our students, typically running 30 minutes, with 30 students in the audience per show. OMB helps encourage our students to use their imaginations, participate by wearing costumes, which are provided by OMB, and even integrate themselves directly into the performance!



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On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, MCC was thrilled to have Dena Hammerstein attend a performance at our 92<sup>nd</sup> street campus. #MCC believes in Make Believe!

