

# The New York Times

## Events for Children in NYC This Week

*Our guide to cultural events in New York City for families with children and teenagers.*

By LAUREL GRAEBER Dec. 7, 2017



Pilar Garcia as Tomte in  
"The Black Glove."  
See listing at right  
Credit Kamoier Williams

**'THE BLACK GLOVE'** at the Gene Frankel Theater (through Dec. 16). It certainly doesn't sound like a holiday title. But then, you wouldn't expect August Strindberg to create anything called "The Red Mitten." Yes, this dour Swedish master wrote a Christmas play and, even more surprisingly, it's for children. Presented by August Strindberg Repertory Theater, in a new verse translation by Anne-Charlotte Hanes Harvey, the production centers on the lost object of the title, which seems to confer the season's spirit on anyone who finds it. Its original owner, however, has none of that warmth. A mean-spirited, wealthy young mother, she thinks that her maid has stolen her ring, which is actually inside the missing glove. A tomte, similar to an elf, conspires with the Christmas Angel to teach the woman a lesson. Points are scored, but this being a holiday entertainment, she ends up more like Scrooge than like Miss Julie. 212-868-4444, [strindbergrep.com](http://strindbergrep.com)