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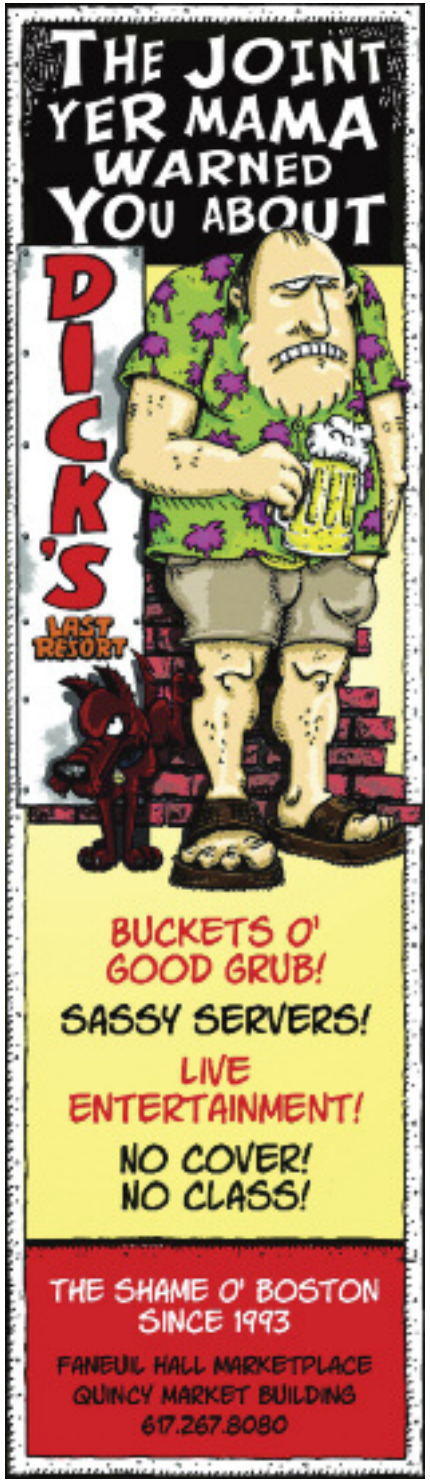
(Top row, l–r) Andy Warhol, *Marilyn Monroe, #22 Pink Marilyn*, 1967, courtesy of Elizabeth Clement & Associates (MA); Charles Caryl Coleman, *Capri*, 1892, courtesy of Martha Richardson Fine Art (MA); Dale Chihuly, *Damascan Red Seaform Set with Raven Lip Wraps*, courtesy of Schantz Galleries (MA).



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A WORLD OF WONDERS

14TH ANNUAL BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FINE ART SHOW
The Cyclorama at Boston Center for the Arts
November 18–21

Those with a taste for the finer things in life will find themselves gravitating to the Boston Center for the Arts this month, where the Boston International Fine Art Show returns for a 14th year of exhibiting and selling some of the most beautiful and exquisite paintings, sculpture and other works from the world's most prestigious galleries. This annual gala event unites 40 galleries from the U.S. and Europe, bringing a global who's-who of art dealers, museum directors and curators to mix and mingle here in the Hub. Highlights of this year's show include the opening night Gala Preview on **November 18** *from 5:30–8:30 p.m.*, featuring fine food, wine and live music with all proceeds benefiting the Boston Symphony Orchestra; free panel discussions like the "Art In Your Home" talk offered by professional interior designers (**November 19** *from 6–9 p.m.*) and "Collecting Contemporary Realism" by Joshua Rose, editor of *American Art Collector;* and Schantz Galleries' special display of glass sculpture by renowned artist Dale Chihuly. *Refer to listing, page 19.* *—Laurel Leake*

SHELLFISH FANS FIND AN ISLAND PARADISE

ISLAND CREEK OYSTER BAR
500 Commonwealth Ave., Kenmore Square
617-532-5300

Kenmore Square's thriving dining scene has just produced its newest pearl, with the arrival of the long-awaited Island Creek Oyster Bar inspiring delirious delight among fans of the deep-sea delicacy. The result of a collaboration between chefs Skip Bennett, Jeremy Sewall and Garrett Harker (the culinary minds behind hot Hub eateries like Lineage and Eastern Standard), Island Creek boasts a raw bar packed to the gills with 12–18 daily varieties of fresh, rare and seasonal New England shellfish, as well a staff particularly well-versed in the ins and outs of oyster farming—everyone from dishwashers to bartenders spend a full day on an oyster farm learning the tricks of the trade. Because man cannot live on bodacious bivalves alone, Island Creek also serves other delicious fare, like lobster roe pasta and succulent pork shank. But for those who truly seek a place to indulge their mollusk madness, Island Creek offers the perfect setting where oyster lovers can come out of their shells. *—Josh B. Wardrop*

TOP: DALE CHIHULY, *SEALIFE PUTTI ON GILDEN PUMPKIN PILLOW*, 2002, COURTESY OF SCHANTZ GALLERIES (MA)

A GRAND OPENING

ART OF THE AMERICAS WING
Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave. • 617-267-9300

Despite the economy, Boston has seen a marked expansion of its arts scene in recent years. Between the still-thriving-after-four-years waterfront home of the Institute of Contemporary Art and the anticipated debut of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's addition in 2012, there is no shortage of fresh energy in the Hub's visual arts community. Now add to this list the recent completion of the Art of the Americas Wing at Boston's grand dame of cultural institutions, the Museum of Fine Arts. Designed by architects Foster + Partners, the four-story, glass-steel-and-granite structure finally opens its doors this month. Taking a chronological approach to American art (and we're talking North and South, not just the United States of), the new wing takes visitors on a floor-by-floor trip through time, from ancient Native American ceramics and Colonial ship models on the first level to works by such 20th-century luminaries as Georgia O'Keefe and Edward Hopper on the upper level. Familiar highlights, like John Singleton Copley's 1768 portrait of Paul Revere, now sit alongside works that had long been in storage due to lack of space, including the monumental 17 x 12 foot *The Passage of the Delaware* (1819) by Thomas Sully. Visitors can see for themselves when the MFA celebrates its new galleries by offering free admission on **November 20**. *Refer to listing, page 23.* *—Scott Roberto*

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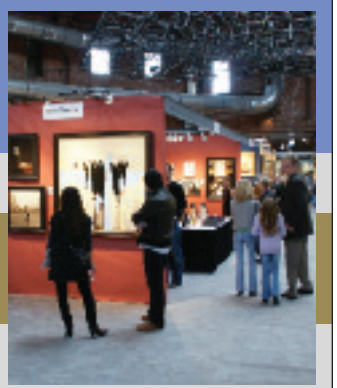

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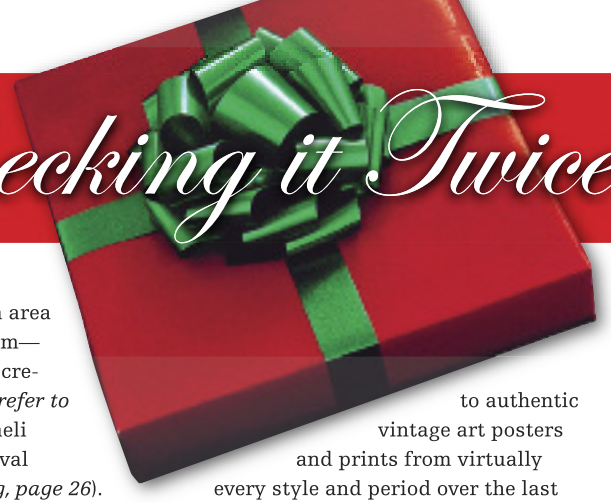
Making Your List and Checking it Twice



Panorama's neighborhood-by-neighborhood guide to the best holiday shopping by Josh B. Wardrop

BACK BAY

When beginning one's holiday shopping, Bostonians and visitors alike tend to start by flocking to this super-chic neighborhood that's more than earned its reputation as a retail paradise thanks to the strong concentration of great shopping on its two main thoroughfares, Newbury and Boylston streets. Newbury's been described as Boston's own Rodeo Drive, and if you've got anyone on your list that's into designer clothing, there's no place you'll find more of it than right here. From Armani to Ralph Lauren to Zara, all the fashion industry's top names can be found here, alongside local boutiques like **Stel's** (334 Newbury St., 617-262-3348), vintage/consignment shop **Poor Little Rich Girl** (166 Newbury St., 617-425-4874) and stylist Diane Agoun's uniquely modern and trendy **Soodee** (*refer to listing, page 25*). Even on ritzy Newbury, though, there are still bargains to be found: international favorite **H&M** has a location there, while that Boston-born institution, **Filene's Basement**, still teems with marked-down fashions for men and women (*refer to listings, page 25*).

Those with shoe fiends on their lists can get their kicks shopping at **Rick Walker's** (306 Newbury St., 617-482-7426), **John Fluevog** (302 Newbury St., 617-266-1079), **Steve Madden** (324A Newbury St., 617-262-4600) and the nearby hidden "sneaker speakeasy" **Bodega** (6 Clearway St., 617-421-1550).

Fans of the bling-bling are spoiled for choice in the Back Bay. Whatever your loved one's personal style, there's an area jeweler equipped to dazzle them—from the gorgeous, handmade creations of artist **John Lewis** (*refer to listing, page 26*) to the top Israeli artisan collections at new arrival **Newbury 211** (*refer to listing, page 26*). Or, if you're looking for a gift where the name on the box glitters nearly as much as the ring, bracelet or necklace inside, Boston boasts its own outposts of the world's biggest names in sparkling excess, **Cartier** (40 Newbury St., 617-262-3300) and **Tiffany** (*refer to listing, page 26*).

Those looking to beautify their loved ones' abodes can hit Newbury Street's collection of art galleries, including **The Society of Arts & Crafts**, which specializes in contemporary American craftwork in media ranging from glassware to ceramic sculpture to furniture; **L'Attitude**, which specializes in indoor and outdoor contemporary sculpture; and the **International Poster Gallery**, home to authentic vintage art posters and prints from virtually every style and period over the last 120 years. *Refer to listings, pages 24 & 25.*

Proving that Boston isn't prejudiced against the four-legged family members, you can also pick up a new outfit or holiday treats for man's best friend at **Pawsh Dog Boutique** (31 Gloucester St., 617-297-2045) or **Fish & Bone** (217 Newbury St., 857-753-4176).

The luxe Back Bay even boasts a pair of "malls" that are about as far removed as one can imagine from the teenage hangouts of our wayward youth. You're sure to find something special at either **Copley Place**, the sleek and sophisticated home of top shops like **Nieman Marcus**, **Barneys New York**, **Burberry** and **Michael Kors**, or within the gorgeous, sun-drenched **Shops**

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Keepsake Chocolate Boxes at **Beacon Hill Chocolates** (91 Charles St., 617-725-1900): The delicious handmade chocolates from this local confectioner won't last long in the hands of any diehard chocoholic. But these charming keepsake boxes—emblazoned with vintage images of local landmarks like the Boston Common and the *USS Constitution*—are yours to enjoy forever ($18–64).

Blue Man Group Gift Certificates (available at the Charles Playhouse, by phone at 617-426-6912 or at www.blueman.com/tickets/boston/giftcertificates): Give someone a Blue Christmas with a gift certificate redeemable for a performance by Boston's favorite trio of mute and mirthful musical magicians (available in increments of $64).

Gurgling Cod Pitchers from **Shreve, Crump & Low** (440 Boylston St., 617-267-9100): These trademark serving vessels modeled after Boston's former dietary staple come in a full array of colors and sizes, and somehow make a big-mouthed, glassy-eyed fish into an elegant accessory for any dinner party. ($50–95)

Winter Classics Variety Pack from **Boston Beer Company** (available at most local package stores): Since 1985, the first name in local brewing has been Samuel Adams, and for serious beer lovers, November's arrival doesn't mean turkey or football, but the return of the Winter Classics Variety Pack, which includes seasonal Sam faves like the Holiday Porter and Old Fezziwig Ale.

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BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO BY TIMOTHY RENZI

HOLIDAY BOUNTY: From exotic leather cowboy boots at Helen's Leather on Charles Street (above left) to this dazzling 2.1 carat champagne diamond ring at John Lewis on Newbury Street (above right), Boston has something for everyone this holiday shopping season.

at Prudential Center, which satisfies its shoppers with specialty retailers like **Ross-Simons**, **Frette**, **L'Occitane** and **Barnes & Noble**, top-notch eateries like **Legal Sea Foods**, **P.F. Chang's** and **Haru**, and department stores like **Saks Fifth Avenue** and **Lord & Taylor**. *Refer to listings, pages 26 & 27.*

CHARLES STREET

Ritzy Beacon Hill's main commercial drag is a beacon for shoppers who like the finer things in life—be it antiques (**Devonia Antiques**, 43 Charles St., 617-523-8313; **A Room with a Vieux**, 20 Charles St., 617-973-6600), fine art (**Caswell Company Ltd.**, 31 Charles St., 617-523-9868; **Tesorino Gallery**, 70 Charles St., 617-742-0061), gorgeous, hand-tooled and colorful cowboy boots, belts and jackets (**Helen's Leather**, *refer to listing, page 27*) or even deluxe doggie treats (**Four Preppy Paws**, 103 Charles St., 617-723-0112), there's bound to be something perfect here for even your most blue-blooded relatives.

DOWNTOWN CROSSING

Once the premiere shopping district in Boston and home to late, great department stores like Jordan Marsh and the original Filene's Basement, Downtown Crossing

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Women's Sports Fashions from **Lucy's League** (Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-3986): Ladies who love Boston sports teams no longer have to wear their husband's or boyfriend's bulky jerseys, thanks to this Boston boutique that carries hip, fashionable and wholly feminine Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics and Patriots items, from jackets to jeans to bags.

Boston Christmas Ornaments from **Lux Bond & Green** (416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747): Enjoy a reminder of Beantown every time you trim the tree with these painted glass ornaments, depicting either Fenway Park ($28) or a variety of Boston landmarks like Newbury Street, The State House and The Freedom Trail ($85).

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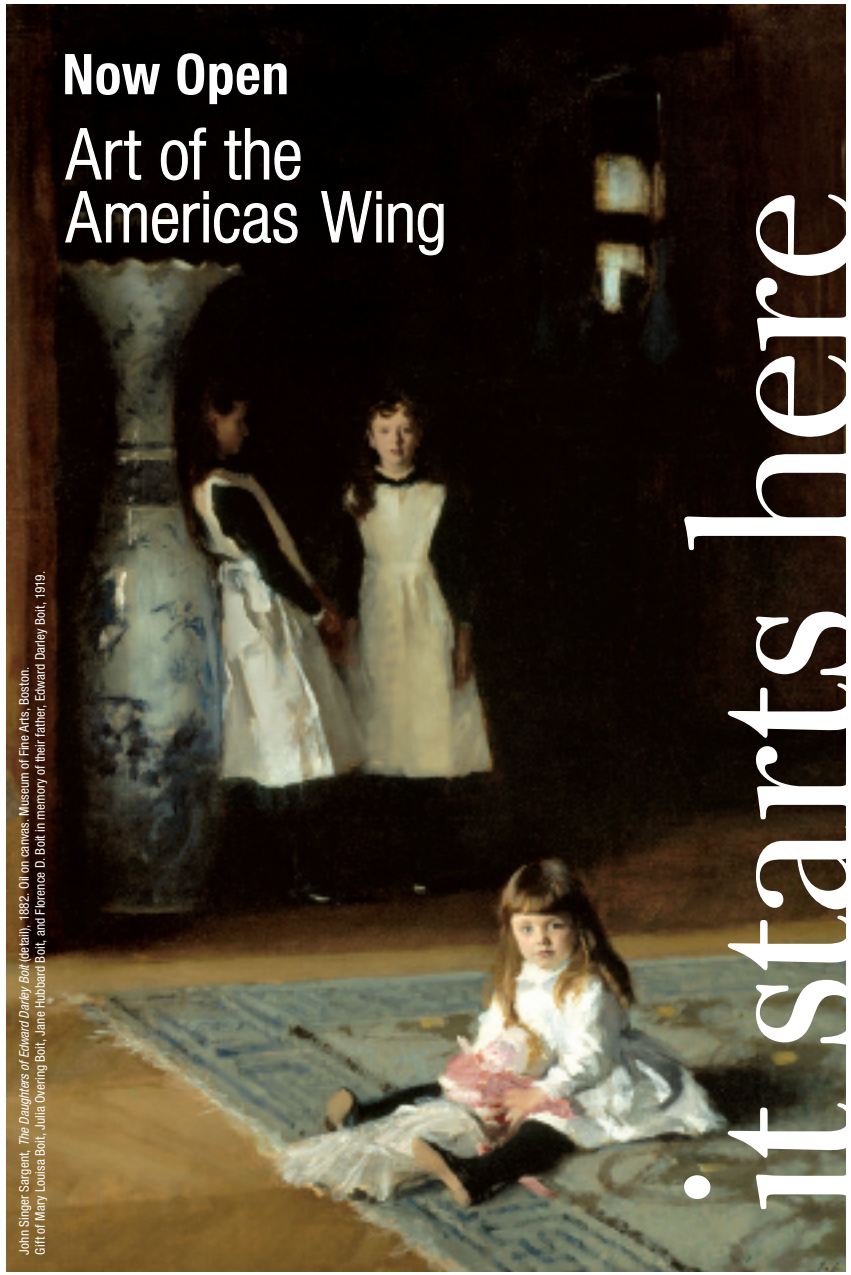

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POSTER-PERFECT: International Poster Gallery on Newbury Street offers the finest in vintage graphic art to dress up the walls of anyone on your list.

retains its vibrant commercial status thanks to a combination of pushcart vendors, a number of bustling retail outlets and heavy foot traffic. The flagship **Macy's** (*refer to listing, page 26*) store in Boston resides here, alongside other shops like **Aldo Shoes** (415 Washington St., 617-357-6891), which offers 50% off sale shoes every day, and **The Corner Mall** (*refer to listing, page 26*). The city's original jewelry district is still represented today by shops like **E.B. Horn Co.** (429 Washington St., 617-542-3902) and **DePrisco Diamond Jewelers** (333 Washington St., 617-227-3339).

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

The name says it all—the rows of buildings that sit in the shadow of famed historic Faneuil Hall are Boston's top tourist attraction, home to shops selling everything from fashions by top area designers (**Local Collection**, 617-722-4310) to fine housewares and gifts (**Boston Pewter Company**, 617-523-1776) to CDs, books, DVDs and pop culture toys (**Newbury Comics**, *refer to listing, page 27*). Best of all, you can shop here all day long, then eat at one of 17 nearby restaurants or indulge in "retail recovery" with a cocktail or beer in one of the area's numerous nearby taverns and bars.

NORTH END

With its mouth-watering Italian bakeries, the North End is a good spot to pick up goodies to leave by the tree for Santa. However, it also boasts stylish boutiques for the woman in your life, from denim emporium **In-jeanius** (441 Hanover St., 617-523-JEAN) to contemporary clothier **Casa di Stile** (371 Hanover St., 857-233-4885), retro-fabulous vintage shop **The Velvet Fly** (28 Parmenter St., 617-557-4359) and home décor and gift shop **Acquire** (61 Salem St., 857-362-7380). **High Gear Jewelry** offers a treasure chest of fashion jewelry at wallet-friendly prices, while **Filthy Rich Celebrity Jewelry** boasts replicas of pieces worn by celebrities like Jackie Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe and Cameron Diaz at prices that belie the store's high-rent nomenclature. *Refer to listings, page 26.*

SOUTH END

For the artsy urbanite on your list, Boston's South End is the best place to find modern fashions and items for the home to delight them this holiday season. Tremont Street is the prime shopping drag, boasting spots like jeweler **Laura Preshong**'s eponymous gallery (558 Tremont St., 617-236-7660) and stylish housewares boutique **Vessel** (652 Tremont St., 617-425-5292). Nearby, delightful gift shop **Aunt Sadie's** (18 Union Park, 617-357-7117) is sure to have something unique to stuff into a stocking. And the South End remains a hotspot for funky menswear at shops like **Motley** (623 Tremont St., 617-247-6969), high-end consignment boutique **Bobby from Boston** (19 Thayer St., 617-423-9299) and **Uniform** (511 Tremont St., 617-247-2360).

CAMBRIDGE

You won't want to wrap up your holiday shopping without a jaunt across the river to Cambridge, where the shopping opportunities range from great options for the bookworm on your list in Harvard Square—including the **Globe Corner Bookstores** (90 Mt. Auburn St., 617-497-6277), **The Grolier Poetry Book Shop** (6 Plympton St., 617-547-4648) and **Schoenhof's Foreign Books** (76A Mt. Auburn St., 617-547-8855)—to the traditional mall experience at the massive **CambridgeSide Galleria** (*refer to listing, page 26*), home to all the usual favorites from Abercrombie & Fitch to Yankee Candle. Fans of funky independent shops can also check out Porter Square for eco-friendly gifts at **Greenward** (1764 Massachusetts Ave., 617-395-1338); crafts, stationery and fine pens at **Bob Slate Stationer** (1975 Massachusetts Ave., 617-547-8624); or vintage clothing, hats and jewelry at **Raspberry Beret** (1704 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-3700). Ⓟ

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Flour: Spectacular Recipes from Boston's Flour Bakery + Café (available in bookstores, at www.amazon.com and all **Flour Bakery** locations): Sending your loved one a sinfully delicious treat from acclaimed Boston chef Joanne Chang is a nice thought, but when every last delicious morsel is gone, what then? Instead, let the gourmet in your life take their own crack at recreating the sweet treats at home with this new handy how-to for pastry fans ($35).

Boston Skyline Wall Decal (available online at **www.my-wall-art.com**): Turn your living room or bedroom into your own private Boston with this detailed decal that includes the Prudential Building, the State House and Boston Harbor (available in five sizes, ranging from $51–96).

Customized Boston Neighborhood Sneakers from **Converse** (348 Newbury St., 617-424-5400): The first-ever specialty Converse retail shop offers some kicks you can't get anywhere else—including these customizable classic Chucks emblazoned with logos representing Hub neighborhoods like Allston, Southie and Beacon Hill. ($55).

Copley Place Giftcards (available at Copley Place, Copley Square, 617-369-5000). If you still can't decide what kind of Boston gift fits that special person, let them come to Boston and buy it themselves. Copley Place giftcards are available in denominations from $20–500, and can be redeemed at any of the luxury retailer's 100 upscale shops, or at any Simon Mall nationwide.

TOP LEFT: ALEX WALTER DIGGELMANN, *SCHWEIZERHOF—ZURICH (LUGGAGE LABEL)*, 1935; BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO © SERGIO MAZON 2006

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BOSTON HOLIDAY POPS: The acclaimed orchstra, led by maestro Keith Lockhart, performs its annual Yule-themed concerts at Symphony Hall beginning December 8. **Refer to listing, page 16.**

CLASSICAL

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-1200. *Tickets: $29–118, unless otherwise noted. Visit www.bso.org for a complete schedule of events.* Renowned throughout the world for its distinctive sound, impressive range and virtuosity, the Boston Symphony Orchestra—led by Music Director James Levine—celebrates its 130th year of performing the world's most beloved and stirring classical music. ***Nov 18 & 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—The BSO, led by guest conductor Kurt Masur, is joined by pianist Nelson Freire for a program of works by Schumann; ***Nov 26*** *at 1:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 27 & 30*** *at 8 p.m.*—James Levine and the BSO perform works by Schumann, Harbison and Wagner; ***Dec 2 & 4*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Dec 3*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Guest violinist Nikolaj Znaider joins the BSO for a performance of works including Mozart's *Violin Concerto No. 3 in G.*

HAOCHEN ZHANG, Celebrity Series of Boston, Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-482-2595. ***Dec 3*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $37–50.* The 19-year-old piano prodigy and 2009 Van Cliburn Gold medalist brings his phenomenal talents to Boston.

TOKYO STRING QUARTET, Celebrity Series of Boston, Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-482-2595. ***Nov 19*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $49–63.* The acclaimed ensemble performs works by Mozart, Barber and Schubert, accompanied by guest cellist Lynn Harrell.

COMEDY

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $10–25, dinner packages available. Visit www.improvasylum.com for complete show schedules. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime.* Some of Boston's top improvisational comics perform uproarious and creative shows at this theater in the heart of Boston's North End. ***Nov 16, 23 & 30, Dec 7*** *at 8 p.m.*—House Teams; ***Nov 18, Dec 2 & 9*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 19, 20, 26 & 27, Dec 4, 10 & 11*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage Show; ***Nov 20 & 27*** *at 11:59 p.m.*—Raunch; ***Nov 21 & 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—NXT; ***Dec 2*** *at 10 p.m.*—Keep Your Socks On; ***Dec 3*** *at 8 and 11 p.m.,* ***Dec 4*** *at 2 a.m.*—No Rest for the Wicked Funny, a 24-hour charity performance marathon for Globe Santa.

KEVIN SMITH, House of Blues,15 Lansdowne St., 888-693-2583. ***Dec 2*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $35–$67.50.* The popular actor, director, screenwriter and film producer (*Clerks, Chasing Amy, Dogma, Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*) comes to Boston for a hilarious evening of raunchy and witty autobiographical tales of working in Hollywood and much more.

NICK'S COMEDY STOP, 100 Warrenton St., 617-423-2900. *Fri & Sat at 8:30 p.m. Cover: $20.* Nick's is the city's longest-running comedy club. ***Nov 19 & 20***—Colorstruck: The Best of Women of Color in Comedy; ***Nov 26 & 27***—Don Gavin; ***Dec 3 & 4*** —Kelly MacFarland; ***Dec 10 & 11***—Mike Dorval.

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Nov 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Jake Johannsen and Bobby Slayton, *tickets: $25 & 32;* ***Nov 26*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Tim & Eric Awesome Tour, Great Job! Crimbus Spectacular 2010, *tickets: $26;* ***Nov 27*** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—D.L. Hughley, *tickets: $25 & 30;* ***Dec 4*** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—Rob Schneider, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Dec 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Joan Rivers, *tickets: $32 & 45.*

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

BOSTON CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTER, 415 Summer St., 617-954-2000. ***Dec 1*** *from 4–8 p.m.,* ***Dec 2*** *from noon–8 p.m.,* ***Dec 3*** *'til 9 p.m.,* ***Dec 4*** *from 10 a.m.–9 p.m.,* ***Dec 5*** *'til 6 p.m.*—New England International Auto Show, *tickets: $12, children (6–12) $6.*

DANCE

PILOBOLUS, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 617-824-8000. *Performances:* ***Dec 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Dec 4*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Dec 5*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $43–68.* This one-of-a-kind company straddles the confluence of dance and human sculpture. Now entering its 40th year, this remarkable ensemble embodies a tradition of innovation where grace, physical agility and pure invention are the rule.

FILM

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.75; students & matinees (before 5 p.m.) $7.75; seniors & children (under 12) $6.75.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now playing: *127 Hours, You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger, Black Swan.* Special events: ***Nov 15*** *at 8 p.m.*—The One-Man *Star Wars* Trilogy; ***Nov 22*** *at 7 p.m.—Rear Window;* ***Dec 5*** *at 11 a.m.—My Words, My Lies, My Love.*

MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m.* This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. Now showing: *Arabia; Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk; Whales; Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun; Australia: Land Beyond Time.*

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu–Sun, call for complete schedule. Tickets: $6–10.* The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and American independent films. Special events: ***Nov 24*** *at 12:30 p.m.—Accomplices;* ***Nov 26*** *at 6 p.m.—Change of Plans; at 8 p.m.—Heartbreakers;* ***Nov 27*** *at 3 p.m.—Inspector Bellamy;* ***Nov 28*** *at 12:50 p.m.—Joy of Singing;* ***Dec 2*** *at 7:30 p.m.—Like You Know It All;* ***Dec 3*** *at 8 p.m.—Castaway on the Moon;* ***Dec 4*** *at 5 p.m.—Mother;* ***Dec 5*** *at 4 p.m.—Brand New Life;* ***Dec 9*** *at 5:20 p.m.—Secret Sunshine;* ***Dec 11*** *at 5 p.m.—Breathless;* ***Dec 12*** *at 2:30 p.m.—Rough Cut.*

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Open daily at 9:30 a.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.95; seniors & children (3–11) $7.95.* The Simons is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now showing: *The Ultimate Wave Tahiti 3D; Under the Sea 3D; Hubble 3D; Sea Rex 3D: Journey to a Prehistoric World; Inception: The IMAX Experience.*

HOLIDAY EVENTS

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, 781-279-2200. *Performances:* ***Nov 26, Dec 3 & 10*** *at 7 p.m.,* ***Nov 27*** *at 3 and 7 p.m.,* ***Nov 28, Dec 5 & 12*** *at 2 p.m.,* ***Dec 4 & 11*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $38 & 44.* This family-friendly romp tells the story of a small-town Christmas pageant that gets hijacked by the roughest, loudest, rowdiest kids in town. But just when the pageant seems beyond all repair, the true spirit of Christmas is discovered in the most unexpected of ways.

THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA CHRISTMAS SHOW, Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-876-4275. ***Dec 11*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $30–42.* For more than 70 years, the Blind Boys of Alabama have thrilled audiences with their powerful gospel music. Now they fill audiences with the holiday spirit as they celebrate the Christmas season in song.

BOSTON BAROQUE, New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-484-9200. ***Dec 10 & 11*** *at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $27–68.* Boston Baroque's annual performance of its Grammy-nominated interpretation of Handel's *Messiah* unites the chorus and orchestra with soloists Amanda Forsythe, Matthew White, Keith Jameson and Kevin Deas.

BOSTON HOLIDAY POPS, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-3605. ***Dec 8*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Dec 9 & 10*** *at 4 and 8 p.m.,* ***Dec 11 & 12*** *at 11 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $33–125.* Boston's beloved, world-renowned orchestra comes home for the holidays, with concerts of holiday favorites led by Pops maestro Keith Lockhart and guest conductors.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances* ***beginning Dec 3****: Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $40–65.* Based on the Charles Dickens classic, this musical tells the tale of curmudgeonly miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who is visited by the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future hoping to change his destiny and save his soul. This adaptation, directed by former NSMT Artistic Director Jon Kimbell, follows Scrooge through his strange and magical journey to discover the true spirit of the holiday season.

DOWNTOWN CROSSING'S TREE LIGHTING AT MACY'S, Summer Street, Downtown Crossing, 800-4EVENT2. ***Nov 26*** *at 5 p.m. Free.* A brightly lit tree and old-fashioned bell ringing beckon the arrival of a new holiday season during this festive annual event.

FANEUIL HALL TREE LIGHTING, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-523-1300. ***Nov 20*** *from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Free.* Kick off the holiday season at one of Boston's most popular visitor attractions. Enjoy a day of live musical entertainment by groups like local bluesmen Ernie and the Automatics and Motown recording artists Jada, or just stop by at *5 p.m.* to watch New England Patriots linebacker Jerod Mayo help light Faneuil Hall's massive tree.

FORT POINT ARTS COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SALE, 12 Farnsworth St., 617-423-4299. ***Dec 3*** *from noon–7 p.m.,* ***Dec 4 & 5*** *from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: free and open to the public.* One of Boston's most vibrant community of artists celebrates the holiday season with FPAC's annual holiday sale, which unites area artists to display and sell works in a wide array of media.

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-3605. ***Dec 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Dec 4 & 5*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–87.* Conductor Harry Christophers leads the Society in its 157th annual performance of Handel's masterwork, *Messiah.*

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, Edaville Railroad, off Rte. 3 South, 7 Eda Ave., Carver, 877-EDAVILLE. ***Beginning Nov 19****: Mon–Fri from 4–9 p.m., Sat & Sun from 2–9 p.m. Call for tickets and reservations.* Board Edaville's heated passenger train and tour more than five miles of forests, lakes and cranberry bogs, filled to the hilt with animated displays and millions of Christmas lights. Children's rides, concessions, Friday night fireworks in December and a cranberry museum are among other activities offered.

THE NUTCRACKER, Boston Ballet, Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-931-2787. *Performances:* ***Nov 26, Dec 2 & 3, 8–10*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 27, Dec 4 & 11*** *at 1 and 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 28, Dec 5 & 12*** *at 1 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $35–162.* This must-see holiday event has been delighting Boston audiences for more than four decades. Join Clara on her magical journey through an enchanted winter wonderland to a palace of sugary confections, all set to Tchaikovsky's classic score.

THE NUTCRACKER, José Mateo's Ballet Theatre, Spingold Theater at Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3400. *Performances:* ***Dec 3 & 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Dec 4 & 11*** *at 2 and 6 p.m.,* ***Dec 5 & 12*** *at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $15–50.* This annual take on the seasonal classic presents a a lively, lower-cost alternative to other holiday shows. Ballet Theatre's acclaimed dancers—along with more than 200 children as mice, soldiers and angels—focus on the dancing rather than the usual mime and theatrics.

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SISTER'S CHRISTMAS CATECHISM, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, 781-279-2200. *Performances* ***beginning Dec 2****: Wed at 2 p.m., Thu at 7 p.m., Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 5 p.m. Tickets: $38 & 44.* Leave the children at home for the latest installment in the *Late Nite Catechism* series, a hilarious and unconventional tutorial in Catholic holiday traditions. This opportunity to dive in and solve the real mysteries of the season is perfect for those who need to know where the Magi's gold is actually hidden.

SOWA HOLIDAY MARKET, Cathedral High School Gymnasium, 74 Union Park St. ***Dec 11 & 12*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* For the 7th annual Sowa Holiday Market, more than 80 artisans from around New England gather to sell their wearable art, jewelry, pottery, home decor and other unusual gifts.

URBAN NUTCRACKER, BalletRox, Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, 617-879-2300. *Performances* ***beginning Dec 3****: Thu & Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: $20–50.* Hailed as "A joyous, daring fusion of the old and new" by *The Boston Globe*, this production fuses ballet, swing, hip hop and urban tap with the classical score of Tchaikovsky and the pulsating beat of Ellington. Experience the classical ballet of the Snow Queen juxtaposed with the raw energy of urban dance in a way that's sure to leave the audience dancing out the doors.

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ANNIE, Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, 617-879-2300. *Performances* ***through Nov 21****: Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 3 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25 & 30.* This classic American musical about a spunky red-headed orphan, with its commentary on big business and the gap between rich and poor, is reinvigorated to inspire a new generation.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 308 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio and Play Space such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. ***Daily***—Japanese House: Shichi-Go-San (***through Nov 30***); Playspace: Messy Activity; Art Studio; ***Nov 20*** *at 11:15 a.m., 12:15 and 1:15 p.m.*—Critter Day: Jungle Encounters; *from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Family-Friendly Art Walk; ***Nov 21–27***—National Game and Puzzle Week, celebrate by playing old and new games; ***Dec 4*** *from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*—Roots and Shoots; ***Dec 11*** *from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.*—Kitchen Science: Design Your Own Soda.

CELEBRATE! SERIES, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, next to UMass Boston, 617-514-1644. ***Nov 26*** *at 10:30 a.m.* This free performing arts program (for children ages 5 and up) highlighting America's rich cultural diversity presents comedy duo Gould & Stearns, who perform *Simple Gifts*, a hilarious and heartfelt play about the holiday season.

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Tickets: $9.75; children $7.75.* ***Nov 21*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Ben Rudnick & Friends; ***Dec 5*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Best of New York International Children's Film Festival: Aardman Retrospective; ***Dec 11*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—The Airborne Comedians.

LIVE MUSIC

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. ***Nov 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Flamenco Festival 2010 presents Angelita Vargas and Jairo Barrull, *tickets: $30–50;* ***Nov 21*** *at 3 p.m.*—Flamenco Festival 2010 presents Pepe Torres, *tickets: $30–50;* ***Dec 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Hammer of the Gods: The Led Zeppelin Experience, *tickets: $25–45.*

COLONIAL THEATRE, 106 Boylston St., 617-426-9366. ***Nov 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Fab Faux performs The Beatles: The Original Singles 1962–1970, with special guests The Hogshead Horns and Creme Tangerine Strings, *tickets: $45–100.*

HOUSE OF BLUES, 15 Lansdowne St., 888-693-BLUE. *Shows at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Visit www.hob.com/boston for full schedule.* The House of Blues club, concert hall and restaurant across from Fenway Park welcomes top rock, blues and pop acts. ***Nov 15***—La Roux with Far East Movement, Francis & The Lights, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 16***—John McLaughlin and the 4th Dimension with The Jimmy Herring Band, *tickets: $39.50;* ***Nov 20*** *at 7 p.m.*—Medeski Martin + Wood, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Nov 21*** *at 7 p.m.*—Reel Big Fish with Aquabats, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 26***—Brandon Flowers, *tickets: $30 & 40;* ***Nov 27*** *at 7 p.m.*—Sam Adams, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Nov 29***—KT Tunstall with Hurricane Bells, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Dec 3***—Robert Randolph and The Family Band, *tickets: $25;* ***Dec 9***—Joe Satriani with Ned Evett and Triple Double, *tickets: $35 & 55.*

ORPHEUM THEATRE, 1 Hamilton Place, 617-931-2000. The Orpheum opened in 1852 and was the site of the first Boston Symphony Orchestra performances and lectures by Booker T. Washington and Ralph Waldo Emerson. ***Nov 17*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Ben Folds, *tickets: $43.25 & 47.90;* ***Nov 18–20*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Allman Brothers Band, *tickets: $75.60–162.85.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, the Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *For a complete schedule, visit www.thedise.com; all shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* ***Nov 15*** *at 8 p.m.*—Daniel Lanois and Black Dub, *tickets: $23;* ***Nov 17*** *at 8 p.m.*—Revolution of Soul, featuring Maceo Parker and Karl Denson, *tickets: $33;* ***Nov 18*** *at 8 p.m.*—Kate Nash, *tickets: $26.50;* ***Nov 21*** *at 6 and 10 p.m.*—Wiz Khalifa, *tickets: $24;* ***Nov 27*** *at 9 p.m.*—Mike Gordon, *tickets: $32;* ***Nov 30*** *at 8 p.m.*—Bruno Mars, *tickets: $20;* ***Dec 1*** *at 8 p.m.*—Badly Drawn Boy, *tickets: $26.50;* ***Dec 4*** *at 9 p.m.*—Killing Joke, *tickets: $23;* ***Dec 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—Matisyahu, *tickets: $41.50;* ***Dec 9*** *at 9 p.m.*—Better Than Ezra, *tickets: $26.50;* ***Dec 11*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Dashboard Confessional, *tickets: $33.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. ***Nov 16*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Natalie Dietrich Group, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***Nov 17*** *at 8 p.m.*—Ignacio Berroa, *tickets: $25, $63 with dinner;* ***Nov 18*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Chuck Loeb, *tickets: $25, $63 with dinner;* ***Nov 19*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Jonathan Butler, *tickets: $38, $76 with dinner;* ***Nov 26 & 27*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Arturo Sandoval, *tickets: $35, $73 with dinner;* ***Dec 1*** *at 8 p.m.*—Myanna with Elan Trotman, *tickets: $18, $56 with dinner;* ***Dec 2*** *at 8 p.m.*—Compaq Big Band, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***Dec 3 & 4*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Walter Beasley, *tickets: $35, $73 with dinner;* ***Dec 7 & 8*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—A Peter White Christmas with Mindi Abair and Rick Braun, *tickets: $38, $76 with dinner.*

TD GARDEN, 100 Legends Way (Causeway Street), 617-624-1000. The former FleetCenter not only hosts Celtics and Bruins home games, but is the premier indoor concert arena for the city of Boston. ***Nov 16*** *at 7 p.m.*—Justin Bieber, *tickets: $39.50–66;* ***Nov 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—Michael Buble, *tickets: $57.50–97.50;* ***Dec 5*** *at 7 p.m.*—Andrea Bocelli, *tickets: $77.50 & 352.50.*

TOP OF THE HUB, Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775. Enjoy food, drink and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook. ***Nov 15, 22 & 29 & Dec 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***Nov 16–18, 23 & 24*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 19, 20, 26 & 27*** *at 9 p.m.,* ***Nov 25*** *at 4 p.m.*—The Brian McCree Group; ***Nov 21 & 28, Dec 5*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group; ***Nov 21 & 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Marshall Wood Trio; ***Nov 30–Dec 2*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—The Bob Nieske Trio; ***Dec 3 & 4*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Bob Nieske Group with Maggie Galloway.

WANG THEATRE, Citi Performing Arts Center, 270 Tremont St., 617-482-9393. ***Nov 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Straight No Chaser, *tickets: $35–49.50.*

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Nov 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Ray Davies, *tickets: $66.15–89.15;* ***Dec 7*** *at 8 p.m.*—Minus the Bear, *tickets: $27.30.*

OPERA

DIDO AND AENEAS, Boston Early Music Festival, Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-661-1812. ***Nov 27*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 28*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $34–112.* The BEMF presents Purcell's landmark work as part of its Chamber Opera Series. The tale of the doomed love affair between Dido, Queen of Carthage, and the Trojan hero Aeneas is as beautiful and stirring as ever, performed by the three-time Grammy-nominated classical ensemble.

TOSCA, Boston Lyric Opera, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. ***Nov 16*** *at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $34–195.* One minute, Cavaradossi is musing on his latest painting—and the diva Tosca, his beautiful, jealous lover. The next, he's in prison with someone's jackboot on his neck. Tosca's options? Betrayal or rape. There are no good choices in Puccini's dark, passionate tale.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FINE ART SHOW, The Cyclorama, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-363-0405. *Visit www.fineartboston.com for more information.*

***Nov 19–21**: Fri 1–9 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $15.* Forty galleries from the U.S. and Europe present contemporary and traditional works of art in media ranging from paintings and sculpture to photography and mixed media. Gala Preview: ***Nov 18** from 5:30–8:30 p.m., tickets: $100–500, proceeds benefit the Boston Symphony Orchestra.*

BOSTON OPEN STUDIOS. More than 1,200 Boston artists open their studios to the public, providing a look into the art scene in 12 Boston neighborhoods. *Events are free and open to the public.* ***Dec 4 & 5** from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.*—Artists Group of Charlestown Open Studios at 523 Medford St., *visit www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com or call 617-241-0130;* ***Dec 4 & 5** from noon–5 p.m.*—Hyde Park Open Studios, *visit www.hydeparkopenstudios.org or call 617-480-6076.*

BOSTON TEA PARTY REENACTMENT, Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. ***Dec 12** at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $9.* Participate in this spirited re-enactment of the debate that led to the Boston Tea Party 237 years ago, as "protesters" rally against the tea tax at the Old South Meeting House—the site of the original protest on December 14, 1773.

CRAFTBOSTON HOLIDAY 2010, The Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-266-1810. ***Dec 10** from 10 a.m.–8 p.m., **Dec 11** 'til 7 p.m., **Dec 12** from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $15; seniors $13; children (12 and under) free.* Presented by the Society of Arts and Crafts, this event that marries retail to artistry unites 90 skilled crafters in media such as clay, glass, furniture and jewelry for a weekend sure to help you find the perfect unique holiday gifts for the art lovers on your list.

SPORTS

BOSTON BRUINS — **NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-1000.

***Nov 15** at 7 p.m.*	vs. New Jersey Devils
***Nov 18** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Florida Panthers
***Nov 20** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Los Angeles Kings
***Nov 26** at noon*	vs. Carolina Hurricanes
***Dec 2** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Tampa Bay Lightning
***Dec 7** at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Buffalo Sabres
***Dec 9** at 7 p.m.*	vs. New York Islanders
***Dec 11** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Philadelphia Flyers

BOSTON CELTICS — **NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-523-3030.

***Nov 17** at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Washington Wizards
***Nov 19** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Oklahoma City Thunder
***Nov 24** at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. New Jersey Nets
***Nov 26** at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Toronto Raptors
***Dec 1** at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Portland Trail Blazers
***Dec 3** at 8 p.m.*	vs. Chicago Bulls
***Dec 8** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Denver Nuggets

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — **NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776.

***Nov 21** at 4:15 p.m.*	vs. Indianapolis Colts
***Dec 6** at 8:30 p.m.*	vs. New York Jets

THEATRE

THE ALIENS, Company One, Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Nov 20**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 4 p.m. Tickets: $38 ($18 on Wed).* In the town of Shirley, Vermont, two 30-something dropouts hang out by the dumpster behind the coffee shop where they meditate on music, philosophy, 'shrooms and Bukowski. When a teenage employee asks them to relocate, these disillusioned young men find the disciple they've been waiting for. Playwright Annie Baker offers a funny and heartening look at friendship, ritual and small-town New England, as part of her Shirley, Vermont series of plays.

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. ***Ongoing**. Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 4, 7 and 10 p.m., Sun at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $48 & 62.* This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit features three muted, blue-painted performers who spoof both contemporary art and modern technology through wry commentary and bemusing antics. The show has been updated to include new performance pieces, new music and alterations to the sound and lighting design.

BODY AWARENESS, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Nov 20**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m. (**Nov 16** at 7:30 p.m.) Tickets: $30–50.* "Body Awareness" week on a Vermont college campus is the setting for this smart and touching comedy that forms part of Annie Baker's Shirley, Vermont series of plays. When Phyllis, the organizer, and her partner, Joyce, agree to host a photographer famous for his female nude portraits, a firestorm erupts that could break apart their unconventional family.

A CHORUS LINE, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances **through Nov 21**: Tue & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Wed at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $35–65.* This groundbreaking, Pulitzer Prize-winning smash tells the story of 17 dancers competing for a few coveted spots in the chorus of a Broadway musical. Through the audition they bare their souls while sharing stories of their childhood, ambitions, fears and experiences in show business.

FRANKIE AND JOHNNY IN THE CLAIR DE LUNE, New Repertory Theatre, Black Box Theater, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, 617-923-8487. *Performances: **Nov 28, Dec 2 & 12** at 2 and 7:30 p.m., **Nov 29, Dec 8 & 9** at 7:30 p.m., **Dec 3, 4 & 10** at 8 p.m., **Nov 28 & Dec 5** at 2 p.m., **Dec 11** at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets: $30.* In the City that Never Sleeps, is it possible to find real love after one night together? Join Tony Award-winning playwright Terrence McNally's fated duo, Frankie and Johnny—a guarded waitress and a passionate short-order cook—as they discover the world is smaller than they expected, there is no such thing as a mere coincidence and love can be as simple as deciding to embrace it.

THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY, PARTS I & II, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-585-5678. *Performances: Wed–Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. (**Nov 23** at 7:30 p.m., **Nov 28 & Dec 1** at 2 and 7:30 p.m. No shows **Nov 24 & 25**.) Tickets: $25–56.* A cast of 24 plays more than 150 characters in this remarkable two-part play with music. Winner of both the Tony Award for Best Play and the Olivier Award for Play of the Year, this adaptation of the Dickens novel about a poor young man trying to succeed in Victorian England makes its Boston debut.

PETRUSHKA, Paramount Theatre, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8000. *Performances **through Nov 21**: Tue–Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $25–79.* Master puppeteer and Guggenheim Fellow Basil Twist spins new magic around the legendary Ballets Russes production about the tragic love triangle between the clown Petrushka, the alluring Ballerina and the dashing Moor, whose stories emerge amidst the swirl of the Russian carnival and are set to Stravinsky's classic score.

SHEAR MADNESS, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. ***Ongoing**. Performances: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6 and 9 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. (**Nov 26** at 5 and 8 p.m., **Nov 28** at 3 p.m.) Tickets: $42.* This hilarious Boston-set whodunnit, where the clues change every night and the laughs come fast and funny, is a worldwide phenomenon filled with up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor and quicksilver improvisation where the audience becomes part of the action and gets to solve the crime.

STRIKING 12, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Deane Hall, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **beginning Dec 8**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–50.* Weaving a modern-day New Year's Eve into Hans Christian Andersen's classic fable "The Little Match Girl," this unique hybrid of musical theatre and live concert tells the story of a grumpy, overworked New Yorker whose resolve to spend New Year's Eve alone in his apartment crumbles when an unexpected visitor brings some much-needed cheer.

VENGEANCE IS THE LORD'S, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800. *Performances: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. (**Nov 21** at 2 and 7 p.m., **Nov 22** at 7:30 p.m., **Nov 26** at 2 and 8 p.m. No shows **Nov 24 & 25**). Tickets: $25–75.* In this world premiere from Bob Glaudini, the Horvath family forgives their trespassers—all but one. A mother's call for mercy clashes with a father's need for retribution when their daughter's murderer comes up for parole.

TICKETS

BOSTIX, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square, 617-723-5181. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Faneuil Hall location closed Mon); Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m.* Information and tickets, including half-price seats on day of event, for the best performing arts around Boston. Log on to www.bostix.org to purchase discounted tickets and receive special e-mail updates. All ticket offers subject to availability.

BOSTON CITYPASS, www.citypass.com. Visit five of Boston's best attractions for one low price. Save 50% and avoid ticket lines. *Booklet price: $46; youth (3–11) $29.* Ticket booklets are available at the first attraction visited and are valid for nine days. The CityPass ticket booklet includes admission to five major attractions: the New England Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center and your choice of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum or the Harvard Museum of Natural History, plus extra coupons for local businesses.

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SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS: Our Cups Runneth Over: Functional and Sculptural Ceramic Vessels, a display of creative and sometimes humorous art objects, is on view at this Back Bay gallery. Refer to listing, page 24.

BOSTON

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Sat–Thu 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $12; children (under 1) free; Sat–Thu 4–5 p.m. $5; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) $1.* The popular museum for families of all ages features a plethora of interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture firsthand. Exhibits include: Construction Zone, a child-sized work site with miniature skyscrapers inspired by the Big Dig; Arthur & Friends, featuring the stars of everyone's favorite PBS program; Boston Black, celebrating Boston's Caribbean, African and African-American cultures; Kid Power, which allows active kids to use energy in healthy ways and teaches them about fitness and nutrition. Special exhibits: Balancing Act, test your balance on balance beams, bridges and boogie boards; Five Friends from Japan: Children in Japan Today. *Refer to Kids Corner in Current Events for special events.*

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 100 Northern Ave., 617-478-3100. *Sat, Sun, Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $15; seniors $13; students $10; children (under 17) free. Free to all Thu 5–9 p.m.* Boston's first new art museum in 100 years is a state-of-the-art, gleaming structure on the South Boston waterfront which presents installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs, as well as cutting-edge live dance and musical performances. Special exhibits: Francesca DiMattio: Banquet; 2010 James and Audrey Foster Prize Nominees; ***beginning Nov 19***—Mark Bradford. Special event: ***Dec 10*** *at 8 p.m.—Peaches Christ Superstar,* a unique one-woman version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar* starring electro-pop artist Peaches with musical accompaniment by Chilly Gonzales.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. *Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; students $5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are admitted free.* Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including the works of Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special events: ***Nov 18*** *at 7 p.m.*—Jazz at the Gardner with the Berklee College Afro-Cuban Folkloric Ensemble, *tickets: $23;* ***Nov 21*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Sunday Concert Series with violist Roberto Diaz, *tickets: $23;* ***Dec 5*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Sunday Concert Series with violinist Caroline Goulding, *tickets: $23;* ***Dec 12*** *from 4:30–6:30 p.m.*—Family Holiday Celebration with Babar, featuring holiday music, story-telling and festive fare, *tickets: $185, children $55.*

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960. www.jfklibrary.org. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors & students $10; children (13–17) $9; children (12 and under) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: Poetry and Power: The Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy; ***through Nov 28***—Winning West Virginia: JFK's Primary Campaign. Special events: ***Nov 19*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Kennedy Library Forum: Queen Noor of Jordan discusses nuclear disarmament; ***Nov 29*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Kennedy Library Forum: Judge Gordon A. Martin discusses voting rights in the Kennedy years; ***Dec 5*** *at 2 p.m.*—An afternoon with humorist Garrison Keillor; ***Dec 9*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—A conversation with newsman Charlie Gibson.

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY, 200 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-7000. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors, students & youth (6–17) $4; children (under 6) free.* The Library explores the life and achievements of Mary Baker Eddy, a New England woman who defied conventional 19th-century thinking to become an influential religious leader, publisher, teacher and businesswoman. The museum also houses the famous Mapparium—a three-story stained-glass globe, opened in 1935, which allows visitors to stand in the center, giving them a unique look at how ideas can inspire individuals and change the world. Special exhibits: Hall of Ideas; Sensational Press, Radical Response; Peace Flag; Mary Baker Eddy: A Life of Service.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, 617-552-8100. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Gallery tours held every *Sun at 12:30 p.m.* This museum is renowned for its European, Asian and American collections. Special exhibit: ***through Dec 5***—Literary Lives: Portraits from the Crawford Art Gallery and Abbey Theatre, Ireland.

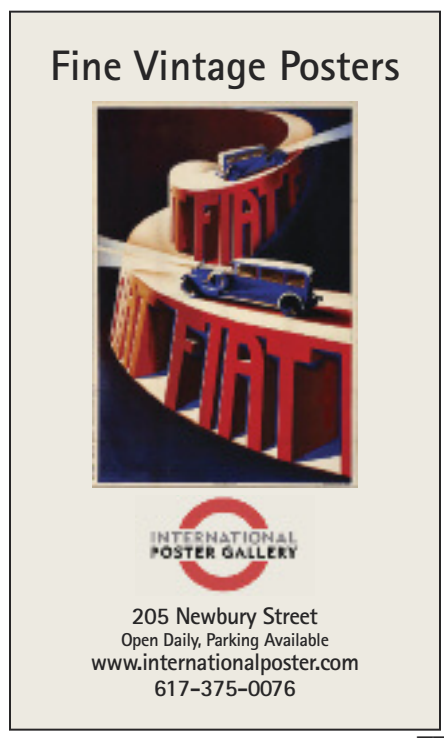
THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, African Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-2991. www.afroammuseum.org. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $5; seniors & children (13–17) $3; children (under 13) free.* Explore the history of Boston's 19th-century African-American community at the African Meeting House, the oldest African-American church still standing in the United States. In addition, there are tour maps available for the Black Heritage Trail.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 9:45 p.m. (****Nov 20*** *'til 9:45 p.m.) Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): $20; seniors & students $18; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $7.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times; children (6 and under) free.* The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, as well as the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: Preserving History, Making History: The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Under the Skin: Tattoos in Japanese Prints; Romantic Interludes: Women in Firdawsi's *Shahnama;* Luxuries from Japan: Cultural Exchange in the 17th and 18th Centuries; Nicholas Nixon: Family Album; New Works: Prints, Drawings, Collages; Avedon Fashion 1944–2000; Heaven and Hell in Japanese Art; Chinese Master Paintings from the Colllection; Millet and Rural France; Scaasi: American Couturier; Kristin Baker: New Paintings; Artists Abroad: London, Paris, Venice and Rome, 1825–1925; ***beginning Nov 20***—Modernist Photography, 1910–1950; Mirror of Holland: Drawings from the Maida and George Abrams Collection; Embroideries of Colonial Boston: Samplers; Fresh Ink: Ten Takes on Chinese Tradition. Special events: ***Nov 17 & 18*** *from noon–8 p.m.,* ***Nov 19–21*** *'til 6 p.m.*—The Museum School Art Sale; ***Nov 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—America Remixed, a gala party to celebrate the opening of the MFA's new Art of the Americas Wing, *tickets: $75 & 175;* ***Nov 20*** *beginning at 10 a.m.*—Community Day, *free general admission;* ***Dec 1 & 8*** *at 4 p.m.*—Free Wednesday nights at the MFA; ***Dec 3*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—mfafirstfridays.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $21; seniors $19; children (3–11) $18; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available.* Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium, are featured. Special exhibits: Inside the Mind of M.C. Escher; Laserlab; Reptiles: The Beautiful and the Deadly; K'Nex: Building Thrill Rides.

OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM, 206 Washington St., 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $7.50; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3.* At the site of the Boston Massacre and the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston, explore exhibits on the American Revolution, Boston's maritime history and the Boston Massacre, and take themed tours of the city. Special exhibits: The Old State House: A Hands-on History; The Boston Massacre Multimedia Presentation; From Colony to Commonwealth; Our Favorite Things: Boston Stories; Preservation of the Old State House; Treasures from the Bostonian Society's Collections.

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Free admission.* The museum preserves the treasures of "Old Ironsides," the U.S. Navy's flagship and the world's oldest commissioned warship. Includes weapons, documents, journals and more. Interactive exhibits allow visitors to load and fire a cannon, try out a sailor's sleeping quarters and virtually command the *Constitution* in battle. Special exhibits: Old Ironsides in War and Peace; The Barbary War; Model Shop; All Hands on Deck: A Sailor's Life in 1812.



BEYOND BOSTON

CONCORD MUSEUM, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors & students $8; children (6–17) $5; family rates available. Ample free parking on Cambridge Turnpike.* Relive Concord's history, from Native American habitation and European settlement to the days of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts and Hawthorne. Special exhibits: A Little Scrap for Recollection's Sake: Quilts from the Concord Museum; ***beginning Dec 3***—Family Trees: A Celebration of Children's Literature, featuring fancifully designed trees inspired by classic children's books.

DECORDOVA SCULPTURE PARK AND MUSEUM, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors, students & children (6–18) $8. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, admission charged during museum operating hours.* Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibits: PIXNIT: Folie que la nouveuté; Existed: Leonardo Drew; Rubbers: Martha Friedman; Platform 4: Type A; ***beginning Nov 15***—Platform 5: Bartow + Metzgar.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Tue–Sun and holiday Mondays 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $15; seniors $13; students $11; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a new wing with a 190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art, a maritime collection dating back to the museum's earliest days and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: The Emperor's Private Paradise: Treasures from the Forbidden City; Massachusetts Bay Charter; Written on the Waves; Eye Spy: Playing with Perception; Imprints: Photographs by Mark Ruwedel; Faces of Devotion, Indian Sculpture from the Figiel Collection; Painting the Modern in India; Fish, Silk, Tea, Bamboo: Cultivating an Image of China; Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $8.50; seniors $7; children (6–14) $5.50.* Life-size stage settings and historically accurate narration recreate the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials and executions of 1692. Translations available in Japanese, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Special exhibit: Witches: Evolving Perceptions.

GALLERIES

ARDEN GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Arden specializes in contemporary oil paintings and sculpture by nationally and internationally renowned artists, whose styles range from super-realism to abstraction. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 29***—Works by Lynda Lowe, works by Joanne Mattera; ***beginning Dec 1***—Works by Tim Liddy, Robert C. Jackson, Denise Mickilowski and Niho Kozuru.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibits: Works by Rosalyn Driscoll and Sally Fine.

BROMFIELD ART GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-451-3605. *Wed–Sat noon–5 p.m.* Boston's oldest artist-run gallery features shows by members of the cooperative, while exhibitions by visiting artists are selected by current members. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 27***—Tim McDonald: A Wild Edge; Betsyann Duval: Free Radicals; ***beginning Dec 1***—12x12 Holiday Show.

CHASE YOUNG GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-859-7222. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun 'til 4 p.m.* One of the city's top galleries for the exhibition of contemporary artists, both representational and abstract. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 28***—Works by Peter Hoffer; ***beginning Dec 1***—Winter Group Show.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* The acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage works from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters.

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY, 211 Newbury St., 617-927-4400. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* This gallery boasts contemporary sculpture, crafts and art for the home, garden and commercial environments.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835. *Sun & Wed noon–5 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 9 p.m.* The BCA presents exciting contemporary works by established and emerging local, regional, national and international visual artists, mounting approximately six large-scale exhibitions in the Mills Gallery each year. Special exhibit: ***beginning Nov 19***—Southern Exposure: Artadia Awardees Atlanta 2009.

PANOPTICON GALLERY, 502C Commonwealth Ave., 617-267-8929. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* This gallery is one of the oldest fine art photography galleries in the United States specializing in contemporary, modern and vintage photography. Special exhibit: Neal Rantoul: Twenty-Five Years (1980–2005).

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-975-0600. *Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $4; students & seniors $2; children (under 18) free.* PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: Then/Now: Recent Work by PRC Founders Carl Chiarenza and Chris Enos.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.* Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 29***—Form & Gesture: New Ceramics by Sung Jae Choi; Near & Far: New Paintings by Jeffrey Hessing; ***beginning Dec 4***—Sharir's Psalms; Chana Orloff: Sculpture.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting-edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: Our Cups Runneth Over: Functional and Sculptural Ceramic Vessels.

ART & ANTIQUES

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BOOKS

BARNES & NOBLE, 800 Boylston St. (Prudential Center), 617-247-6959. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* One of America's largest booksellers boasts all the bestsellers, plus an extensive selection of back titles, audiobooks, magazines, CDs and more.

BORDERS, 10–24 School St., 617-557-7188; 511 Boylston St., 617-236-1444; CambridgeSide Galleria, Cambridge, 617-679-0887. School Street: *Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m.;* Boylston Street: *Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–11 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m.;* Galleria: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This retailer provides a nearly limitless selection of books, periodicals and music.

CLOTHING

LOUIS, Fan Pier, 60 Northern Ave., 617-262-6100. *Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 7 p.m., Sun 'til 5 p.m.* Having recently relocated to Boston's Seaport District, this Boston institution maintains its cutting-edge allure by offering upscale men's fashions by up-and-coming designers, as well as women's fashions, bed and bath items and home accessories.

MARC JACOBS, 81 Newbury St., 617-425-0707. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* One of the country's hottest designers has one of his outlets right here in the Hub. This store specializes in Jacobs' hip, retro-inspired ready-to-wear line as well as his fabulous accessories, shoes and men's line.

PATAGONIA, 346 Newbury St., 617-424-1776. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* This outdoor apparel store sells a variety of clothing for all conditions. The Newbury Street store also regularly invites outdoorsmen to talk about their latest trips and experiences.

RICCARDI, 116 Newbury St., 617-266-3158. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* For more than 30 years, Riccardi has been introducing Bostonians to the latest men's and women's clothing, jeans and accessories. The store carries the freshest fashions and most exclusive items on the market, catering to a knowledgeable and fashion-savvy clientele with brands like Comme Des Garcons, Dior Homme, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada Sport, Sacai, Thomas Wylde and Vivienne Westwood.

SOODEE: This store on Newbury Street offers both cutting-edge and classic fashions for women. Refer to listing, below.

RUGBY, 342 Newbury St., 617-247-2801. *Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m.* This casual clothing store from Ralph Lauren features the latest in preppy couture, with edgy fashions aimed at the college set, at prices lower than Lauren's traditional Polo gear.

SOODEE, 170 Newbury St., 617-266-7888. *Mon–Wed 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This boutique offers fun pieces of clothing that transport the buyer to a different age and place, with items that are modern, trendy and high fashion alongside others that are timeless and classic. Whether you need a party dress at the last minute, a designer bag at an affordable price or fashionable accessories to impress your friends, you will find it all at Soodee. Show *Panorama* ad (*page 29*) and get 15% off.

DEPARTMENT STORES

FILENE'S BASEMENT, 497 Boylston St., 617-424-5520. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This classic Boston off-price store—touting the slogan "Where Bargains Were Born!"—offers designer and brand name fashions for men, women and the home.

H & M, 350 Washington St., 617-482-7081; 100 Newbury St., 617-859-3192. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7*

p.m. This youthful, cutting-edge department store's mission of "fashion and quality at the best price" translates to inexpensive, trendy clothes for men and women, as H & M boasts the freshest, most up-to-date fashion trends in color, material and style.

LORD & TAYLOR, 760 Boylston St., 617-262-6000. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sat 'til 8:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* One of the oldest department stores in the nation, the Lord & Taylor brand is all about class. Find pieces from high-end designers such as Chanel, trendier items for a younger crowd or try on some of the store's own brand name clothing, such as designs by Charles Nolan.

MACY'S, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3195. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m.* Discover the season's hottest trends, newest styles and best prices. Choose from your favorite designers: Coach, Polo, DKNY, Hugo Boss, the Martha Stewart Collection and more.

MARSHALLS, 500 Boylston St., 617-262-6066: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.;* 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Its mantra "Brand name clothing for less" has made this discount retailer a bargain hunter's dream come true. From Ralph Lauren to Calvin Klein, Marshalls features designer clothing for men, women and children.

T.J. MAXX, 350 Washington St., 617-695-2424. *Mon–Sat 9:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This discount retailer offers brand name and designer fashions for men, women and kids, as well as accessories, fine jewelry and items for the home, at prices 20–60% off most department store rates.

GIFTS & SOUVENIRS

FIREFLY JEWELRY & GIFTS, 270 Newbury St., 617-375-5885. www.fireflyboston.com. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Since 2003, Firefly has become the "go-to" gift boutique catering to visitors and locals alike. From unique gifts by local artists to fun and fashionable home décor, there's something for every taste. Firefly also offers a wide array of handcrafted jewelry from artists around the country.

TEDDY BALLGAME'S, 1 South Station, 617-330-1230. Located at the South Station concierge desk, Teddy Ballgame's offers tours of Boston that leave right from South Station, a wide variety of Red Sox souvenirs, T-shirts and books about the history of Boston.

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

FILTHY RICH CELEBRITY JEWELRY, 236A Hanover St., 857-366-4620. www.filthyrichofboston.com. *Tue–Thu 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* You don't have to be "filthy rich" to look like a million! Licensed replicas of jewelry worn by Jacqueline Kennedy, Audrey Hepburn and other Hollywood legends of the past—as well as today's hottest celebrities and designers—are all here. Their jewelry will have you dazzling like a star on the red carpet for a fraction of the price.

HIGH GEAR JEWELRY, 204 Hanover St., 617-523-5804. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Merilee Wolfson's platinum-drenched contemporary fashion jewelry shop dazzles with an impressive selection of costume jewelry and semi-precious pieces. Whether you're looking for eco-friendly "green" jewelry from South America or looks fresh from the pages of the world's top fashion magazines, this is the go-to spot in Boston.

JOHN LEWIS, INC., 97 Newbury St., 617-266-6665. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* John Lewis has been creating jewelry of imaginative design in Boston for more than 30 years. Using only solid precious metals and natural stones, Lewis aims "to make jewelry at a reasonable price of excellent workmanship and uncommon beauty."

LUX BOND & GREEN, 416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 'til 5 p.m.* Since 1898, Lux Bond & Green has provided its customers with diamonds, gold jewelry, watches and giftware from around the world. The store offers a corporate gift division, bridal and gift registry, a full-service repair department, gift certificates and elegant gift wrapping.

NEWBURY 211, 211 Newbury St., 857-753-4669. *Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m.* This shop offers one-of-a-kind jewelry—handmade by Israeli designers from silver and 18 and 24 karat gold with handset precious gems—as well as unique designer gowns and accessories.

ROSS-SIMONS JEWELERS, The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-262-0935; The Natick Collection, Natick, 508-655-2956; Atrium Mall, Chestnut Hill, 617-965-5300. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.;* Chestnut Hill: *Sun noon–6 p.m.* Ross-Simons Jewelers is New England's famous destination for fabulous jewelry and fine Swiss watches—all at legendary great prices. If you're thinking about diamonds, Ross-Simons is a must-visit attraction. They have one simple promise: the absolute best prices on certified diamonds anywhere in the country.

SHREVE, CRUMP & LOW, 440 Boylston St., 617-267-9100. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* Serving Bostonians since 1796, this Boston institution boasts of being the oldest continuously operating luxury business in the U.S. Its Back Bay location is filled with glittering diamonds, fine jewelry, watches, silver, china, porcelain, stationery, antiques and more.

TIFFANY & CO., Copley Place, 100 Huntington Ave., 617-353-0222. *Mon, Tue & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m.* This world-renowned jeweler has been synonymous with quality, integrity and tradition for more than 150 years. The Copley Place store features an exquisite array of diamonds, rings, timepieces and accessories.

MALLS/SHOPPING CENTERS

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MUSIC/VIDEO

BANG & OLUFSEN, 141b Newbury St. and 1 Design Center Place, Suite 643, 617-262-4949. Newbury Street: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.;* Design Center: *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Founded in 1925, this leading innovator in both technology and aesthetics offers everything from complete home electronics systems and home phones to headphones, cell phones and assorted accessories. www.bang-olufsen.com.

NEWBURY COMICS, 332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Also: 36 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; North Market Building, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9992. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain, which boasts the cheapest CD prices in town, including import, indie and major label releases, as well as T-shirts, comics and other pop culture kitsch items.

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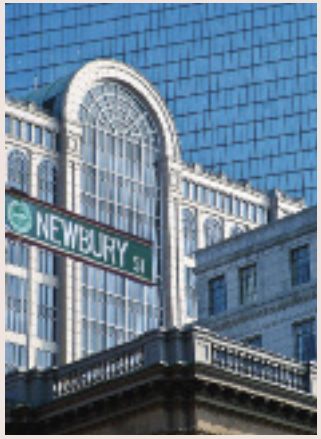

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Just across the Charles River from Boston, Cambridge is a diverse and cosmopolitan city abounding with art, culture, fine dining and exceptional shopping. Yet, thanks to its division into "squares," Cambridge retains the feel of several small neighborhoods, each with its individual flair and style.

Central Square is the social center for Cambridge, with great restaurants, bars and music venues such as the Middle East Cafe, T.T. the Bear's Place and The Cantab Lounge.

Harvard Square is home to Harvard University's sprawling campus, including its associated theaters and museums. In addition, visitors flock to the neighborhood for a diverse range of retail shops, restaurants, coffee shops, bars and clubs that offer something to satisfy every taste.

The quieter, more residential **Inman Square** abounds with ethnic food shops, bars and restaurants along with local and national jazz acts at Ryles Jazz Club.

Kendall Square, home to MIT and many bio-tech firms, also hosts foreign and indie films at Kendall Square Cinema and boasts a growing number of eclectic nightspots.

Just beyond Harvard Square, **Porter Square** is full of funky second-hand shops and restaurants, as well as live music at the Lizard Lounge and Toad. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Harvard Yard
- MIT Museum
- Harvard Art Museums
- American Repertory Theater
- Harvard Museum of Natural History

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Red Line to Kendall, Central, Harvard, Porter and Alewife; Green Line to Lechmere.

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***THE BLUE FLOWER*: This avant-garde musical set during World War I opens December 1 at the American Repertory Theater's Loeb Drama Center in Harvard Square. Refer to listing, page 32.**

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

CAMBRIDGE COMMON/OLD BURYING GROUND. A grazing pasture and cemetery for Puritan Newtowne, as well as a favorite meeting spot for public figures and a tent site for the Continental Army. Early college presidents and town residents were buried in "God's Acre" across from the Common.

CHRIST CHURCH, Zero Garden St., 617-876-0200. *Offices open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Call for services.* This 1761 Tory house of worship was utilized as a Colonial barracks in the American Revolution.

FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN/UNIVERSALIST, 3 Church St., Harvard Square, 617–876–7772. *Please call for services.* Harvard College provided the pews for its students in this 1833 building erected for the then newly founded Unitarian Church.

HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE YARDS. Located within Harvard Campus. The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

HARVARD SQUARE/OLD CAMBRIDGE. *Take the "T" to Harvard on the Red Line.* The center of Cambridge activity since the 17th century, the Square is home to Harvard University, historic buildings, cafes, restaurants and shops.

LONGFELLOW NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 105 Brattle St., 617-876-4491. *Grounds open daily from dawn to dusk.* This 1759 Georgian mansion was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow from 1837–1882 and a central gathering place for writers and artists in the 19th century. It also served as George Washington's headquarters during the seige of Boston in 1775–76.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, 580 Mount Auburn St., 617-547-7105. *Daily 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Closing times may vary.* Founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Mount Auburn was the first landscaped cemetery in the country. Many prominent Americans are buried here, including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Winslow Homer. The cemetery is also an arboretum, sculpture garden and wildlife sanctuary.

TORY ROW (BRATTLE STREET). One of the nation's most beautiful residential streets, Tory Row is the site of Loyalist mansions and their elegant neighbors from every period of American architecture.

ENTERTAINMENT

BACK BAY CHORALE, Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy St., 617-496-2222. ***Dec 11** at 8 p.m. Tickets: $25–50.* The acclaimed Back Bay Chorale and Orchestra present a stirring version of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio.*

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.50; students & matinees $7.50; seniors & children $6.50.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. Special events: ***Nov 25** at 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Alien; **Nov 26** at 12:30 and 5:15 p.m.—All About Eve; at 3:15 and 8 p.m.—Gentlemen Prefer Blondes; **Nov 27** at 12:15 and 5 p.m.—M*A*S*H; **Nov 28** at 3 and 7:15 p.m.—Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid; at 5:15 and 9:30 p.m.—Raising Arizona; **Dec 11 & 12** at 12:30 p.m.—It's A Wonderful Life.*

THE CAPITOL STEPS, Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy St., 617-496-2222. ***Nov 27** at 8 p.m. Tickets: $29–38.* The popular political satirists bring their latest evening of musical comedy—The Liberal Shop of Horrors Tour—to Cambridge for some bipartisan ribbing of everything from the Tea Party to Obamacare that will have audiences united in laughter.

CHARLES HOTEL ICE SKATING RINK, 1 Bennett St., 617-864-1200. ***Opens Dec 12**: Mon–Fri from 4–8 p.m., Sat & Sun from 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Fees: $5; skate rental $5, children (under 12) $3.* This 2,900-square-foot, illuminated outdoor ice skating rink boasts rink-side refreshments from the New England-influenced restaurant Henrietta's Table.

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., 617-492-7679. *Call for full schedule.* This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was a starting place for folk icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. ***Nov 16** at 7 p.m.*—Asylum Street Spankers, *tickets: $30; **Nov 17 & 18** at 7 and 10 p.m.*—Crooked Still, *tickets: $30; **Nov 26** at 8 p.m.*—Bob Franke, *tickets: $17; **Dec 2** at 8 p.m., **Dec 3** at 7 and 10 p.m.*—Julian Lage, *tickets: $20; **Dec 4** at 7 p.m.*—Nerissa and Katryna Nields, *tickets: $20; **Dec 10** at 8 p.m.*—Garnet Rogers, *tickets: $18.*

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1238 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, 617-661-6507. *Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–10.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. ***Nov 16, 23 & 30, Dec 6***—Mystery Lounge, featuring professional magicians; ***Nov 17***—Rob Creen, Joe Della Penna, Ray Harrington, Nate Johnson and others; ***Nov 18***—Sean Sullivan, Marc Basch, Tom Dunlap, Max Fox, Erik Levi and others; ***Nov 19***—Ken Reid, Shaun Bedgood, Rick Canavan, Taylor Connelly, Kate

Ghiloni and others; ***Nov 20***—Rick Jenkins hosts Pete Davis, Shaun Donovan, Chrissy Kelleher, Andrew Mayer and others; ***Nov 21***—Jimmy Anicet, Jessie Baade, Benny Bosh, Laura Crawford, Mekka Mek, Dave Pizelli and others.

HARVARD FILM ARCHIVE, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., 617-495-4700. *Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices.* With more than 300 films shown per year, HFA is one of the most active art cinemas in New England. Special events: ***Nov 19*** *at 7 p.m.—The Panic in Needle Park;* ***Nov 23*** *at 7 p.m.—The Lady Vanishes;* ***Nov 24*** *at 7 p.m.—Grizzly Man;* ***Dec 3*** *at 7 p.m.—The Last Laugh; at 9 p.m.—Whither Germany?;* ***Dec 11*** *at 7 p.m.—Die Nibelungen, Part I;* ***Dec 12*** *at 7 p.m.—Die Nibelungen, Part II.*

HARVARD SQUARE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, First Parish Unitarian Church, corner of Church Street and Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Square. ***Dec 4, 5, 10–12****: Fri 11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Free and open to the public.* This venerable holiday craft event, now in its 25th season, is described as "the original rock and roll holiday fair" by its devotees, and features a funky mix of area craftspeople from New England and around the world exhibiting and selling goods ranging from clocks to jewelry, hand-printed cards to pottery, clothing to photography and much more.

IMPROVBOSTON, 40 Prospect St., Central Square, 617-576-1253. *Performances: Wed–Sun. Cover: $7–16. Visit www.improvboston.com for a complete schedule of shows.* This comedy theater features improv sketch comedy, stand-up shows, games, original music and audience participation.

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Massachusetts Ave., 617-864-EAST. *Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. ***Nov 17***—Cornershop, *tickets: $20;* ***Nov 24***—Idlewild with Happy Hollows, The Blackboard Nails, *tickets: $15;* ***Dec 3***—Appetite for Destruction (Guns N' Roses tribute) with My New Disaster, *tickets: $12;* ***Dec 4***—7th Rail Crew with Nullset, Breathe, Burn the Witch and Drained, *tickets: $15;* ***Dec 10***—Lansdowne with Silent Season, Prospect Hill and others, *tickets: $18;* ***Dec 11***—Antigone Rising, *tickets: $12.*

REGATTABAR, 3rd floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., 617-661-5000. ***Nov 18–20*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Ahmad Jamal, *tickets: $28;* ***Nov 23*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Patrice Williamson, *tickets: $15.*

T.T. THE BEAR'S PLACE, 10 Brookline St., 617-492-BEAR. *Shows start at 8:30 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–14.* ***Nov 15***—Johnny Flynn with Cloud; ***Nov 19***—Township with The Lights Out, The Organ Beats, Minor Stars; ***Nov 26***—Girls Guns & Glory with Daisy's Little Secret; ***Dec 3***—Stornoway with Franz Nicolay & Major General, Kingsley Flood; ***Dec 5***—Ben Weaver with Sarah Jaffe; ***Dec 12***—Crooked Fingers with Marc Pinansky.

THEATRE

AS YOU LIKE IT, The Longwood Players, Cambridge Family YMCA Theatre, 820 Massachusetts Ave., 800-595-4849. *Performances:* ***Nov 18 & 19*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 20*** *at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets: $19 & 25.* Through political intrigue, treachery and mistaken identity alongside healthy doses of love, lust and faithful friends, Shakespeare's play tells the tale of Rosalind, who cleverly disguises herself to escape banishment and win her heart's desire.

THE BLUE FLOWER, American Repertory Theater, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., 617-547-8300. *Performances:* ***Dec 1–3, 5, 7, 9 & 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Dec 4, 11 & 12*** *at 2 and 7:30 p.m.,* ***Dec 8*** *at 7 p.m. Tickets: $25 & 35.* Fusing the sounds of Weimar cabaret and country-western music, this musical takes us on a journey from Belle Epoque Paris to the battlefields of World War I. As the artist Max Baumann assembles his memories into a spectacular collage, he reveals the story of four friends and lovers trying to make their way through a world in pieces.

THE DONKEY SHOW, American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300. ***Ongoing****. Performances: Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets: $25–75.* Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirror balls, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustle queens tells the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through great '70s anthems like "We Are Family," "I Love the Nightlife," "Car Wash," "Ring My Bell" and "Last Dance."

DURANG/DURANG, Bad Habit Productions, Durrell Theatre, Cambridge Family YMCA, 820 Massachusetts Ave., 857-225-2836. *Performances* ***Dec 2–12****: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $20.* Unreal, surreal playwright Christopher Durang brings you a night of short plays that find the "Dramamine in drama." Durang's absurd, irreverent look at theatre and literature will keep you laughing long and loud.

THE FEVER CHART: THREE VISIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, Underground Railway Theater, Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Ave., 866-811-4111. *Performances:* ***Nov 18, Dec 1, 2 & 9*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 19 & 20, Dec 3, 4, 10 & 11*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 21, Dec 5 & 12*** *at 2 p.m.,* ***Nov 26 & 27*** *at 2 and 8 p.m.,* ***Dec 8*** *at 10 a.m. Tickets: $40.* Playwright Naomi Wallace offers a unique combination of lyrical theatricality and political passion in this trio of tales in which an Israeli soldier encounters a mysterious Palestinian woman at the Rafah Zoo; a Palestinian father reveals to a young Israeli woman their shared history; and a bookish Iraqi bird collector tells of his conscription into Saddam's army.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

HARVARD ART MUSEUMS, 485 Broadway, 617-495-9400. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $7; students $6; children (18 and under) free.* The Harvard Art Museums—including the Fogg and Busch-Reisinger museums, which are currently closed for renovations—are currently housed at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum, which has been reinstalled with some of the finest works representing the collections of all three museums. Special exhibits: Re-View, a collection of highlights from the Harvard Art Museums; The Past and the Present: British Art of the 19th Century; The Western Tradition: Art Since the Renaissance; ***beginning Nov 23***—Brush and Ink Reconsidered: Contemporary Chinese Landscapes; ***through Nov 27***—Heroic Gestes: Epic Tales from Firdawsi's *Shahnama;* ***beginning Dec 3***—I Was Not Waving but Drowning; ***through Dec 4***—The Art of Deceit: Looking at French *Trompe l'Oeil.*

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors & students $7; children (3–18) $6.* Among the museum's 17

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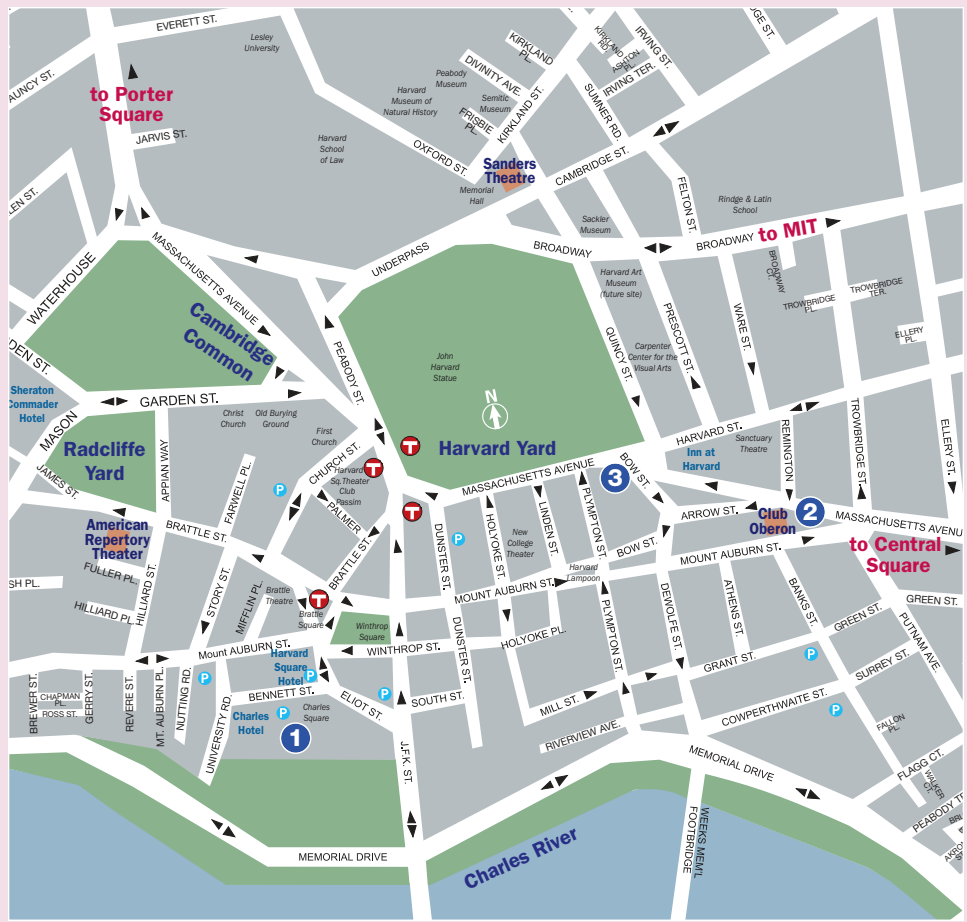

galleries is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of more than 3,000 glass flower models created between 1886 and 1936. Special exhibits: Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule; Evolution; The Language of Color; Headgear: The Natural History of Horns & Antlers.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of the area's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibits: Works from the Weisfeld Collection; Frances Stark; Emily Wardill: Gamekeepers Without Game; Melvin Moti: The Prisoner's Cinema.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-5927. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; children, seniors & students $3; children (under 5) free.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Ongoing exhibits: Holography: The Light Fantastic; Robots and Beyond: Exploring Artificial Intelligence at MIT; Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson; Learning Lab: The Cell; Sampling MIT; The Humorous Side of MIT: Poster Art by Donald J. Hatfield, 1950–1960; Types We Can Make: A Selection of Contemporary Swiss Type Design.

CLUBS AND BARS

THE CANTAB LOUNGE, 738 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-2685. *Mon–Wed 8 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m., Sun noon–1 a.m.* The crowd at The Cantab Lounge is just as diverse as its Central Square location's residents. The enduring dive features an eclectic offering of live jazz, soul and rock, and a large selection of domestic and imported beers. *Tue*—Bluegrass Night; *Wed*—Poetry Slam.

THE DRUID, 1357 Cambridge St., 617-497-0965. *Daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m.* The Druid, a classic Irish pub with a modern twist, has something for every taste. Housed in Cambridge's oldest wooden mercantile building in the heart of Inman Square, the pub features hearty meals and British soccer matches on the big screen by day. But on *Thu*, a live DJ, local bands and the selection of draft beers bring in a crowd of stylish 20- and 30-somethings. *Wed*—Pub Quiz.

ENORMOUS ROOM, 567 Massachusetts Ave., 617-491-5550. *Nightly 5:30 p.m.–1 a.m.* Don't let the name fool you—the bar's intimate and relaxed atmosphere will make you feel as if you invited the DJ or band into your living room. A hip, young crowd flocks nightly to this Central Square spot to enjoy the Middle Eastern decor, plush furniture, cutting-edge music and excellent food and drink selections.

LIZARD LOUNGE, 1667 Massachusetts Ave., 617-547-0759. *Sun–Wed 7:30 p.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* Offering everything from poetry slams to open-mic comedy, this funky hangout attracts a mix of young intellectuals and professionals. Live entertainment is featured most nights, and can be enjoyed from one of the many intimate two-person tables. Pre- or post-show you can head upstairs to the Cambridge Common and enjoy a beer and an appetizer.

REDLINE, 59 JFK St., 617-491-9851. *Kitchen: Mon–Sat 5–11 p.m. Bar: Mon–Wed 'til 1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* A bustling bar scene is housed within this fashionable lounge/restaurant, which serves delicious and creative cocktails and cuisine. Local and international DJs keep the energetic and mature crowds shaking their bodies on the dancefloor well into the night.

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HARVEST: Enjoy dining on creative and seasonal New England cuisine from Chef Mary Dumont at this acclaimed Harvard Square eatery. **Refer to listing, page 35.**

DINING

Refer to Dining, page 60, for key to restaurant symbols.

THE ASGARD IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT, 350 Massachusetts Ave., 617-577-9100, www.classicirish.com. The Asgard was designed in Ireland, with local artists putting the finishing touches on a truly one-of-a-kind bar. Communal tables and a variety of cool, comfortable places to sit—along with an extensive menu, a large craft beer selection, outdoor patio, live music, trivia nights, DJs and no cover charge—make the Asgard a perfect spot for a pint and a meal. Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu & Fri 'til 2 a.m., Sat 10 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 1 a.m. $

BORDER CAFE, 32 Church St., 617-864-6100. Sizzling fajitas, overstuffed quesadillas and giant margaritas—served in a bustling, lively and fun atmosphere—are the highlights at this Tex-Mex hotspot in Harvard Square. L, D, C, LS. $

DANTE, Royal Sonesta, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., 617-497-4200. Dante de Magistris serves playful, rich fare with Italian, French and Spanish influences while diners savor great views of the Charles River and the Boston skyline. B, L, D, Sat & SB. $$$$

DOLPHIN SEAFOOD, 1105 Massachusetts Ave., 617-661-2937, www.dolphinseafood.com. If you're in the mood for quality seafood, then this longtime neighborhood favorite is not to be missed. From fried seafood platters to healthier options like swordfish to all varieties of shellfish, if it comes from the sea, Dolphin serves it up deliciously and fresh off the boat. On Fri & Sat, beginning at 9:30 p.m., don't miss out on their $1 raw bar and a late night menu featuring the unbeatable "$3.99 Appetizer Menu" which includes favorites like lobster roll sliders, mini crab cakes, fried calamari and more. L, D. $$$

EAST COAST GRILL, 1271 Cambridge St., 617-491-6568. Spicy barbecue and seafood dominate the menu at Chef Chris Schlesinger's eatery, where the cabana-like cocktails and funky atmosphere prove fine dining can be fun. D, SB. $$$

GRENDEL'S DEN, 89 Winthrop St., 617-491-1160. Since 1971, Grendel's Den has been a comfortable, down-to-earth neighborhood eatery and bar, justly earning landmark status in the Harvard Square community. L, D, BR, LS, C. $

HARVEST, 44 Brattle St., 617-868-2255, www.harvestcambridge.com. In keeping with its name, Harvest—located in the heart of Harvard Square—specializes in dishes that incorporate only the freshest local ingredients. Chef Mary Dumont adjusts her expansive menu of classic American cuisine seasonally, taking full advantage of the bounty available from New England farms and greenhouses. Diners can treat themselves to delicious dishes like spring English pea soup, roasted local beet salad and all-natural braised pork cheeks, as well as selections from Harvest's raw bar. Sun–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. L, D, SB. $$$$

HENRIETTA'S TABLE, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., 617-661-5005. Only locally grown and organic produce is used to create a lively, textured menu of reinterpreted New England classics. Private dining room available. B, L, D, Sat & SB. $

HONG KONG, 1238 Massachusetts Ave., 617-864-5311, www.hongkongharvard.com. A local favorite for more than five decades, this Harvard Square fixture serves a full array of classic Chinese dishes and exotic drinks, including its world-renowned scorpion bowl. Perfect for a meal with friends, including lunch, dinner or late-night snacks, or for checking out the latest sports action in the bar. Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Thu 'til 2:30 a.m., Fri & Sat 'til 3 a.m. $

INDIA PAVILION, 17 Central Square, 617-547-7463. One of the best traditional Northern Indian restaurants in the area, India Pavilion has been a Cambridge staple for more than 25 years. A menu of lamb, chicken and vegetarian specialties is complemented by a selection of fine Indian wines and beer. L buffet daily noon–3 p.m.; D daily 3–11 p.m. $

L.A. BURDICK'S, 52-D Brattle St., Harvard Square, 617-491-4340. Located in the center of bustling Harvard Square, this chocolate shop attracts both students and corporate executives with rich pastries like the chocolate mousse cake and fruit tarts, as well as its rich hot chocolate and assorted beverages. $

OM, 92 Winthrop St., Harvard Square, 617-576-2800. OM delights foodies with its globally influenced modern American cuisine, while its sleek lounge boasts leather sofas, a hypnotic water wall and signature cocktails. D, C. $$$

RIALTO, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants, Rialto specializes in fine wines and delectable Italian cuisine. Chef Jody Adams showcases her creative talents on a brand-new menu. Reservations recommended. D. $$$$

SHERATON COMMANDER RESTAURANT, 16 Garden St., Harvard Square, 617-547-4800. New England-style cuisine in an elegant setting with a casual atmosphere. B, L, D, SB. $$

UPSTAIRS ON THE SQUARE, 91 Winthrop St., 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this quirky eatery features everything from gourmet pizza to wood-grilled lamb loin. A charming blend of eccentricity and culinary luxury. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

WAGAMAMA, 57 JFK St., 617-499-0930; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, Boston, 617-742-9242; The Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., Boston, 617-778-2344. This international chain, modeled on the classic Japanese ramen noodle bar, offers affordable prices, speedy service and authentic food. L, D. $$

ZEPHYR ON THE CHARLES, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, 617-441-6510. This restaurant serves a traditional menu of appetizers and entrees—including jumbo lump blue crab cakes and Maine lobster—bursting with flavor and flair. B, L, D, C. $$

ZOE'S, 1105 Massachusetts Ave., 617-495-0055, www.zoescambridge.com. Offering a menu of delicious homemade Greek and American food in a fun atmosphere, this retro establishment serves breakfast all day, and take-out and catering are available. A popular destination for the weekend brunch crowd, Zoe's is also a great place for dinner, boasting an affordable selection of beer and wine. For dessert, try the delicious cheesecake frappe or the famous frozen hot chocolate. B, L, D, SB. Mon–Wed 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–9 p.m. $

SHOPPING

BLACK INK, 5 Brattle St., 617-497-1221; 101 Charles St., Boston, 617-723-3883. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Trendy knick-knacks, from silk change purses to sensual candles to sushi-eating accessories, and nostalgic memorabilia, such as tin lunch boxes, can be found at this quirky, fun gift shop.

BOUTIQUE FABULOUS, 1309 Cambridge St., 617-864-0656. *Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 'til 6 p.m.* This Cambridge boutique credits itself as the place where "fabulous people get their style." The store is filled with items that are all hand-picked by owner Mara Anka Kustra, running the gamut from vintage to new to handmade.

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA, 100 CambridgeSide Place, 617-621-8666. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m.* This three-level mall features department stores such as Sears and Best Buy, as well as more than 100 other stores and specialty shops, including the largest Gap in Boston, J. Crew, Old Navy, Borders, Victoria's Secret and more.

THE GARMENT DISTRICT, 200 Broadway, 617-876-5230. *Sun–Fri 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m.* A vintage lover's paradise, this two-level thrift warehouse sells everything from vintage Levi's to knock-off designer dresses and '70s go-go boots. The ambitious (or desperate) can sift through the heaping piles of the downstairs Dollar-A-Pound. The Garment District also incorporates Boston Costume, an excellent resource for all your costume party needs.

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HONG KONG: This popular Chinese eatery and bar in Harvard Square is famous for its potent scorpion bowls. Refer to listing, page 35.

THE HARVARD COOP, 1400 Massachusetts Ave., 617-499-2000. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Founded in 1882, The Harvard Cooperative Society—better known as The Coop—has grown into America's largest college bookstore. Located in the heart of Harvard Square, The Coop offers the largest selection of officially licensed Harvard insignia sportswear, gifts and souvenirs. Explore a vast array of books, fine art prints, posters, frames, stationery and greeting cards. Custom book orders are available, and the Coop hosts frequent author events.

TISTIK, 54 Church St., 617-661-0900. *Mon–Wed 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This Harvard Square retailer specializes in handmade, unique and fashionable jewelry, accessories and home decorating products made by artisans in developing countries who work independently or in partnership with socially responsible organizations that help them improve their living standards through the sale of their work.

URBAN OUTFITTERS, 11 JFK St., Harvard Square, 617-864-0070; 361 Newbury St., Boston, 617-236-0088. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Where urban hipsters turn for funky men's and women's fashions. The store also features a wide array of housewares, shoes, accessories, gifts, books, cards and other bric-a-brac.

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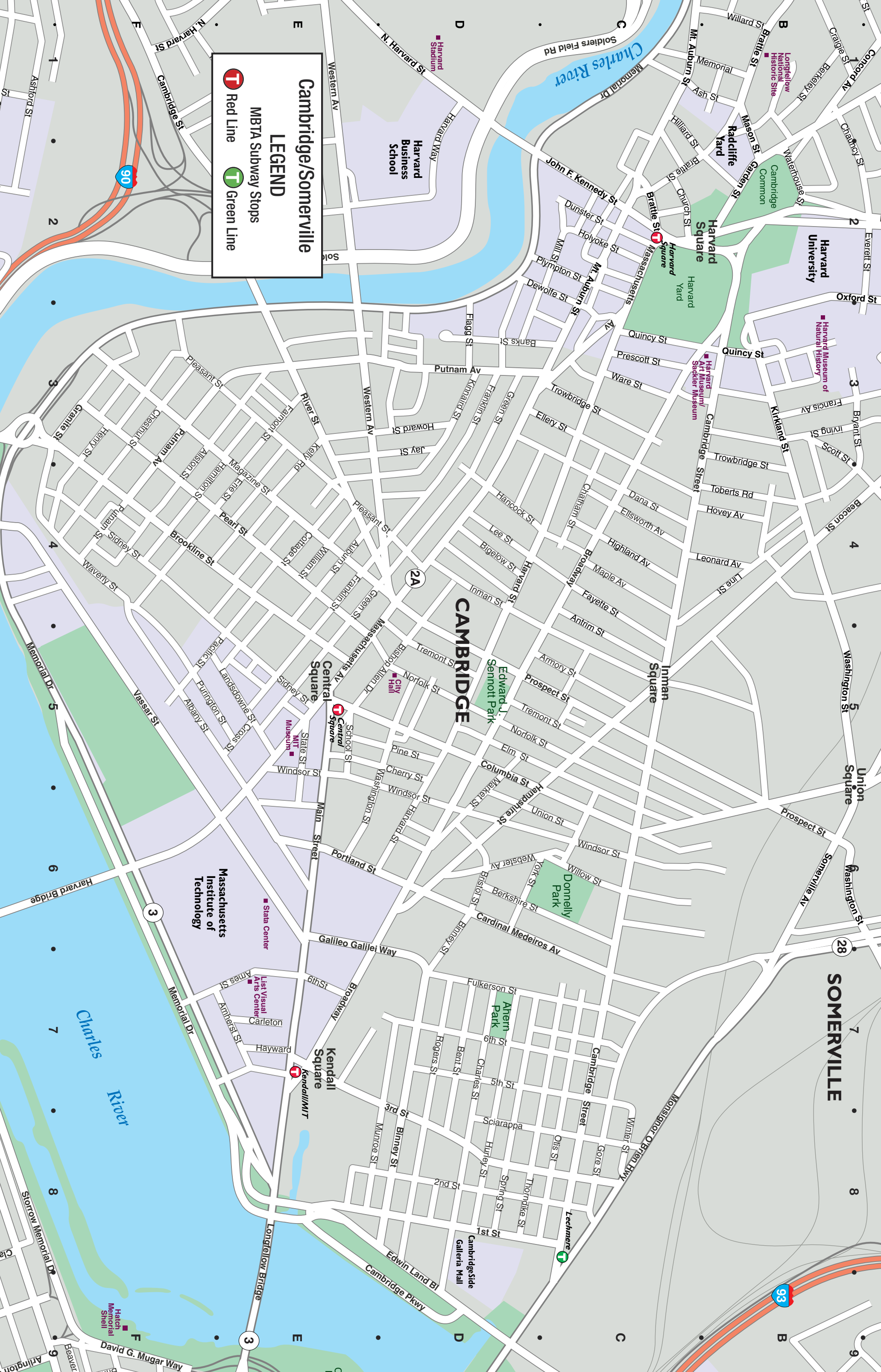
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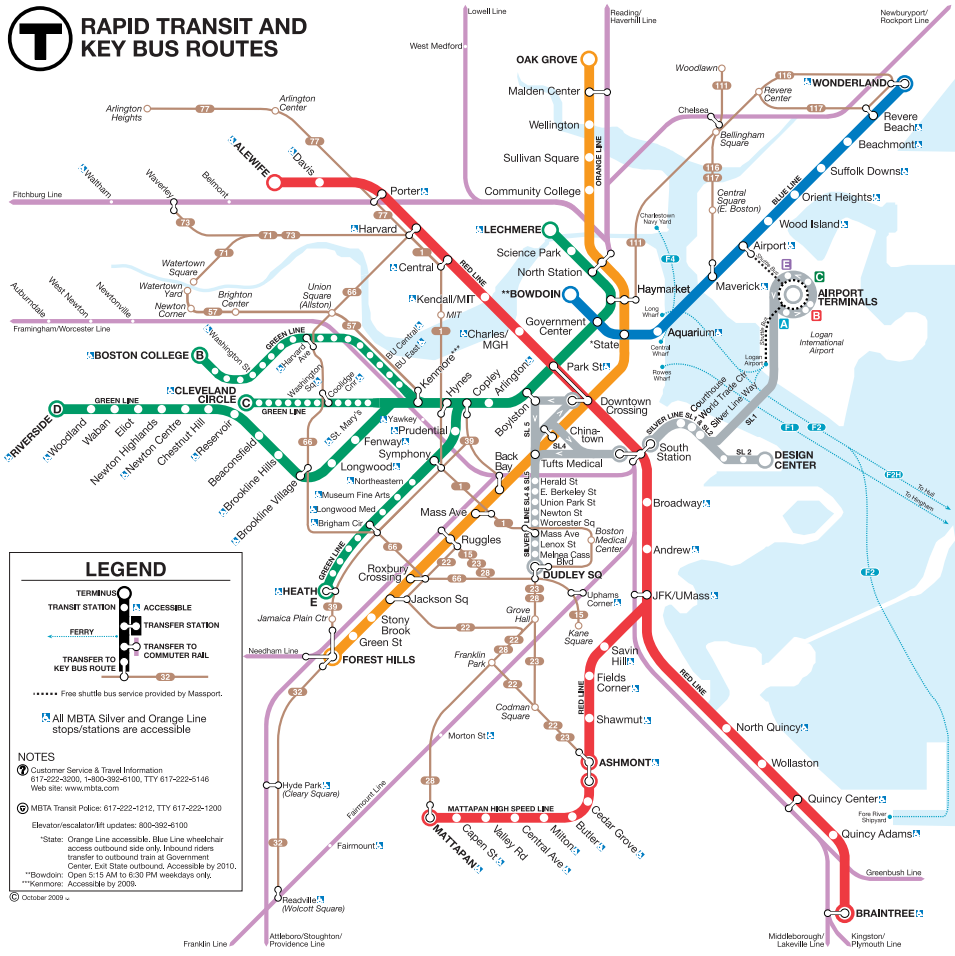

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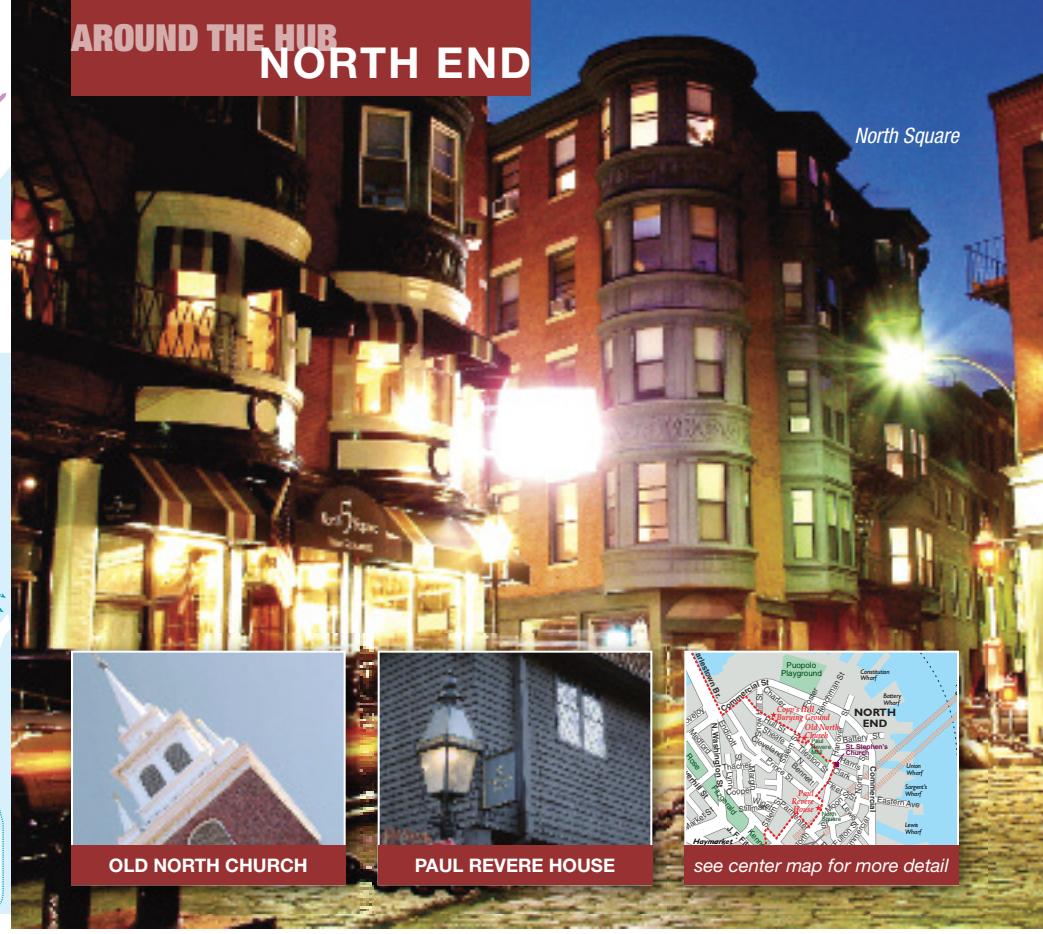
NORTH END



Renowned as Boston's "Little Italy," the North End is Boston's oldest neighborhood, having given birth to the American Revolution from its narrow cobblestone streets. Known today for its abundance of Italian bakeries, cafes and restaurants as well as a growing number of boutiques, visitors should be sure not to miss its Freedom Trail sites: the Paul Revere House, Copp's Hill Burying Ground and the Old North Church. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:
- Paul Revere House
- Old North Church
- Copp's Hill Burying Ground

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Orange or Green Line to Haymarket

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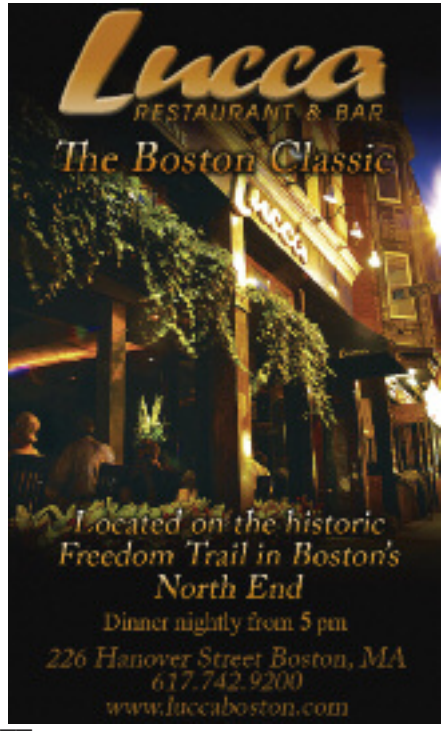

Italian food lovers rave about the "*creative and substantial*" cooking at this North End "*keeper*" that's a "*new star,*" providing "*classy modern Italian food.*" The ever-changing menu incorporates seasonal vegetables and the catch of the day, and features homemade pasta dishes prepared in unconventional styles.

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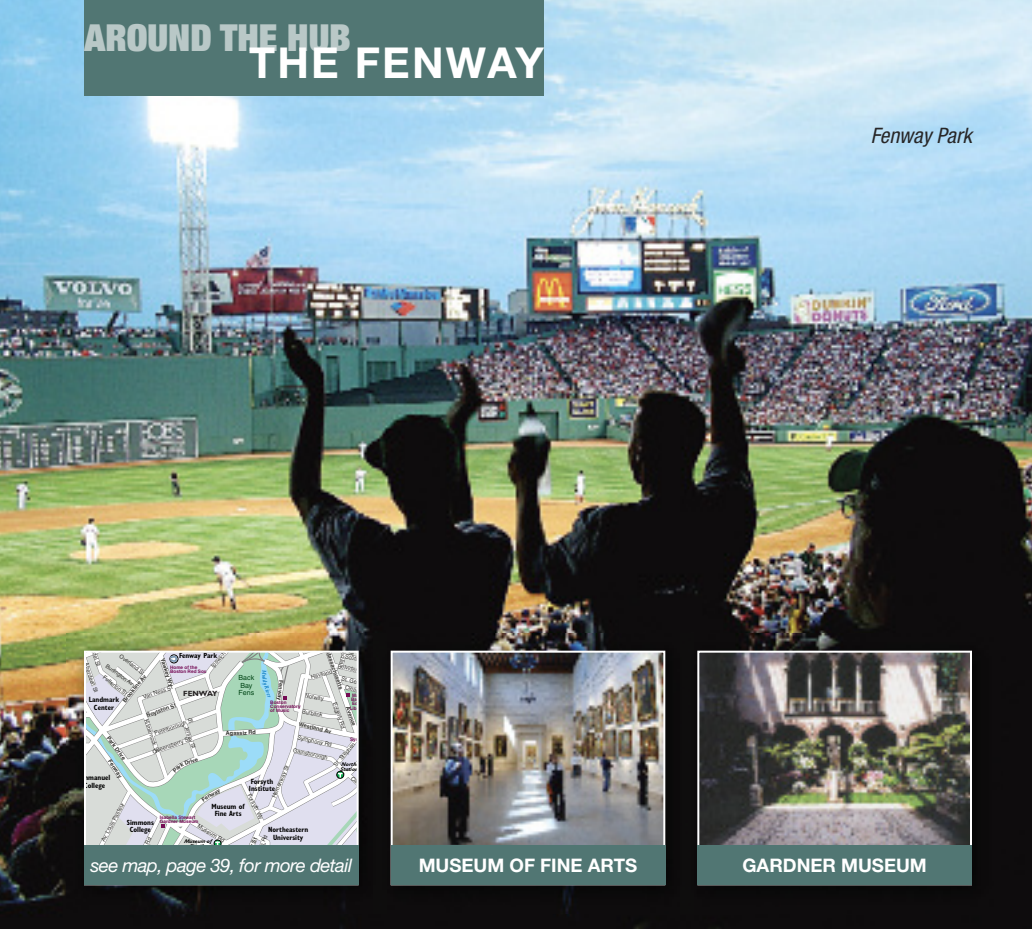

Fenway Park

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MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

GARDNER MUSEUM

This neighborhood is best known for Fenway Park, home to our beloved Boston Red Sox, but its name actually comes from the Fens, the green parkland that winds its way through the area and makes up part of the famed Emerald Necklace. Nightclub dwellers should check out Lansdowne Street for dancing, sports bars and even a bowling alley, while Kenmore Square, famous for the Citgo sign, has become a bustling dining destination.

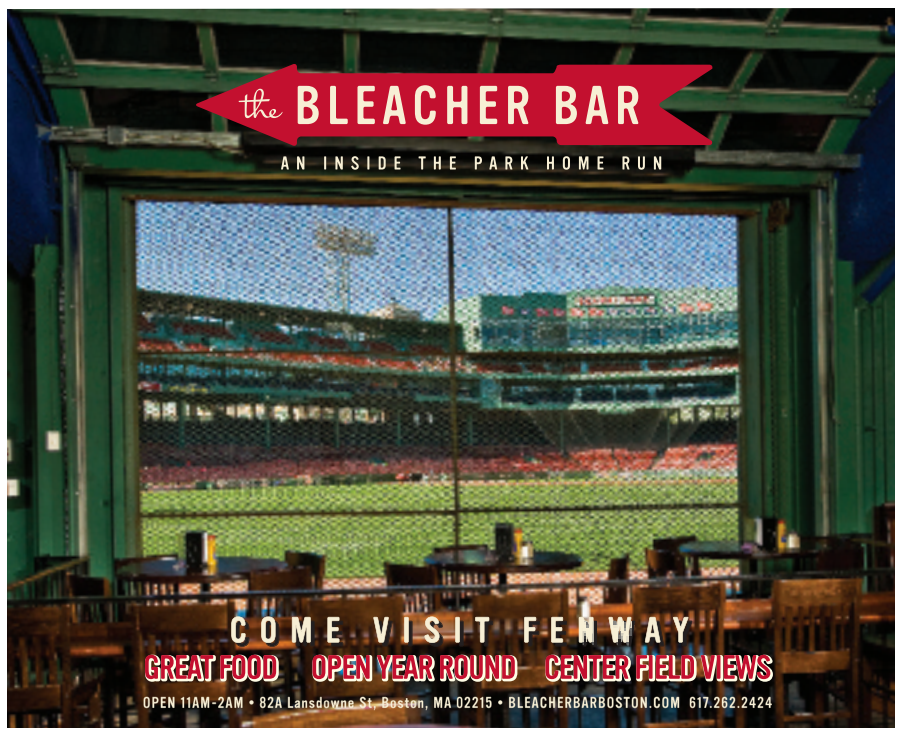
While the roar of the crowd at Red Sox games and the hubbub at nearby restaurants and bars grows louder each year, it doesn't overshadow The Fenway's status as a cultural mecca within Boston. The world-renowned Museum of Fine Arts resides on Huntington Avenue, and is the city's premier destination for viewing works of art from some of the most famous artists of all time. Also, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum displays the collection of the wealthy philanthropist in a beautiful building complete with a garden courtyard. Classical music lovers can take abundant delight in the numerous performing ensembles housed in the Fens, including The Boston Conservatory, New England Conservatory, and most prominently, The Boston Symphony Orchestra and its home performance venue, Symphony Hall. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Fenway Park
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Green Line to Kenmore and Fenway, E Line to Symphony, Northeastern and Museum of Fine Arts



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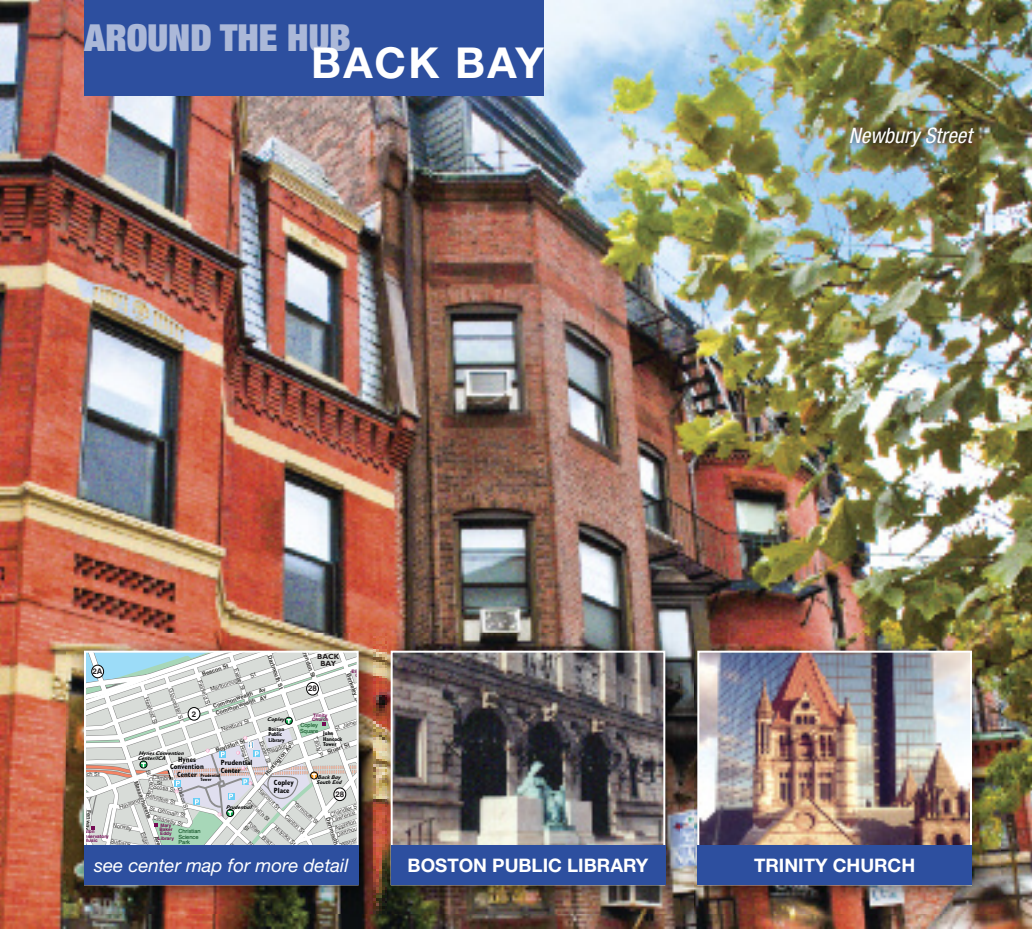

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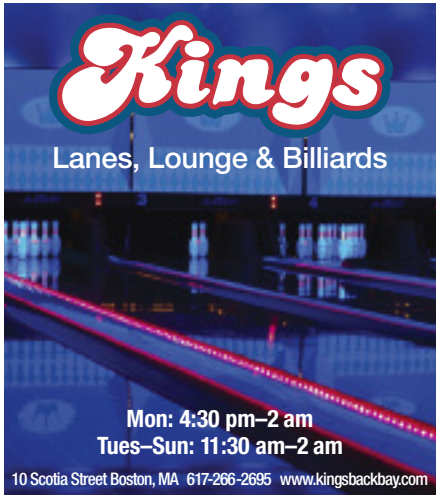


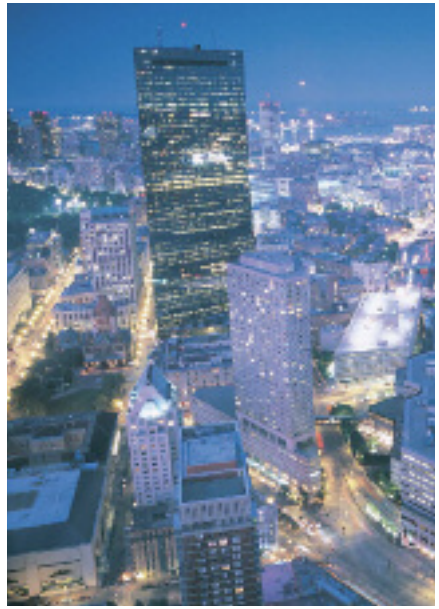
Boston's chic Back Bay is home to classically beautiful brownstone residences, glamorous retail space and a plethora of dining options, spa services and nightlife. Its crown jewel is Copley Square, home to the John Hancock Tower as well as historic landmarks like the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church. But its pulse centers primarily around the bustling commercial districts of Boylston and Newbury streets. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Trinity Church
- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower
- Christian Science Center
- Skywalk Observatory
- Commonwealth Ave. Mall

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Orange Line to Back Bay; Green Line to Arlington, Copley or Hynes Convention Center



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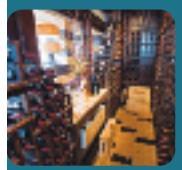
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The Hub's reputation as one of the most European cities in the U.S. is evidenced by a visit to this neighborhood. Home to the State House and tucked between the Charles River Esplanade, Boston Common and the Public Garden, Beacon Hill's picturesque cobblestone streets are lined by impeccable brownstones and gas-lit street lamps. To experience firsthand what it's like to live in one of our pricier neighborhoods, stroll the shops and restaurants of Charles Street or pass through residential Louisburg Square. Ⓟ

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BOSTON UPPER DECK TROLLEY TOURS: This unique tour operator offers visitor a bird's eye view of all the most famous sites in the city. **Refer to listing, page 54.**

ICE SKATING

FROG POND ICE SKATING RINK, Boston Common, 617-635-2120. ***Beginning Nov 18****: Mon 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Tue–Thu & Sun 'til 9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Fees: $4; children (under 13) free; rental skates $8; lockers $1. Seasonal passes available.* Ice skating on Boston Common's Frog Pond has become a staple of wintertime in Boston. The heated skate house offers hot chocolate, snacks and music.

LARZ ANDERSON SKATING RINK, 23 Newton St., Brookline, 617-739-7518. ***Beginning in early December****: Tue & Thu 10 a.m.–noon, Fri 7:45–9:45 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Fees: $7; children $4; rental skates $5; skate sharpening $6.* Named one of the most romantic destinations in the Hub by *Boston* magazine, Larz Anderson Park was the former residence of the Anderson family and is now a 64-acre public park that is home to the Auto Museum, several themed gardens and historical artifacts. The skating pavillion sits atop a wooded hill in the middle of what was once an Italian garden designed by Charles A. Platt in 1901.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. *Grounds open year-round from sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Visitor Center open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun noon–4 p.m.* This 265-acre tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum and its gardens contain more than 7,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers for your perusal. Special exhibit: Environmentally Friendly: Works on Wood by Tova Speter.

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Sat 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required.* One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the Athenaeum was founded in 1807. For nearly half a century, it was the unchallenged center of intellectual life in Boston, and by 1851 it had become one of the five largest libraries in the country. Special exhibit: Five By Five: Paintings from the Collection.

BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN, bordered by Arlington, Charles, Beacon and Boylston streets. *Open daily dawn to dusk.* Established in 1837, the Public Garden is the nation's first public botanical garden. Its 24 acres are filled with scenic and diverse greenery, as well as sculptures, including one that commemorates the popular children's book *Make Way for Ducklings.* Other fixtures include the Lagoon—home to the famed Swan Boats from April through September—and the world's smallest suspension bridge.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Free admission. Art & Architecture tours Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year, who come to view this architectural masterpiece and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year. Special exhibits: Greetings from Boston: Vintage Postcards Exhibit; The Public Life of Poetry: Whitman, Dickinson, Longfellow and their Contemporaries.

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Observation deck tours daily, except Fridays, at 2 p.m.; tickets: $3. Tours may be cancelled due to weather conditions, call ahead.* Boston's first skyscraper, the Custom House, stands high over Boston Harbor as one of the city's most impressive landmarks. Crowned by its distinctive clock tower and restored with modern luxuries, the building (operated by the Marriott Corporation) epitomizes the preservation of Boston's historic architecture.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 210 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-2000. *Free tours of The Mother Church Tue noon–4 p.m., Wed 1–4 p.m., Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., every half hour. Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.* The original Mother Church built in 1894 is at the heart of the Christian Science Center, situated on 14 acres in the Back Bay. The Romanesque structure is made from New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

FOREST HILLS CEMETERY, 95 Forest Hills Ave., Jamaica Plain, 617-524-0128. *Open daily from dawn to dusk.* Created in 1848, this cemetery serves as the final resting place of Eugene O'Neill, Anne Sexton, E.E. Cummings, William Lloyd Garrison and former Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis. The 275 acres of twisting paths also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum, a "library" of life stories and an open-air museum.

NEW ENGLAND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, Carmen Park, Congress Street near Faneuil Hall, 617-457-8755. *Tours available upon request.* This haunting memorial features six luminous glass towers etched with the six million prisoner numbers of those who perished in the Holocaust. Visitors can walk under the towers and read the dramatic stories of the victims and heroes of this tremendous human tragedy.

OTIS HOUSE MUSEUM, 141 Cambridge St., 617-994-5920. *Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., tours every half hour. Admission: $8; seniors $7; students & children (5–18) $4; children (under 5), Historic New England members and Boston residents free; $24 maximum per family.* Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, this grand mansion is an example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite.

THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., Prudential Tower, 50th floor, 617-859-0648. *Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $12; seniors & students (with college ID) $10; children (under 12) $8. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions, please call ahead.* The Skywalk is New England's premier observatory, offering spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Boston and its most famous sites. This unique experience is a must for all Boston visitors, and boasts an audio tour, multi-media theater, the Dreams of Freedom Immigration Museum and much more.

TRINITY CHURCH, 206 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Sun 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Worship services: Sun 7:45, 9 and 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m.; Thu 12:10 p.m. Tours available for $6; seniors & students (with ID) $4; children (under 16) free with an adult. Guided tours and self-guided visits: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–6 p.m.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture.

TOURS AND TRAILS

ANTIQUE LIMOUSINE, 617-309-6414. www.bostontours-antiquelimo.com. *Tours by appointment only.* Enjoy historic Freedom Trail tours in a 1939 Cadillac seven-passenger limousine, just like the Godfather's car. Get close to the sights where the trolleys and duck tours can't. The drivers dress, speak and act the part. Just don't mess with them or you might be riding in the trunk. They'll make you an offer you can't refuse. Ask about their specials. Call to schedule a pick up.

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-725-0022. *Free tours by appointment only. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations. Visit www.afroammuseum.org for site descriptions.* A guided tour through the north side of Beacon Hill, including the homes of politicians and entrepreneurs; the African Meeting House, built in 1806; the oldest standing house built by an African-American (1797); and the home of Lewis and Harriet Hayden, who harbored runaway slaves. Maps are available at the Museum of African-American History.

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, Prudential Center and Museum of Science, www.bostonducktours.com. ***Through Nov 28****: daily from 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset.* ***Beginning Dec 1****: Sat & Sun only. Tickets: $31; seniors, students & military $27; children (3–11) $21; (under 3) $6. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular water view.

BOSTON IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL, various sites Downtown and in the Back Bay, 617-696-9880. Maps available at Boston Common and Prudential Center Visitor Information Centers. www.irishheritagetrail.com. This self-guided, three-mile walking tour covers 300 years of history, taking you through Boston's downtown, North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods. Learn about famous politicians, artists and war heroes, and the Boston Irish's rich tradition of rebellion, leadership and triumph.

BOSTON MOVIE TOURS, 866-MOVIE-45. *Visit www.boston-movietours.net for current tour schedule.* Experience the city of Boston the way Tinseltown has through such films as *A Civil Action, Good Will Hunting, Mystic River, The Departed* and others. Both the 90-minute Boston Movie Mile Walking Tour and the 150-minute Theater-on-Wheels Tour—aboard a bus outfitted with video monitors playing movie clips, touring the city in climate-controlled comfort—take movie buffs to filming locations in Boston and Cambridge, sharing trivia about Hollywood in the Hub.

BOSTON UPPER DECK TROLLEY TOURS, 617-742-1440. *Tours depart daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on the half hour; schedule is subject to change, visit www.bostonupperdeck trolleytours.com or call ahead for availability. Tickets can be purchased aboard trolleys or at various locations throughout the city. Tickets: $36; military, seniors & students $32; children (3–11) $18; children (under 3) free.* Boston's newest upper deck "Green" and eco-conscious trolley fleet provides superior views as you tour Boston's historic sights in comfort. This 2.5 hour loop covers more than 100 points of interest, including Fenway Park, the North End, the *USS Constitution*, Back Bay and the Theatre District. As a bonus, connect with Super Tours' Cambridge loop, which takes visitors to Harvard Square and Cambridge's historic universities. All of this, plus a free second day on the trolley makes this comprehensive tour one of Boston's very best values for visitors.

CITY VIEW TROLLEY TOURS, of the Freedom Trail and historic Boston, *departing every 20–30 minutes* from the Boston Common Visitor Center, New England Aquarium, South Station, North Station, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Mon–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $34; seniors & students $32; children (4–12) $12. Save up to $6 per ticket when you buy online at www.cityviewtrolleys.com.* This year-round trolley company offers Hop On & Off privileges at the most scenic and historic locations, including the New England Aquarium and sites along the Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, the North End, Beacon Hill, the historic waterfront, the *USS Constitution*, Bunker Hill and many more.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $12; seniors $11; children (3–15) & military personnel $10.* Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. This tour offers an inside look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a visit to the top of the famed "Green Monster" and stories from Boston Red Sox history.

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SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: The Boston Beer Company's original brewery in Jamaica Plain offers visitors an inside look at the brewing process, along with samples of some of America's finest brews. **Refer to listing, page 55.**

THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION'S FREEDOM TRAIL PLAYERS, 617-357-8300. *Tours depart from the Visitor Center on Boston Common daily at 11 a.m., noon and 1, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets: $13; seniors $11; children (12 and under) $7. Call for private tours.* Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis, Abigail Adams and William Dawes in this 90-minute tour. Stops include the Park Street Church, the Boston Massacre Site, the Old State House and Faneuil Hall. Private tours may be tailored to individual needs and interests.

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required.* ***Nov 16, 23, 30 & Dec 7*** *at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $45.* The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched more than 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.

THE KENNEDY TOUR OF BOSTON, departing from Boston Common, www.kennedytour.com. *Wed–Fri at 11:30 a.m. Tickets: $12; seniors & students $10.* Visit the Boston sites and landmarks that played a significant role in John F. Kennedy's rise to political power. The walking tour visits spots like the Omni Parker House, where JFK announced his bid for Congress and proposed to Jacqueline Bouvier; the JFK statue on the State House lawn; and JFK's Senate headquarters on Kilby Street, among others.

NORTH END MARKET TOUR, 64 Cross St., take the "T" to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. *Three-hour tours: Wed & Sat at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fri at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: $50.* Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

OLD BOSTON TOURS, 831.241.2626. *Visit www.oldboston tours.com for a complete tour schedule. Reservations required.* Learn about Boston while seeing sights both famous and obscure as you walk one of Old Boston Tours' offerings, including the "Secret" Tour of the North End, the Old Boston Pub Crawl and the Power of Women Tour, focused on Boston's remarkable ladies. Tours are led by talented local historians, and reveal more than you ever knew about the history of the Hub.

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. *Tours depart daily every 20 minutes from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.* ***Beginning Dec 1****: 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $38; seniors & students $35; children (3–12) $15; children (under 3) free.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, *USS Constitution* Museum and the Trolley Stop Store at South Charles and Boylston streets, patrons can enjoy a 110-minute, fully narrated sightseeing tour of more than 100 points of interest aboard the orange-and-green, all-weather trolley.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: DRINK IN A LITTLE HISTORY, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-368-5080. *Tours begin approximately every 45 minutes, Mon–Thu & Sat 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Fri 'til 5:30 p.m. One-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: $2 donation to a local charity. Call for special events and closings.* Learn about the art of brewing beer and taste rich malts and spicy hops on this tour of the original Samuel Adams brewery.

SUPER DUCK TOURS, departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS, www.superducktours.com. *Tours: Daily 11 a.m.–4 p.m. on the hour; schedule is subject to change. Tickets: $35; seniors & students $31; children (3–11) $23; children (under 3) $12.* This 90-minute tour departs from Charlestown Navy Yard, and offers a free shuttle to and from the New England Aquarium area. Boston's newest amphibious tour takes visitors on a historical narrated waterfront journey through the streets of Boston, which suddenly becomes a nautical adventure when the bus becomes a boat and plunges boldly into Boston Harbor.

WHALE WATCHES

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 617-222-4321. ***Through Nov 28****: daily at 12:30 p.m. Tickets: $39.95; seniors $35.95; children (4–12) $31.95.* Cruise on high-speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank, the East Coast's most famous destination for whale watching. Catch sight of humpback, finback and minke whales from the deck or from the comfort of a fully modernized cabin boasting snack and beverage services.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. ***Through Nov 21****: Sat & Sun 11 a.m. Tickets: $39.95; children (11 and under) $31.95.* Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran *Voyager III*. Search for a variety of whales,

including humpback, finback and minke. Interactive exhibits include microscope stations, electronic navigation, computer whale programs, meteorological instruments and movies.

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $14; seniors $11; children (2–12) $8; military personnel with ID $7; $8 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, visit the gorillas in the Tropical Forest, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom and see zebras, ostriches and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $21.95; seniors (60+) $19.95; children (3–11) $13.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.* Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this outstanding aquatic zoo features a 187,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life; a popular penguin habitat; Northern fur seals in the Marine Mammal Center; and the Simons 3D IMAX Theater.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $11; seniors $9; children (2–12) $7; military personnel with ID $5.50; $7 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month.* Highlights include Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas, black bears and white-cheeked gibbons. Special event: *Daily 5–9 p.m.* ***beginning Nov 25***—Zoolights, a nighttime holiday lights exhibit and winter wonderland featuring Santa's castle, family games and activities and more, *tickets: Mon–Thu $5, children (under 2) free; Fri–Sun $6, children (under 2) free.*

BEYOND BOSTON

5W!TS, Patriot Place, North Marketplace, Two Patriot Place, Foxboro, 508-698-1600. *Sun noon–7 p.m., Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Tickets: $18; children (12 and under) $14.* Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5W!ts provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. *Espionage,* the brand-new attraction at Patriot Place, turns players into secret agents whose mission involves cracking safes, hacking computers and dodging lasers.

MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, Concord and Lexington (North Bridge Visitor Center, 174 Liberty St., Concord), 978-369-6993. *Park grounds open sunrise to sunset.* Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of more than 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge. The park also preserves The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne and Louisa May Alcott.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Wed–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.;* ***beginning Dec 3****: Fri–Sun 4–9 p.m. Tickets: $20; seniors $18; children (3–17) $7; (under 3) free.* Take a trip back in time at this recreation of

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OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE: Get a glimpse of life in 18th-century New England at this living museum located in central Massachusetts. Refer to listing, below.

an early 19th-century New England village where costumed educators give visitors a glimpse of life in America's early days. Visit a tin shop, a cider mill and a blacksmith, ride the old-fashioned yellow stagecoach and tour restorations of period New England homes while marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone age. Special event: ***Nov 25***—OSV recreates the activities of a 19th-century New England Thanksgiving, including a full Thanksgiving feast in the Bullard Tavern at *11 a.m., 1:45 and 4:15 p.m. (dinner: $61.95, children 3–9 $26.95); at 6 p.m.*—Big Little Holiday Party, *tickets: $46.*

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, 137 Warren Ave., Plymouth, 978-369-6993. ***Through Nov 29****: Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite, 1627 English Village: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Craft Center 9:15 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $28; seniors $26; children (6–12) $18.* When the Pilgrims landed in America during the 17th century, they landed at Plymouth Rock. They built their settlement three miles south of the rock and named it Plimoth Plantation. Today, visitors can tour the Plantation and see how the Pilgrims went about their daily lives, hunting, gathering and making crafts. Special exhibit: Thanksgiving: Memory, Myth & Meaning.

YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY, 5 North St., South Deerfield, 877-636-7707. *Tue–Thu 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri–Mon 'til 8 p.m. Call for additional information.* The Yankee Candle Factory is one part of a larger complex devoted to the company. It also includes a museum, a candle store and the Bavarian Christmas Village. Visitors are able to dip their own creations at this one-of-a-kind must-see for fans of the popular scented candles. Special events: ***Nov 20*** *at 11 a.m.*—Harry Potter Hogwarts Feast, *tickets: $14, children $12;* ***Nov 27*** *at 9 a.m.*—Santa's Arrival; ***Nov 29*** *at 1 and 6 p.m.*—Gerald Charles Dickens reads his great-great-grandfather's *A Christmas Carol, tickets: $15, $30 with buffet lunch or dinner.*

DESTINATIONS

THE BERKSHIRES. These mountains located roughly three hours west of Boston are Massachusetts' answer to New York's Catskills. Part of the Appalachian Trail, the Berkshires are considered a top cultural resort location, home to numerous antique shops, art galleries, spas, spots for boating, scenic biking, skiing and hiking, as well as Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home and a venue for jazz and popular concerts.

BLUE HILLS RESERVATION, Reservation Headquarters, 695 Hillside St., Milton, 617-698-1802. Covering more than 7,000 acres in the suburbs of Boston, Blue Hills Reservation offers a scenic escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. With campgrounds, fishing, hiking and mountain biking among the activities, Blue Hills is a popular destination year-round. The reservation also offers a number of fun winter activities including ice-skating, cross-country skiing and downhill skiing on the 635-foot-high Great Blue Hill. The 22 hills provide scenic views of more than 125 miles of trails for any outdoor enthusiast.

LOWELL. Ever since the Industrial Revolution in America was sparked there, Lowell has been a city on the cutting edge. Though no longer a textile-production hub, Lowell is now known for its concentration of museums and galleries, including The Brush Art Gallery and the Whistler House Museum of Art, as well as historical institutions such as the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, the American Textile Museum and the New England Quilt Museum. And for baseball lovers, the Lowell Spinners—the Red Sox A team—offer an affordable way to glimpse future stars.

PROVINCETOWN. Located on the tip of Cape Cod, Provincetown marches to its own beat. This New England fishing village and prominent art colony is home to a thriving gay community, and is also where playwright Eugene O'Neill penned some of his best work and Thoreau completed his walk around the Cape. Provincetown boasts miles of beaches, a charming and eclectic shopping district, trails for hiking and biking and whale watches for those looking to escape the busy city.

SALEM. This North Shore town will always be known for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, but Salem also boasts a bustling wharf with many bars and restaurants, and is regarded as an up-and-coming enclave for the young and trendy. Fans of spooky stuff can visit the New England Pirate Museum to see what life was like when Blackbeard roamed the high seas, or tiptoe through the Salem Witch Museum or Witch Dungeon Museum. On Halloween, the city transforms into one giant party for ghosts and ghouls, but 365 days a year, Salem is a charming place to enjoy and explore.

SOUTHERN MAINE. Contrary to its image as a far-flung, moose-filled wilderness, Maine has many points of interest within a couple hours' drive from Boston. Kittery is a mecca for bargain-hunters, boasting 100+ outlet stores ranging from Black & Decker to J Crew. The seaside community of Portland, known for its artsy boutiques, is also home to a burgeoning nightlife scene and the Red Sox AA affiliate, the Portland Sea Dogs. And Maine's coastal communities are renowned for their abundance of fresh lobster and beautiful beaches, including Kennebunk Beach and Ogunquit Beach.

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OLD STATE HOUSE: The former seat of the colonial government in Massachusetts was the site of the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston. **Refer to listing, page 59.**

The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a guide map, rent a self-guided audio tour or take a walking tour (in season) with an 18th-century costumed guide. (Ticket sales of Freedom Trail Foundation tours help preserve the historic sites.) Boston National Historical Park (National Park Service) tours begin at State and Devonshire streets. *Please call 617-357-8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org for additional information.*

BOSTON COMMON. Set aside in 1634 as a military training field and grazing pasture, the Common is the oldest public park in America. The park served as quarters for British as well as Colonial troops, and later housed Civil War regiments. The British Army set out for the start of the Revolutionary War from what is now Park Square.

THE STATE HOUSE. Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., except holidays. Advance registration is required for guided tours.* The famous golden dome of the State House marks the government seat of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Samuel Adams laid the cornerstone, and the building stands on land acquired from John Hancock. The red brick portion was designed by legendary architect Charles Bulfinch.

PARK STREET CHURCH. Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. *Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m., 4 p.m, 6:30 pm. Morning services are traditional, evening services are contemporary.* Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as "the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in America."

OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND. Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-635-4505. *Open Tue–Sat 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.* This historic cemetery, adjacent to the former town granary, is the final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams, Peter Faneuil and the victims of the Boston Massacre, as well as Elizabeth Goose, believed to be the legendary "Mother Goose."

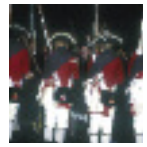
KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Chapel open Mon, Thu, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 9:45 and 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Still an active house of worship, King's Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston. The second chapel, built in 1754, became the first Unitarian church in America after the Revolution.

SITE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL AND BEN FRANKLIN'S STATUE. On School Street, marked by a column and commemorative plaque. On April 13, 1635, the town voted to establish the first public school in the country. Nearby is Benjamin Franklin's statue, built in 1856, the first portrait statue erected in the United States.

SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE. School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE. 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors & students $5; children (6–18) $1; children (under 6) free.* This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which saw an outraged Samuel Adams signal the start of the Boston Tea Party.

OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.



BOSTON MASSACRE SITE. State Street in front of the Old State House. At the next intersection below the State House, a ring of cobblestones marks the site of the clash between a jeering Boston crowd and a British guard of nine soldiers on March 5, 1770.

FANEUIL HALL. Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-242-5689. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Historical talks given every half hour from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., when hall is not in use.* "The Cradle of Liberty" combines a marketplace on the first floor with the town meeting hall upstairs, the site of fiery revolutionary debate.

PAUL REVERE HOUSE. 19 North Square, North Street, 617-523-2338. *Daily 9:30 a.m.– 4:15 p.m. Admission: $3.50; seniors & students $3; children (5–17) $1.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Services: Sun at 9 and 11 a.m., Thu at 6 p.m.* Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church. Two lanterns were hung here on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.

COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND. Hull Street. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Set out in 1660, Copp's Hill was Boston's second cemetery. Many remarkable people are interred here, including the Mather family of ministers and Edmund Hartt, builder of the *USS Constitution.*

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT. Breed's Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m., last climb at 4:30 p.m.* The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

USS CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Tours every half-hour.* This 44-gun frigate is the world's oldest commissioned warship, christened "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812 when the cannonballs of a British warship literally bounced off her triple hull.

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FAJITAS & 'RITAS: Delicious Tex-Mex cuisine and colorful, creative cocktails are the order of the day at this popular downtown restaurant. Refer to listing, page 64.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

BIG CITY PIZZA KITCHEN & POOL HALL, 138 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-2020. Big City boasts 15 pool tables, 4 foosball tables, 80 beer taps and outrageous thin crust pizzas that always keep customers coming back. L, D, LS, Sat & SB. $

***DEVLIN'S,** 332 Washington St., Brighton, 617-779-8822. This upscale pub serves flavorful cuisine that unites tradition and innovation, including delicious pasta, fish, steak and pizza. L, D, BR, LS. $$

***PORTER BELLY'S,** 338 Washington St., Brighton, 617-254-3300. This Irish pub is a top spot for a casual lunch or to wind down with a pint of beer and hear some live music after a long day. L, D, SB. $

THE SUNSET GRILL & TAP, 130 Brighton Ave. (corner of Harvard and Brighton avenues), Allston, 617-254-1331. This popular Allston hangout features Boston's best beer selection, with more than 112 beers on tap and 380 microbrews and exotic imports. Its food entices too, with award-winning steam beer burgers, famous curly fries, buffalo wings and giant nachos. L, D, C, LS, SB. $

BACK BAY

ABE & LOUIE'S, 793 Boylston St., 617-536-6300. Boasting the service, style and elegance of a New York steakhouse, this establishment offers a menu that includes hand-selected, prime-aged cuts of beef, fresh fish and poultry, as well as an extensive wine selection. The sophisticated mahogany and brass-accented decor creates a comfortable environment perfect for entertaining. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

BACK BAY SOCIAL CLUB, 867 Boylston St., 617-247-3200. Inspired by a time when social clubs served as focal points for cocktails, conversation and community, Back Bay Social Club beckons those who crave delicious food, a laid back vibe and good company. B, L, D, C, LS. $$

BISTRO DU MIDI, 272 Boylston St., 617-426-7878, www.bistrodumidi.com. Bistro du Midi showcases authentic cuisine from southern France in a welcoming, warm and beautiful setting overlooking the Public Garden. Executive Chef Robert Sisca presents modern creations boasting the freshest ingredients, bringing the simple, clean and bold flavors of Provence to Boston. D Sun–Wed 5–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Bar: Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m. $$$$

CLIO, The Eliot Hotel, 370-A Commonwealth Ave., 617-536-7200. James Beard Award-winning chef Ken Oringer serves up French-American fare with Asian influences in a sophisticated atmosphere styled after a Parisian supper club. D. $$$$

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE, 75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810, www.davios.com. Enjoy fine steaks, pasta and seafood, or lighter fare in the spacious bar. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Sun–Tue 5–10 p.m., Wed–Sat 'til 11 p.m. C, VP. $$$

GRILL 23 & BAR, 161 Berkeley St., 617-542-2255. This top-notch, classy eatery offers prime dry-aged beef, imaginative fish and seafood, and an impressive wine list, all amid a clubby yet congenial atmosphere. D. $$$$

JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK, 50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500, www.summershackrestaurant.com. Top-notch fare such as pan-roasted lobster, award-winning fried chicken and an impressive raw bar in a casual setting. Boston: Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11 p.m., raw bar Thu–Sat 'til 1 a.m. Cambridge: Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 3–9 p.m. $$$

L'ESPALIER, Mandarin Oriental Boston, 774 Boylston St., 617-262-3023. This sophisticated French classic, consistently named as one of Boston's top eateries, is a favorite of both power brokers and couples out for a romantic evening. D. $$$$

KEY

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
BR	Brunch
SB	Sunday Brunch
C	Cocktails
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)
VP	Valet Parking
NC	Credit Cards Not Accepted
*	Entertainment

AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

$	Most less than $12
$$	$12–18
$$$	$19–25
$$$$	Most more than $25

Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations.

Refer to Cuisine Index, page 74.

MORTON'S THE STEAKHOUSE, One Exeter Plaza (699 Boylston St. at Exeter Street), 617-266-5858; World Trade Center East, Two Seaport Lane, 617-526-0410. These renowned steakhouses are famous for their prime-aged beef, including filet mignon and New York strip steak. They also serve a variety of other non-beef entrees, including jumbo lump crab cakes and double rib lamb chops. Mon–Fri 5:30–11 p.m., Sat & Sun 5–10 p.m. $$$$

***THE OAK ROOM,** Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., 617-267-5300. This high-end eatery offers a traditional steakhouse menu of prime steaks and chops and fresh seafood in an elegant hotel setting. B, L, D daily. $$$$

POST 390, 406 Stuart St. (corner of Clarendon Street), 617-399-0015, www.post390restaurant.com. This bi-level restaurant located at luxury residence The Clarendon offers refined, upscale comfort food—including Kobe beef hot dogs, meatloaf and homemade ravioli—and three fireplaces for a swanky urban tavern atmosphere with fantastic views of the Back Bay. L, D, C, LS. $$$

SKIPJACK'S SEAFOOD EMPORIUM, 199 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-3500, www.skipjacks.com; other locations outside Boston. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere and specialties such as blackened tuna sashimi, moonfish, Maryland crabcakes and lobster. Winner of Best of Boston 2003 award for seafood. Jazz Brunch Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., L & D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. $$

SMITH & WOLLENSKY, The Castle at Columbus & Arlington, 617-423-1112. Located in a spectacular setting, this legendary restaurant features USDA Prime dry aged steaks. The meticulously restored former armory, known simply as "The Castle," is accented by seven working fireplaces and dining rooms that span four floors to blend fun and formality. D, C. $$$$

SNAPPY SUSHI, 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530; 420 Highland Ave., Davis Sq., Somerville, 617-625-0400, www.snappysushi.com. These popular sushi bars specialize in freshly prepared maki rolls and fun specials. Affordably priced, Snappy offers sushi lovers a fast, cheap dining alternative. L & D. $

SONSIE, 327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500, www.sonsieboston.com. Recommended by *Boston* magazine as the place to "see and be seen," this lively restaurant features a street-side cafe, 50-foot mahogany bar, brick oven, creative takes on classic American cuisine and a colorful dining room. Sonsie also boasts a downstairs candlelit wine bar, an intimate and lovely brick-walled spot in which to enjoy items from a 250-bottle menu. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$

STEPHANIE'S ON NEWBURY, 190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990. Lauded by *The New York Times*, chef/owner Stephanie Sokolove's eatery showcases sophisticated cooking and classic comfort food. Casual elegance at its best with a sidewalk cafe, club-like bar and skylit dining space. Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–10 p.m. L, D, SB 10 a.m.–3 p.m., C, VP Tue–Sat evenings. $$$

STEVE'S GREEK CUISINE, 316 Newbury St., 617-267-1817. For more than 20 years, this family-run restaurant has offered Greek hospitality and masterfully prepared Greek cuisine. Serving specialties like spanikopita, pastichio, shish kebabs and gyros, Steve's is a favorite. B, L, D. $

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TAPEO, 266 Newbury St., 617-267-4799. This popular Back Bay cousin to Dali in Somerville offers delectable, authentic tapas in a glorious Newbury Street setting, complete with seasonal patio dining for prime people-watching as you enjoy your scallops in saffron cream, lobster ravioli and sangria. D, C. $$

***TOP OF THE HUB,** 800 Boylston St., Prudential Center, 617-536-1775, www.topofthehub.net. There is nothing like sitting 52 stories above Boston for dining and a spectacular view of the city. The magnificent cuisine complements the breathtaking views. Live jazz seven nights a week. L, D, LS, C. $$$$

TURNER FISHERIES, Westin Hotel Copley Place, Stuart and Dartmouth streets, 617-424-7425. Turner Fisheries is known for its fresh seafood, as well as its impressive decor, which features seven-foot-high French windows, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. B, L, D, C, LS. $$$

VLORA MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT & WINE BAR, 545 Boylston St., 617-638-9699, www.vloraboston.com. Located in Copley Square, Vlora embraces the Mediterranean adage of "eat better, live well." Featuring authentic southern Italian, Greek and Albanian cuisine, the fresh ingredients are enhanced only with olive oil and fresh herbs, making Vlora's signature dishes unmatched in the city. Open daily 10 a.m.–1 a.m. B, L, D, C, LS, Sat & SB, VP. $$$

BEACON HILL

ANTONIO'S, 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310, www.antoniosonbeaconhill.com. One of Boston's finest Italian restaurants, Antonio's serves traditional Italian food with nightly specials and a complementing wine list. Specialties include homemade fusilli, chicken/sausage with vinegar peppers and potatoes, and shrimp margarita. L, D Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10:30 p.m. $

***CHEERS,** 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-0150. Both the original Beacon Hill pub and its spinoff offer tasty traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection. Live entertainment Thu–Sat. L, D, C, LS. $

CLINK, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 617-224-4004. Artfully marrying European culinary tradition with contemporary American innovation, Clink's dining room features elements of the original cells from its earlier life as the Charles Street Jail. Clink's lobby bar draws urbanites with its energetic nightlife scene. B 6:30–11 a.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D 5–11 p.m. C. $$$

NO. 9 PARK, 9 Park St., 617-742-9991. Acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch serves up French- and Italian-style dishes in a sophisticated bistro atmosphere atop Beacon Hill, offering inventive versions of classic fare like fresh pasta and foie gras. L, D, LS. $$$$

CHARLESTOWN

MAX & DYLANS, 1 Chelsea St., Charlestown, 617-242-7400; 15 West St., 617-423-3600, www.maxanddylans.com. This hip, casual restaurant features appetizers, flatbreads, sandwiches and refined comfort food entrees along with vibrant cocktails. Open daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. L, D, LS, SB. $$

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THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT: This downtown hotspot near City Hall promises a superior selection of beers along with excellent steaks, burgers and other classic pub fare. **Refer to listing, page 64.**

OLIVES, 10 City Square, Charlestown, 617-242-1999. Celebrity chef Todd English got his start with this local eatery, and the Charlestown flagship restaurant is still the unparalleled king of his endeavors. Sample English's multi-layered, ingredient rich, pan-Mediterranean creations. D. $$$$

***THE WARREN TAVERN,** 2 Pleasant St., Charlestown, 617-241-8142, www.warrentavern.com. More than 225 years old, the Warren is the oldest tavern in Massachusetts, and was frequented by historical figures like George Washington and Paul Revere. Today, diners can sit beside a warm, roaring fire and enjoy fresh-made soups, Angus burgers, shepherd's pie and other comfort foods. Live music Wed & Thu. L, D, BR. $$

DOWNTOWN

AVENUE ONE, Hyatt Regency (near The Opera House and Downtown Crossing), 1 Ave. de Lafayette, 617-422-5579. Enjoy traditional New England fare with a contemporary twist in a relaxing atmosphere. B, L, D, C. $$

***BOND,** Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. This swanky restaurant and lounge boasts a diverse cocktail and wine menu to accompany its wide range of exotic international cuisine. L, D, C. $$$

***CAFÉ FLEURI,** Langham Hotel, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. Enjoy one of Boston's top Sunday brunches, or sample

a la carte Mediterranean and American fare and French desserts within a sunlit garden atrium. B, L, D, SB. $$

CALITERRA, Hilton Boston/Financial District, 89 Broad St., 617-348-1234. Located in the heart of the Financial District, this casual, upscale restaurant features Cal-Ital cuisine with seasonal New England flavors. B, L, D. $$

FAJITAS & 'RITAS, 25 West St., 617-426-1222, www.fajitas andritas.com. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas features fresh, healthy Tex-Mex and barbecue cuisine. The casual eatery stresses generous portions, affordable prices and prompt, friendly service. Mon & Tue 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Wed & Thu 'til 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m. C, LS. $.

***THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT,** 2 Center Plaza (Cambridge Street), 617-742-5577, www.classicirish.com. Hand-crafted in Ireland and shipped to Boston, this classic pub features a cozy interior with beautiful Celtic motifs and a menu of steaks, seafood, burgers, pasta and traditional Irish fare with 20+ beers on tap, including many craft brews. Also enjoy the 100-seat seasonal patio, live music and trivia on Wed. Sat & SB $7.99–11.99. L, D, C. $$

LOCKE-OBER, 3 Winter Place, 617-542-1340. Helmed by local culinary innovator Lydia Shire, this downtown landmark has been refurbished and restored to its former glory. The menu of this Boston Brahmin bastion has been updated, but Shire has kept many of its classics, including the legendary lobster Savannah. L, D, LS. $$$$

MERITAGE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-439-3995. Fresh, seasonal cuisine is carefully matched to an appropriate vintage from the 12,000-bottle wine collection. D, LS. $$$$

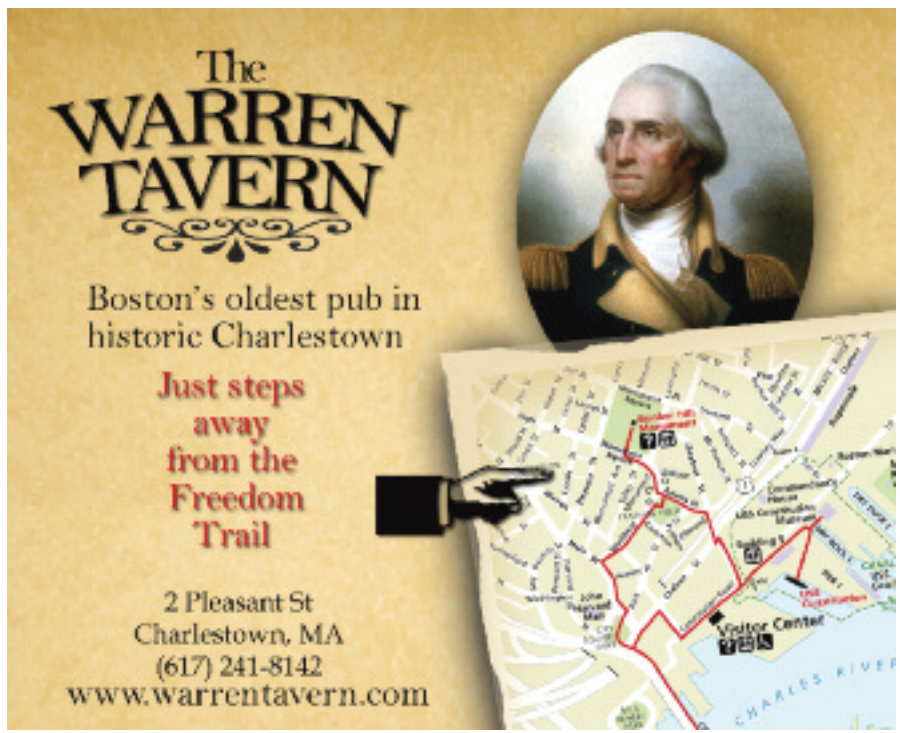
MIEL, InterContinental Hotel, 510 Atlantic Ave., 617-217-5151. This "Brasserie Provencal" brings the feel and flavor of the French countryside to Boston's waterfront. Diners can enjoy the extensive wine list or an exquisite "small plate" SB in a dining room overlooking Boston Harbor. $$$

OCEANA, Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 296 State St., 617-227-3838, www.marriottlongwharf.com. Executive chef Joseph Chaves serves seasonal dishes, including fresh seafood delivered directly to the hotel's dock, in a dining room offering panoramic views of Boston Harbor. B, L (Mon–Fri), D, SB. $$

O YA, 9 East St., 617-654-9900. Diners and critics alike are enthused about this contemporary and edgy sushi eatery that was crowned Boston's best restaurant of 2009 by *Boston* magazine. A simple, natural decor perfectly complements the exquisitely created dishes. The intimate seating capacity of 37 diners makes reservations a must. D, C, VP. $$$

PARKER'S RESTAURANT, Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-725-1600. Enjoy nostalgic cuisine with a contemporary flair within the stately dining room where Boston cream pie and the Parker House roll were first served. B, L, D. $$$$

RADIUS, 8 High St., 617-426-1234. James Beard Award-winning chef/owner Michael Schlow and staff offer impecca-



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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, 45 School St., 617-742-8401. Housed in Boston's Old City Hall, Ruth's Chris Steak House offers the finest USDA prime steaks served sizzling hot, as well as fresh seafood and an award-winning wine list, all in a gracious environment with warm hospitality. L, D, C. $$$$

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FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

***DICK'S LAST RESORT,** Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, 617-267-8080, www.dickslastresort.com. Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab, juicy steaks, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. There's live music every night and never a cover. L, D, C. $$.

***HARD ROCK CAFE,** 22–24 Clinton St., 617-424-7625. The Hard Rock offers classic American cuisine served with a healthy dose of rock 'n' roll. After you eat, take in the massive collection of authentic rock 'n' roll memorabilia or enjoy live music from hot local and national acts. L, D, C, LS. $

NORTH 26, Millennium Bostonian Hotel, 26 North St., 617-557-3640. North 26 combines a commitment to fresh, local meats and seafood with a dedication to simple, hearty regional dishes. B, L, D, C. $$$

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

***AUDUBON CIRCLE,** 838 Beacon St., 617-421-1910. Since 1996, Audubon Circle has catered to the tastes of the Fenway area—whether you're in the mood for an upscale alternative to the Fenway Frank or a late night hot spot on the weekends, when live DJs bring out a funky and friendly crowd. D, SB, C. $$

EASTERN STANDARD, Hotel Commonwealth, 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100. This Kenmore Square brasserie resembles an old hotel dining room, and attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. B, L, D. $$

***HOUSE OF BLUES,** 15 Lansdowne St., 617-960-8358. The popular national chain known for live music and good times also offers delicious cuisine with a Southern influence, as well as a famous bi-weekly Gospel Sunday Brunch. L, D, C. $$

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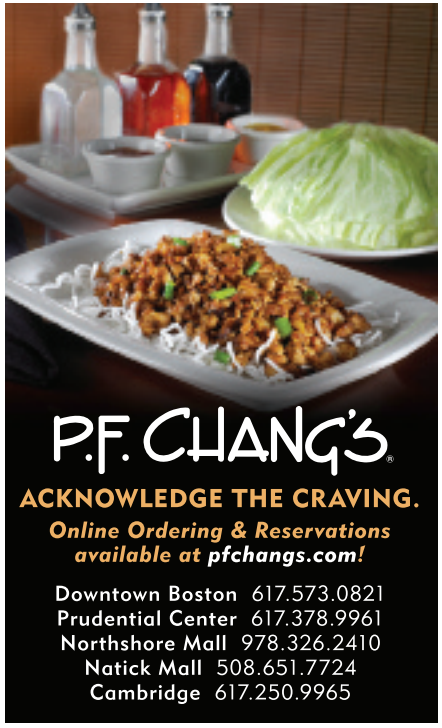

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NORTH END

ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733, www.anticofornoboston.com. Antico Forno (Italian for "old stove") features brick-oven classics such as roasted chicken with garlic and herbs; pizza with artichoke hearts, porcini mushrooms and buffalo mozzarella; and linguini with clams, mussels, calamari and shrimp, sautéed in a plum tomato sauce. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; D Mon–Thu 3:30–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10:30 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m. $$

ASSAGGIO, 25–29 Prince St., 617-227-7380, www.assaggioboston.com. This wine bar and bistro offers nightly specials from its mesquite-wood grill, as well as some of the best traditional Italian cuisine imbued with an artful, contemporary taste. Complement your dinner with one of 110 wines or a unique international beer or microbrew. Reservations accepted. L, D, LS daily noon–midnight. $$

CAFFE POMPEI, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562. Pompei features a wide assortment of coffees, 160 wines by the glass, Italian cordials and sandwiches, pizza, homemade cannoli and ice cream imported from Italy. Open daily 4 p.m.–12:30 a.m.; B 8 a.m.–11:30 p.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; LS 'til 3:30 a.m. $

***CANTINA ITALIANA,** 346 Hanover St., 617-723-4577, www.cantinaitaliana.com. Cantina Italiana has been serving generations of locals and visitors in the North End since 1931. Diners crave the taste of Cantina's food, and some say their mouths water just thinking about eating here. That's why when even the slightest change is made, they let it be known—some things should stay as they are. Reservations recommended. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 3–11 p.m., Sun noon–10:30 p.m. VP. $$$

GRAFFITI RISTORANTE AND CAFE, 64 Cross St., 617-367-3016, www.caffegraffiti.com. Located in the heart of Boston's historic North End, Graffiti is one of the most popular places for locals and visitors alike. With a dining room (private room available), casual cafe and patio seating, Graffiti features full-service lunch and dinner, the North End's only patio brunch on Sun and delicious Italian coffee, gelato and desserts. Open daily 8 a.m.–midnight. $

LUCCA RESTAURANT & BAR, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200; 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400, www.luccaboston.com. This North End eatery (with a second location in the Back Bay) racks up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D 5 p.m.–12:15 a.m. C, Valet Parking. $$$.

MARCO RESTAURANT, 253 Hanover St., 617-724-1276. Chef Mark Orfaly goes from bustling French restaurant Pigalle to this quiet and intimate Italian eatery in the North End. Orfaly's distinctive cooking style intensifies the flavors of quintessential Italian dishes like the chicken liver crostini and fresh linguine with clams. D. $$$

MARE, 135 Richmond St., 617-723-6273. Marisa Iocco's sister establishment to Bricco and Umbria, Mare specializes in flavors from Italy's coastal region, with an array of meats and seafood dishes such as swordfish and crayfish. L, D. $$$$

MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959, www.massiminosboston.com. Owner/chef Massimino—former head chef of Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel—offers up specialties like the veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, amongst numerous other delights. L, D, LS, C. Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri–Sun 'til 11 p.m. $

NEPTUNE OYSTER, 63 Salem St., 617-742-3474. Named for the Roman god of the sea, this small raw bar in the North End offers an enormous selection of seafood, sometimes cooked with a hint of Italian flair. The menu features 12 varieties of oysters, the hearty New England lobster roll, oyster minestrone and lobster scampi. L, D. $$$

REGINA PIZZA, 11½ Thacher St., 617-227-0765, www.reginapizza.com; also: Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace; The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St.; South Station, Atlantic Ave. and Summer Street; 353 Cambridge St., Allston, 617-783-2300. Since 1926, patrons have been indulging in delicious, homemade pizza at Boston's oldest brick-oven pizzeria. Delivery available. L & D Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–10 p.m. $

RISTORANTE BELLA VISTA, 288 Hanover St., 617-367-4999. Located in the heart of the historic North End, this casual yet elegant family-style restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine, from escarole soup to lobster fra diavolo. Open daily noon–11:30 p.m. $$

***RISTORANTE FIORE,** 250 Hanover St., 617-371-1176, www.ristorantefiore.com. Voted by Zagat as one of the top 1,000 Italian restaurants in the country, Ristorante Fiore embodies both the North End's past and present with authentic Italian dishes as well as contemporary variations on the classics. Fiore boasts three distinct dining rooms and the North End's only rooftop dining. Reservations recommended. Live piano music nightly 6:30–9:30 p.m. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 4–11 p.m., Sun noon–11 p.m. C. VP 5–11 p.m. $$

RISTORANTE SARACENO, 286 Hanover St., 617-227-5888, www.saracenos.com. Neapolitan cuisine served in an intimate atmosphere complete with charming, beautifully decorated exposed brick walls. Reservations recommended. L noon–3 p.m.; D 3–10:30 p.m. VP, C. $$

SENSING, Fairmont Battery Wharf, 3 Battery Wharf, 617-994-9001. Sensing—the first U.S. restaurant by acclaimed French Chef Guy Martin—is garnering abundant amounts of praise for its gourmet take on fresh, regional accented with delightfully unexpected international influences. Try the signature "Tasting Plate"—appetizer-sized portions of the unique and delicious dinner options. L, D, Sat and SB. $$$$

STREGA, 379 Hanover St., 617-523-8481; One Marina Park Drive, Fan Pier, 617-345-3992. Strega's menu includes Italian favorites like fettuccine carbonara and gnocchi sorrentina. A popular stop for visiting celebrities, Strega's original North End location is one of the area's most popular nightspots, while the new Strega Waterfront draws diners looking for a great meal with a great view. L, D, LS, C. $$$

TERRAMIA RISTORANTE, 98 Salem St., 617-523-3112, www.terramiaristorante.com. Since opening in 1993, Terramia

has aimed to convince North End diners that there was always more to Italian food than red sauce. Specializing in creative interpretations of Italian classics, Terramia offers seasonally based dishes and an extensive wine list in a cozy, rustic atmosphere. D Sun–Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10:30 p.m. $$

TRESCA, 233 Hanover St., 617-742-8240. Tresca brings the romantic feel of a Tuscan villa to the North End. Diners can enjoy mouthwatering entrees like boneless breast of duck, veal rib chop and numerous delectable pastas and the cozy bar boasts an extensive list of hard-to-find Italian wines to accentuate any meal. Mon–Fri 5 p.m.–midnight, Sat 1 p.m.–midnight, Sun 2 p.m.–midnight. VP. $$$$

SOMERVILLE

DALI, 415 Washington St. , Somerville, 617-661-3254. Authentic Spanish tapas are perfect for sharing, and with at least 40 offerings on the menu it's easy to find something for every taste—be it garlic potatoes, pork sausage with figs, roast duckling with berry sauce and saffron-battered shrimp. Entrees are also served, and everything can be washed down with a pitcher of sangria or a selection from Dali's expansive wine list. D. $$

***ORLEANS,** 65 Holland St., Somerville, 617-591-2100, www.orleansrestaurant.com. Diners flock to this stylish restaurant/bar in the heart of Davis Square for the fresh seasonal cuisine and its status as a happening weekend nightspot. Entertainment Wed–Sun. L Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m.; D daily 4:30–10 p.m.; Sat & SB 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Bar menu available Sun–Wed 2:30–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til midnight. $$

SOUTH BOSTON

ATLANTIC BEER GARDEN, 146 Seaport Blvd., 617-357-8000. This newly established restaurant and bar offers an impressive beer selection with its menu or pub favorites. Sample a classic American burger and fries or order something a little more cosmopolitan, such as the gnocchi in vodka sauce. This comfortable and casual eatery offers outside seating by the water, late night service and broadcasts of sports games on 29 high-definition screens. L, D, C. $$$

AURA, Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, 617-385-4300. The newly expanded and renovated waterfront restaurant features chef Rachel Klein's global, Asian-influenced menu, as well as steakhouse offerings such as the Painted Hills Farm all-natural sirloin and the Brandt all-natural filet. B, L, D, SB. $$$

THE BARKING CRAB, 88 Sleeper St., 617-426-CRAB. No frills at this ramshackle little clam shack that's a Boston dining institution. Pluck mussels and steamers from plastic buckets and drink wine out of styrofoam cups under an outdoor tent brimming with communal-style picnic tables. L & D Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 1 a.m. $$

BARLOW'S, 241 A St., 617-338-2072, www.barlowsrestaurant.com. Carved from the remains of an old mill, this stylish spot specializes in classic American comfort food like crab cakes, bacon-wrapped meatloaf, burgers and pizzas. Mon–Fri 8–1 a.m., Sat & Sun 10–1 a.m. L, D, SB. $$

THE CHANNEL CAFE, 300 Summer St., 617-426-0695. Started by local artist Ana Crowley, the cafe reflects its art gallery setting and the friendliness of a small, local shop. It even boasts classy entrees like sweet pea and ricotta ravioli and fish tacos at a reasonable price. B, L, D. $

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SKIPJACK'S SEAFOOD EMPORIUM: Enjoy the freshest seafood from around the world—from swordfish and oysters to fried clams and sushi—at this Back Bay eatery. **Refer to listing, page 61.**

606 CONGRESS, Renaissance Hotel, 606 Congress St., 617-476-5606. Vaulted ceilings, an exhibition kitchen and patio seating make this restaurant on the Boston waterfront a visually appealing locale in which to enjoy the delicious new American cuisine of Chef Gregory Griffie. B, L, D, C, VP. $$

SOUTH END

DELUX CAFE & LOUNGE, 100 Chandler St., 617-338-5258. This tiny South End pub has long been a local favorite for its inexpensive eats and rock-and-roll atmosphere. Don't expect typical bar food, however, as the eatery's monthly menu can include everything from pan-seared tuna to a grilled cheese sandwich featuring brie and chutney to chips and salsa made with seasonal fruit. D, C, LS, NC. $

GINGER PARK, 1375 Washington St., 617-451-0077. Executive chef Patricia Yeo offers a bold menu celebrating a variety of Asian flavors in this strikingly stylish and modern restaurant in the heart of the South End. D, SB. $$

HAMERSLEY'S BISTRO, 533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700. This pioneering French-American classic, helmed by husband-and-wife team Gordon and Fiona Hamersley, first put the South End dining scene on the map. D. $$$$

MASA, 439 Tremont St., 617-338-8884. Bringing the Southwest to the South End, chef Philip Aviles serves up specialties such as roasted salmon with chipotle and horseradish crust and chili rubbed cowboy cut steaks. Masa also serves Sunday brunch, a variety of margaritas and other cocktails, and a $1 tapas menu. D, BR, C. $$$

MYERS + CHANG, 1145 Washington St., 617-542-5200. Inspired by traditional Taiwanese cuisine and Asian street food, this fun and funky eatery offers playful and novel takes on the classic dishes and flavors of Southeast Asia. L, D, C. $$

PETIT ROBERT BISTRO, 480 Columbus Ave., 617-867-0600; 468 Commonwealth Ave., 617-375-0699. These unpretentious yet lovely eateries aim to maintain the same ambiance and sensibility of an authentic Paris bistro with quintessential French fare such as the croque monsieur (ham and cheese sandwich), escargots Bourguignons and coq au vin. L, D. $$$

SIBLING RIVALRY, 525 Tremont St., 617-338-5338. Each night, brothers/chefs David and Bob Kinkead create "dueling" menus that showcase their talents with different interpretations of shared ingredients. D,C, LS. $$$

TORO, 1704 Washington St., 617-536-4400. Chef Ken Oringer's Spanish restaurant aims for a highly social dining experience. The seating is a series of communal tables and the small, perfect-for-sharing tapas dishes—such as salt cod fritters, rainbow beet salad and salty fried peppers—blend a variety of vibrant styles and flavors. D, C. $$$

UNION BAR AND GRILLE, 1357 Washington St., 617-423-0555. This sleek, upscale American bistro in the SoWa District features everything from gourmet comfort food like the Reuben sandwich and a beef-and-sausage burger to the award-winning 10K tuna in a roasted tomato vinaigrette. D, C, LS, SB. $$$

THEATRE DISTRICT

AVILA MODERN MEDITERRANEAN, One Charles Street South, 617-267-4810, www.avilarestaurant.com. Enjoy the flavors of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and Greece with a modern flair at this popular eatery. The menu includes small plates of crispy squid, baked moussaka and chicken livers, appetizers of tuna tartare, onion soup and foie gras, as well as the finest quality beef, fresh seafood and breads, desserts and ice creams made fresh daily. L, D, C. $$$.

BINA OSTERIA, 581 Washington St., 617-956-0888. Hailed by *Boston* magazine as one of the best new restaurants of 2009, this sleek, minimalist and trendy spot in the heart of Downtown Crossing pushes the culinary envelope with its inventive, yet rustic, take on fine Italian food. Visit the adjoining shop to pick up specialty European foods, including wine, cheese and prepared meals. L, D, C. $$$

DA VINCI RISTORANTE, 162 Columbus Ave., 617-350-0007. Located between Park Square, the Back Bay, the South End and the Theatre District is one of Boston's most stylish and cosmopolitan Italian eateries. Chef Peppino's menu reflects a blend of modern and classic Italian cuisine, offering an array of beautifully presented antipasti and entrees, as well as

homemade pastas, bread and desserts made fresh every day. Open Mon–Sat at 5 p.m. www.davinciboston.com. $$$

FINALE, One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; other locations. This standout for sweets offers a wide array of specialty dessert creations, savory fare, coffees, wine and cocktails. L, D, LS, C. $$

***JACOB WIRTH,** 37 Stuart St., 617-338-8586. Opened in 1868, Jacob Wirth is the city's second-oldest restaurant, serving traditional German fare like wiener schnitzel, sauerbraten and a great selection of German beers. L, D, C, LS. $$

LEGAL SEA FOODS, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-3115; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; other locations. www.legalseafoods.com. Legal Sea Foods, a Boston tradition for more than 50 years, features more than 40 varieties of fresh fish and shellfish as well as an award-winning wine list. Named "Boston's Most Popular Restaurant" (*Zagat* 2010/2011). L & D. $$$

MARKET BY JEAN GEORGES, W Hotel, 100 Stuart St., 617-310-6790. Located in the heart of the Theatre District, this restaurant from acclaimed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten boasts a menu packed with fresh, locally produced ingredients from the region's top vegetable and fish markets. Combining French, Asian and Italian flavors, Market is sure to please everyone's tastes. B, L, D, BR, C, LS, VP. $$$

P. F. CHANG'S, 8 Park Plaza, 617-573-0821; Prudential Center, 617-378-9961; CambridgeSide Galleria, 100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge, 617-250-9965. www.pfchangs.com. Enjoy unforgettable Chinese cuisine, attentive service and delicious desserts in a stylish bistro setting. P. F. Chang's offers an extensive wine-by-the-glass program as well as original cocktails like the Lucky Cat Martini. L, D & LS. Reservations accepted. Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. $$.

PIGALLE, 75 Charles St. South, 617-423-4944. This welcoming bistro in Park Square brings exquisite French cuisine to the Theatre District via the inventive culinary artistry and personally charming service of co-owners and husband-and-wife team Marc Orfaly and Kerri Foley. D, VP. $$$

RUSTIC KITCHEN, Park Square, 210 Stuart St., 617-423-5700. This lively and classic Italian-Mediterranean bistro combines a distinctive award-winning menu with a comfortable, inviting and attractive rustic atmosphere. All breads, pastas and desserts are prepared fresh daily on the premises. Pre-theatre menu, three private dining rooms, garden lounge and weekly cooking classes are available. L, D, SB, C, LS, VP. $$

TEATRO, 177 Tremont St., 617-778-6841. Teatro boasts a reasonably priced Italian-influenced menu by executive chef Steve Morlino and owner/chef Jamie Mammano. The restaurant was named "Best Pre-Theatre Dining 2003" (*Improper Bostonian*) and "Best Italian Restaurant 2003" (*Boston* magazine). D, C, VP. $$$

THEATRE CAFE, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 617-574-2752. Located in the heart of the Theatre District, this restaurant features traditional American fare in a comfortable atmosphere and is a great location for pre- and post-theater dining. Seasonal outdoor dining and discounted parking at on-site garage is available. B, L, D. $$

PHOTO BY HEATHER BURKE

ANTONIO'S: This cozy Beacon Hill restaurant features a wide variety of authentic and classic Italian dishes. **Refer to listing, page 62.**

WEST END/NORTH STATION

BOSTON BEER WORKS, 112 Canal St., 617-896-2337; 61 Brookline Ave., 617-536-2337. Celtics and Bruins fans can enjoy 15 microbrews on tap and an extensive menu of bold American food, including BBQ baby back ribs, classic sandwiches, buckets of fries and a full burger menu at BBW's second Boston location, just steps from TD Garden. L, D. $

FLAT IRON TAPAS BAR & LOUNGE, 107 Merrimac St., 617-778-2900. Located in the Bulfinch Hotel, the sleek décor and lounge music create a relaxed environment perfect for savoring a cocktail and sharing tasty tapas. The menu includes sophisticated dishes from countries around the globe and creative specialty drinks like the Lavender Citrus Drop. D, C. $$$

THE FOURS, 166 Canal St., 617-720-4455. With sports memorabilia covering the walls and plenty of plasma screens broadcasting all the big games, it's no wonder this Boston bar was voted #1 Sports Bar in America by *Sports Illustrated*. Moreover, the homemade clam chowder, buffalo wings and abundant menu of appetizers, sandwiches and pub food have made it as popular for its cuisine as its sports scene. L, D, LS. $$

***THE GRAND CANAL,** 57 Canal St., 617-523-1112. The "crown jewel of Irish pubs in the Boston area," hails *The Boston Globe*. Tasty L & D menus offered, along with 50 microbrews served on tap from its 50-foot handmade Irish mahogany bar. Live entertainment varies from traditional Irish music to Dixieland jazz. L, D, C, LS. $$

***THE HARP,** 85 Causeway St., 617-742-1010. Drawing in an after-work crowd as well as sports enthusiasts from the nearby TD Garden, this Irish pub boasts 14 beers on tap and a wide choice of traditional bar food that will meet anyone's cravings. Weekends offer a livelier setting with live bands and a DJ on the basement dance floor. L, D, C, LS. $$

***HURRICANE O'REILLY'S,** 150 Canal St., 617-722-0161. With a large selection of typical Irish and American pub-style dishes, this eatery is best known for its Creole-infused options. Try the blackened chicken pasta, jambalaya or the award-winning New England clam chowder. The express menu, which offers food in 10 minutes, is perfect for a quick lunch. L, D, C, LS. $$

MA SOBA, 156 Cambridge St., 617-973-6680. Rated #1 for Best Sushi by Citysearch, this sleek eatery offers a variety of Asian cuisine, from Chinese and Thai to Korean and Japanese, as well as an extensive wine list. L, D, C. $$

MCGANN'S PUB, 197 Portland St., 617-227-4059. This authentic Irish tavern offers hearty pub food in an atmosphere welcoming to sports fans headed to the nearby TD Garden as well as those looking for warm, friendly service along with their Guinness. L, D, C. $

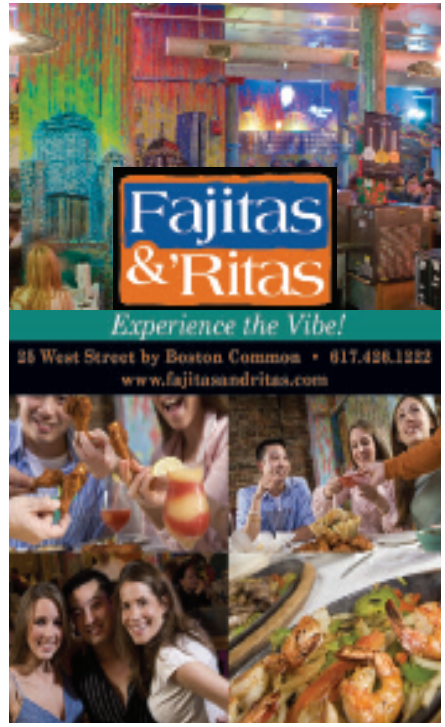
NEBO, 90 N. Washington St., 617-723-6326. Located just steps away from the TD Garden, this upscale pizzeria and enoteca with a familial vibe offers up a pleasing menu of antipasti, homemade pastas and 30 varieties of Neapolitan-style pizza, all served in a stylish environment of natural wood, chocolate suede and brick walls. D. $$$

PORTERS BAR AND GRILL, 173 Portland St., 617-742-PORT. A casual stop for sports fans on game nights with several HD TVs along with a 10-foot projection screen, this award-winning pub serves a variety of sandwiches and salads, acclaimed burgers, single-serve pizzas and steak tips, as well as hosting a trivia night on Tue evenings. L, D, C. $

THE RUBY ROOM, Onyx Hotel, 155 Portland St., 617-557-9950. This swanky and mesmerizing eatery is a perfect spot for anything from a romantic rendezvous to a quiet business dinner. Diners can start their meal with one of the Ruby Room's signature exotic cocktails, like the Grapetini or the Apricotti martini, then enjoy dishes ranging from housemade potato chips to Argentine-style grilled skirt steak, before finishing up with decadent chocolate cinnamon bread pudding or homemade blueberry cheesecake for dessert. D, C. $

SPORTS GRILL BOSTON, 132 Canal St., 617-367-9302. Don't miss a minute of the big game as more than a hundred televisions showcase a variety of sports action while diners enjoy casual pub fare—including sandwiches, pizza, pasta and hot dogs—and drink specials at affordable prices at this spacious North Station outpost. L, D, C. $

***WEST END JOHNNIE'S,** 138 Portland St., 617-227-1588. This restaurant's décor, featuring autographed memorabilia, elegant woodwork, and impressive floor-to-ceiling windows, evokes the historic feel of Boston's old West End. The menu offers a mix of Italian and traditional New England cuisine, but also includes ethnic dishes such as Portuguese littlenecks and pan roasted Scottish salmon. L, D, SB, C. $$$



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PUBS AND BARS

THE BELL IN HAND TAVERN, 45 Union St., 617-227-2098. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m.* Opened in 1795, the Bell in Hand is the oldest tavern in the U.S. This casual pub, offering pints, food and live music, attracts locals, students and tourists alike. *Tue*—Karaoke night.

THE BLACK ROSE, 160 State St., 617-742-2286. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $5.* Voted one of America's top ten Irish establishments, Quincy Market's own Black Rose pub boasts a 30-year tradition of authentic live music seven nights a week. Seasoned Bostonians, students and tourists cheerfully rub elbows at the bar and sing along.

BLEACHER BAR, 82A Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. *No cover. Sun–Wed from 11 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* Inside Fenway Park, underneath the bleachers, take in center field views of America's most beloved ballpark. With the feel of a neighborhood pub and featuring a deli-style menu and cold beer, Bleacher Bar is open all year round. *Fri & Sat*—live music.

CASK 'N FLAGON, 62 Brookline Ave., 617-536-4840. *Mon–Wed 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu & Fri 'til 2 a.m., Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 1 a.m.* A hangout for Red Sox fans since the days of Yastrzemski and Fisk, this classic bar boasts tons of TVs for watching the Sox—if you get shut out of Fenway Park across the street—and is loaded with photos depicting the histories of Fenway and the Sox. The Cask also boasts Oliver's, a back room nightclub with a dance floor and second bar. *Wed at 8 p.m.*—Trivia.

CHEERS, 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605. *Daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m.* Also: Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The model for the beloved sitcom, this Back Bay pub is one of the top tourist attractions in Boston. Live weekend entertainment.

CLERY'S, 113 Dartmouth St., 617-262-9874. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Considered one of the city's best neighborhood bars, Clery's is a cozy bistro and party-friendly bar wrapped all in one. Irish food and 16 draught beers are served at the bar or by the fireplace, and live DJs and karaoke offer a good time on select nights.

DAISY BUCHANAN'S, 240 Newbury St., 617-247-8516. *Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til midnight. No cover.* Located on Boston's hopping Newbury Street, this casual singles spot attracts college students, businessmen and women, and even the occasional professional athlete, and remains one of the city's most popular bars. Full kitchen serves pub-style food seven nights a week.

DICK'S LAST RESORT, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-267-8080. *Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 1 a.m.* Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn't entertaining enough, there's live music every night with no cover.

DILLON'S, 955 Boylston St., 617-421-1818. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Located in the heart of the Back Bay, Dillon's draws an older, stylish crowd of young professionals and locals. The front bar and sunken dining area feature flat-screen TVs, leather seating and upscale fare.

THE GOOD LIFE, 28 Kingston St., 617-451-2622. *Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m.* This downtown hotspot is a sleek lounge serving up comfort fare like mac and cheese and grilled salmon, while hosting contemporary live bands and DJs. Highlights include the extensive vodka selection and local artwork on display.

THE GREATEST BAR, 262 Friend St., 617-367-0544. *Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat & Sun noon–2 a.m. Cover charge varies.* Located across from TD Garden, the home of the Boston Celtics and Bruins, there's no better place to sit back, enjoy a beer or martini, and remember why Boston rocks.

THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT, Two Center Plaza, Cambridge Street, 617-742-5577. *Mon & Tue 11 a.m.–12:30 a.m, Wed–Fri 'til 2 a.m., Sat 10 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 12:30 p.m.* The city's only Irish pub and restaurant built in Ireland and shipped to Boston. There is never a cover charge. *Tue at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 10 p.m.*—Live Irish music; *Wed at 6:30 p.m.*—Trivia; *Thu at 8 p.m.*—Karaoke.

KITTY O'SHEA'S, 131 State St., 617-725-0100. *Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m.–2 a.m.* Pine floors imported from Belfast and stained glass windows depicting historical Irish scenes add to the immense character of this bar, the only U.S. outpost of this European chain of Irish bars. On weeknights it's a relaxed place to catch a game on TV or enjoy live Irish tunes. On weekends, though, it's packed with mostly college students who gather to hear some of the hottest DJs around spin their favorite tracks.

THE LIVING ROOM, 101 Atlantic Ave., 617-723-5101. *Daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m.* Really, the name says it all. The Living Room is comfortable and casual, and the plush, pillowy couches are just begging you to sink in. Although it's a high-end lounge, there's no pretention here and the feel is homey. Creative cocktails and an extensive menu of comfort food favorites are best enjoyed in The Living Room.

THE PURPLE SHAMROCK, 1 Union St., 617-227-2060. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Located on the Freedom Trail, The Purple Shamrock offers an escape from the nearby activity of Quincy Market. Menu items include burgers, sandwiches, hearty pastas, fresh seafood, tender steaks and more. After dark, The Purple Shamrock has nightly entertainment, including a mix of live music. *Mon*—Trivia night; *Tue*—Live music; *Wed*—Karaoke and DJ.

REVOLUTION ROCK BAR, 200 High St., 617-261-4200. *Tue–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m.* When you love it loud, Revolution Rock Bar is the perfect place to unleash your inner guitar god. The two-level bar/restaurant boasts live entertainment *Wed–Fri* and DJs on *Sat*, a dance floor and a casual, unpretentious vibe.

THE SUNSET GRILL & TAP, 130 Brighton Ave. (corner of Harvard and Brighton avenues), Allston, 617-254-1331. This popular Allston hangout features Boston's best beer selection, with more than 112 beers on tap and over 380 microbrews. Its food entices too, with award-winning steam beer burgers, famous curly fries, buffalo wings and giant nachos.

TOP OF THE HUB, 800 Boylston St., 617-536-1775. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m.* Listen to the sounds of live jazz seven nights a week while experiencing the breathtaking view atop Boston's Prudential Center. Featuring a midnight menu.

WHISKEY PARK, Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington St., 617-542-1482. *Mon–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m., Sun 7 p.m.–2 a.m.* A sleek, sophisticated lounge in Boston's swank Park Plaza Hotel, Whiskey Park attracts a diverse crowd of internationals and the occasional celebrity. Finger foods are served alongside an extensive drink menu, and dark wood and dim lighting set the mood.

NIGHTCLUBS

ALIBI, Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 857-241-1144. *Daily 5 p.m.–2 a.m.* You'd never believe this swanky hangout in the luxe Liberty Hotel was once Boston's infamous Charles Street Jail. These days, Alibi's menu of delectable bar bites from culinary legend Lydia Shire, potent cocktails named for celebrities (real and imaginary) who've walked on the wrong side of the law (like the John Daly and the Gordon Gekko) and crowd of fashionable clientele has urban nightlife lovers fighting to get in, rather than out.

THE BEEHIVE, 541 Tremont St., 617-423-0069. *Nightly 5 p.m.–2 a.m.; Sat & Sun Brunch 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m., bar 3–5 p.m.* This South End establishment offers a full and diverse dinner menu, sophisticated cocktail selection and nightly live jazz performances, making The Beehive the mature hipster's choice for a fun and funky night out.

DISTRICT, 180 Lincoln St., 617-426-0180. *Mon & Tue 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Wed, Fri & Sat 7 p.m.–2 a.m., Thu 'til midnight.* This distinctive nightspot in the heart of Boston's industrial chic Leather District mixes eclectic décor, shareable appetizers and hearty entrees such as tuna sashimi with delicious cocktails, while DJs spin nightly, setting a vibe that strikes a balance between exotic and sensual, laid-back and casual.

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GYPSY BAR, 116 Boylston St., 617-482-7799. *Wed 10 p.m.–2 a.m., Thu–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m.* Internationals, or locals with a little international flair, will feel at home in this chic destination in the Theater District. Enjoy tapas-size plates of Moroccan-spiced chicken legs or fennel-crusted ahi tuna, homemade sangria and designer martinis, and DJs spinning international or Top 40 dance tunes. With its high-style decor, dimly lit corners and occasional celebrity appearances, the Gypsy Bar is the place to see and be seen—or just to enjoy a late-night rendezvous.

HOWL AT THE MOON, 184 High St., 617-292-4695. *Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat 6 p.m.–2 a.m. Live music Wed–Sat.* Howl at the Moon is a high-energy, clapping, stomping, dancing, rock 'n' roll dueling piano show. Part bar, part sing-along, the Howl at the Moon experience is centered around two baby grand pianos and audience participation. Howl at the Moon also boasts supersized 86-ounce cocktails for groups.

JILLIAN'S BOSTON, 145 Ipswich St. (behind Fenway Park), 617-437-0300. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun noon–2 a.m. Sun–Thu 18+, Fri & Sat 21+ after 8 p.m.* One of Boston's largest entertainment complexes, this fun and diverse club features 50 pool tables and six full bars. Lucky Strike Lanes bowling is located on the third floor, and there's late-night dancing at Tequila Rain ("spring break 52 weeks a year") on the first floor. Proper dress required.

KINGS, 50 Dalton St., 617-266-2695. *Mon 5 p.m.–2 a.m., Tue–Sun 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. 21+ after 6 p.m.* Kings features state-of-the-art bowling lanes, pool tables and video technology for sports viewing. With three bars and a full-service restaurant serving top-notch American cuisine, Kings is truly a playground for grown-ups. *Tue at 8 p.m.*—Trivia; *Wed at 9 p.m.*—Open mic; *Thu at 9:30 p.m.*—Karaoke; *Fri at 9 p.m.*—Live jazz.

GAY AND LESBIAN

CLUB CAFE, 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. *Mon–Thu beginning at 4 p.m., Fri & Sat beginning at noon, Sun beginning at 11 a.m. No cover.* In the back of this restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightspot. *Wed at 9 p.m.*—Karaoke; *Thu*—Video Revolution with VJ Rompy; *Fri*—Edge Fridays with DJ Aga; *Sat*—Mayhem Saturdays, featuring Top 40 and dance hits.

FRITZ, 22 Chandler St., 617-482-4428. *Daily noon–2 a.m.* Boston's best gay sports bar also features the South End's best brunch every *Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–3 p.m.*

MACHINE, 1254 Boylston St., 617-536-1950. *Fri & Sat noon–2 a.m. Cover varies. Cash only.* With two dance floors, four bars, six pool tables, pinball machines, video games and theme nights, this club offers Boston's gay and lesbian party-goers a plethora of nightlife options. *Thu at 10 p.m.*—Karaoke with DJ Fena Barbitall; *Fri*—Machine Fridays; *Sat*—Rotating dance nights; *Sun*—Club Classics with DJ Ace Boogie.

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