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DESTINATION CAMBRIDGE

Why crossing the river should make it onto your to do list

by Samantha House

Rife with history, Cambridge has a great deal to offer, including a few things you can't find in Boston. Start the day by walking from Boston to Cambridge on the Weeks Footbridge. Solely for pedestrians, this bridge is a popular spot for watching the Head of the Charles Regatta, the world's largest rowing event. Once crossed, you'll be in Harvard Square, home to Harvard University. Take a free student-led tour around campus. While Cambridge boasts an impressive offering of galleries and museums, **The MIT Museum** (*refer to listing, page 26*) is a standout as it spotlights inventions, ideas and innovations. While in Kendall Square, visit **The Garment District** (*refer to listing, page 27*), a vintage mecca featuring up to 40,000 pieces of clothing for sale each day. Stop at the "By The Pound" section to sift through a pile of clothes and pay a mere $1.50 for each pound. For dinner, dine at one of Cambridge's 300+ restaurants, including

Upstairs on The Square (pictured above, 91 Winthrop St., 617-864-1933), the charmingly designed favorite. There's plenty to explore in Cambridge and more reasons to make it a destination are popping up daily. Ⓟ

Ask An Insider

The dish on places to be and people to see from a local expert

Denise Jillson, Executive Director at Harvard Square Business Association, gives her take on the must-sees of Harvard Square.

Where should a visitor go to mix with locals? Tommy Doyle's is a big student hangout—you can't get more local than that.

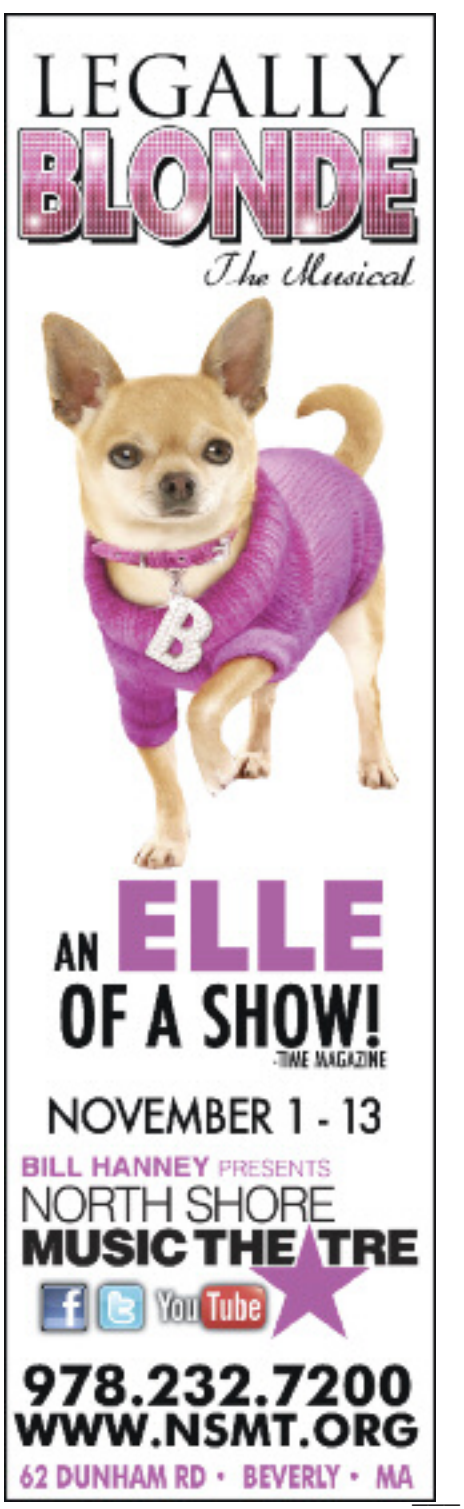
Tell us something we may not know about Harvard Square. It continues to be a great place for street performers. Both Tracy Chapman and Amanda Palmer (pictured) got their starts in Harvard Square as buskers.

Give us both a budget friendly and a luxury night recommendation. If I were on a budget, I would start at Grendel's Den for beer and appetizers, followed by a sunset river walk. For a luxury night out, I would start at Corbu Spa then have tea at Upstairs on the Square. After, a stroll to The Grolier Poetry Book Store, then Harvest for a late-night dinner.

CAMBRIDGE NIGHTS

Activities Beyond the Bar

More than just pulling a seat up to the bar, these activity-centered outings are an inspired way to spend an evening in Cambridge. Comedy and nudity combine when bare-bodied comedians perform weekly at **ImprovBoston** (*refer to listing, page 24*). If you prefer the swathed variety, **The Comedy Studio** (*refer to listing, page 24*) located on the third floor of Asian eatery **Hong Kong** (*refer to listing, page 26*) is a stellar choice. Brush up on your Lindy Hop at MIT during the school's social swing dance night or locate your Latin rhythm with salsa dancing at **Ryles Dance Hall** (217 Hampshire St., 617-876-9330). For more adventurous types, **The Cantab Lounge** (738 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-2685) hosts Boston's Poetry Slam, beginning with an open mic and concluding with a battle of eight poets. "Geeks Who Drink" should check out trivia and karaoke night at **Tommy Doyle's** (pictured above, 96 Winthrop St., 617-864-0655). While Cambridge is riddled with impressive live music venues, **The Middle East** (*refer to listing, page 24*) is a must-visit with shows happening every night. *—Bailey Marquis*



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HIP NIGHTLIFE MEETS CLASSIC LUXURY

THE CHARLES HOTEL
One Bennett St., Cambridge
617-864-1200
www.charleshotel.com

Both the fashionable set and devout foodies flock to The Charles Hotel. With two acclaimed restaurants—Henrietta's Table, a farm-to-table concept, and fine dining favorite, Rialto—discerning diners have plenty to satisfy their hunger. Music lovers can find enjoyment at the legendary Regattabar, host to leading jazz and world music talents. Decadent Noir (pictured above) fuses 1940s flair with a relaxing ambiance for those who like to mix and mingle amid stylish surroundings. Guests searching for a true retreat need look no further than Corbu Spa & Salon, the newest addition to Charles Hotel's already impressive fleet of offerings. *—Paul Adler*

SUSTAINABLE CULINARY CREATIONS

AREA FOUR
500 Technology Square, Cambridge
617-758-4444
www.areafour.com

With awards from *Bon Appetit, Food and Wine* and *Gourmet* for his previous work at Newton eatery Lumiere, Chef Michael Leviton is seasoned in his ability to satisfy an array of tastes. He brings this skill to his newest Cambridge venture, Area Four, which relies heavily on local providers for its fare. Area Four consists of two sides: A bakery/coffeehouse and an oven/casual bar separated by an 8 x 8 foot reclaimed barn door which is opened at night to create a free flow. The café area bakes up two batches of pastries and desserts daily, while serving java from local bean crafters. The oven section houses two large custom-made wood-fired ovens that serve as both the focal point of the dining space as well as the primary means of cooking. The menu is globally inspired, offering a range of fare, including the popular crunchy shaved brussel sprouts with Tuscan kale, pecorino cheese, lemon vinaigrette and toasted hazelnuts. *—Bailey Marquis*

In the Club

CLUB OBERON
2 Arrow St., Cambridge
www.cluboberon.com

One might think a venue named for a character in a Shakespeare play would host only the most high-minded, serious performances. If that venue is Club Oberon in Harvard Square, the second stage for American Repertory Theater, then that assumption would be dead wrong. Exhibit A happens every Saturday night when A.R.T.'s *The Donkey Show* (pictured above, *refer to listing, page 26*)—a raucous re-imagining of the Bard's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*—erupts all around the audience while a sound track of '70s disco anthems gets bootys shaking. The club/theater also hosts another wild-and-crazy theatrical experience on Friday nights when the Gold Dust Orphan's dark new production of camp classic *The Rocky Horror Show* is staged. Revelers hungry from doing "The Hustle" or "The Time Warp" can grab late-night eats at nearby Dolphin Seafood (*refer to listing, page 26*), which offers $1 raw bar specials Friday and Saturday *from 9:30 p.m.–midnight.* *—Scott Roberto*

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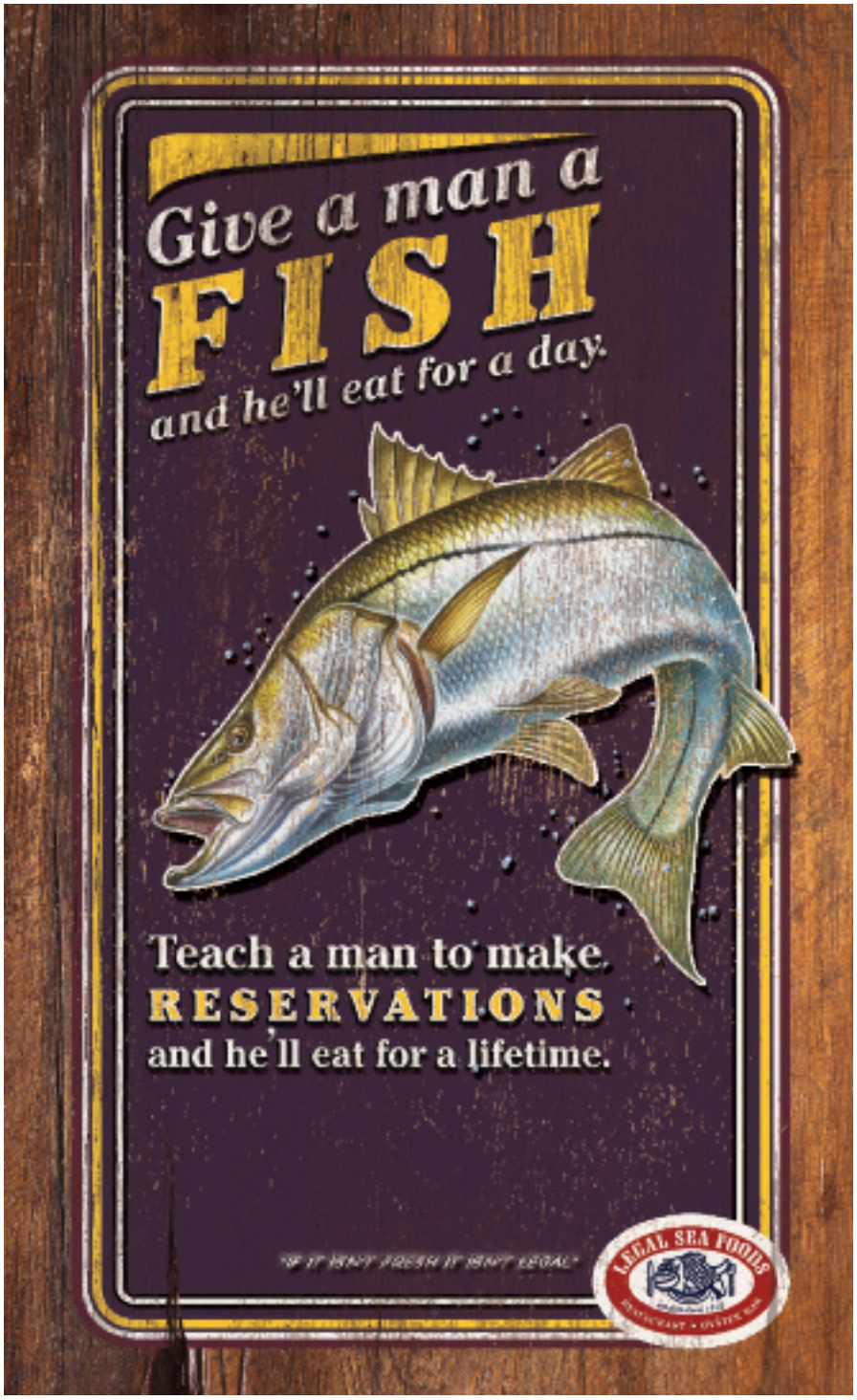

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BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: World famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma performs with the renowned ensemble at Symphony Hall on October 18. **Refer to listing, below.**

CLASSICAL

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-2378. *Tickets: $21–120, unless otherwise noted. Visit www.bso.org for full schedule.* Renowned throughout the world for its distinctive sound, impressive range and virtuosity, the Boston Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 131st year of performing the world's most beloved and stirring classical music. ***Oct 18*** *at 8 p.m.*—Conductor Juanjo Mena, joined by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, leads a program of Dvorak and Bartok; ***Oct 20 & 22*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 21*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Conductor Kurt Masor, joined by pianist Yefim Bronfman, leads an all-Brahms program; ***Oct 27 & 29*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 28*** *at 1:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 1*** *at 7 p.m.*—Conductor Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, joined by violinist Gidon Kremer, leads a prgram of Schumann and Strauss; ***Nov 3 & 5*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 4*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Conductor Fruhbeck de Burgos, joined by bassist James Morris, leads a program of Haydn and Wagner; ***Nov 10*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 11*** *at 7 p.m.,* ***Nov 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—Conductor Myung-Whun Chung, joined by pianist Garrick Ohisson, leads a program of Weber, Barber and Tchaikovsky.

CANTATA SINGERS, NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-868-5885. ***Nov 4*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $17–52.* The Cantata Singers kicks off its 48th season with the concert The Extended Arch, featuring the world premiere of Stephen Hartke's *Precepts*, along with works by Bach.

COMEDY

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St., 800-401-2221. *Shows Mon–Thu at 8:30 p.m., Fri & Sun at 9 p.m., Sat at 8 and 10:15 p.m. Tickets: $15–20. Visit dickdoherty.com for full schedule.* Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant across from Boston Common. ***Oct 21 & 22***—Robbie Printz; ***Oct 28 & 29***—Myq Kaplan; ***Nov 4 & 5***—Bill Santiago; ***Nov 11 & 12***—Joe Wong.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $5–25, dinner packages available. Visit www.improvasylum.com for full schedule. 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.

NICK'S COMEDY STOP, 100 Warrenton St., 617-438-1068. *Shows at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cover: $20, unless otherwise noted.* Nick's is the city's longest-running comedy club. ***Oct 14 & 15*** —Tony V; ***Oct 20 & Nov 17***—Baggage Claim with Kate Ghiloni, *tickets: $12;* ***Oct 21***—Jimmy Dunn; ***Oct 22***—Joe List; ***Oct 27***—Will Noonan and Friends, *tickets: $12;* ***Oct 28 & 29***—Steve Sweeney; ***Nov 4***—PJ Thibodeau; ***Nov 5***—Ira Proctor; ***Nov 11***—11 Comics for $11 in celebration of 11/11/11.

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Oct 14*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Michael Ian Black, *tickets: $25–35;* ***Oct 16*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Bill Maher, *tickets: $55–85;* ***Oct 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Dom Irrera, *tickets: $32;* ***Oct 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—John Oliver, *tickets: $22–$30;* ***Oct 28*** *at 10 p.m.*—The Comedians of Chelsea Lately, *tickets: $32;* ***Nov 4*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Gilbert Gottfried, *tickets: $32.50;* ***Nov 5*** *at 7 p.m.*—Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, *tickets: $29–50;* ***Nov 6*** *at 7 p.m.*—Dana Carvey, *tickets: $35–55;* ***Nov 12*** *at 10 p.m.*—Arnez J., *tickets: $22–32.*

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

SEAPORT WORLD TRADE CENTER, One Seaport Lane, 888-982-4643. ***Oct 29*** *from 9 a.m.–6 p.m.,* ***Oct 30*** *'til 4 p.m.*—The New England Boomers & Seniors Expo 2011; ***Nov 4*** *from noon–7 p.m.,* ***Nov 5*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.,* ***Nov 6*** *'til 5 p.m.*—25th Annual Christmas Festival, featuring the work of more than 300 master American craftsmen, *tickets: $12, children (14 and under) free;* ***Nov 10*** *from 3–10 p.m.,* ***Nov 11*** *from 10 a.m.–10 p.m.,* ***Nov 12*** *'til 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 13*** *'til 6 p.m.*—The Boston Globe Ski and Snowboard Expo, *tickets: $12, children (12 and under) free.*

HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, 900 Boylston St., 617-954-2000. ***Nov 11*** *from 5–9 p.m,* ***Nov 12*** *from noon–7 p.m.,* ***Nov 13*** *from 'til 5 p.m.*—2011 Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair, featuring more than 120 rare book dealers exhibiting and selling rare, collectible and antiquarian books.

DANCE

BOSTON BHANGRA COMPETITION 2011, Orpheum Theatre, One Hamilton Place, 617-687-9181. ***Nov 12*** *at 6 p.m. Tickets: $20–40.* Thrill to the exotic sounds and brilliant colors of one of the nation's top Bhangra dance competitions. Local troupes from area universities and across the nation perform live, accomplanied by top DJs, in this competition celebrating Punjabi dance and music.

FILM

THE BOSTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL, various locations, 617-244-9899. ***Nov 2–13****. Visit www.bjff.org for ticket information and complete schedule of events. Tickets: $12 per film; seniors, students & members $11.* This 23rd annual film festival presents 32 innovative films on Jewish themes, exploring this year's theme of "neighbors near and far." The festival features film screenings and a short film competition, as well as a "caffeine and conversation" event where guests can meet directors, actors and documentary film subjects.

BRIGHT FAMILY SCREENING ROOM, Paramount Center, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8000. *Visit www.artsemerson.org for full schedule. Tickets: $10.* ***Oct 21*** *at 6:30 p.m.,* ***Oct 23*** *at 2 p.m.—Holiday;* ***Oct 21*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***Oct 22*** *at 8:45 p.m.—Divorce Italian Style;* ***Oct 22*** *at 2 p.m.—The Circus;* ***Oct 29 &30*** *at 2 p.m.—Modern Times;* ***Oct 29*** *at 7 p.m.—One Hour With You.*

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and full 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. Special events: ***Oct 17*** *at 7 p.m.—Judgment at Nuremburg;* ***Oct 21 & 22*** *at 11:59 p.m.—Pet Sematary;* ***Oct 21 & 22*** *at 11:59 p.m.—Zombie;* ***Nov 5*** *at 11 a.m.—Esmeralda.*

MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes and full schedule. Tickets: $10; seniors $9; children (3–11) $8. Discounted admission after 6 p.m.* This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. Now showing: *Alaska: Spirit of the Wild; Amazing Journeys; Greece: Secrets of the Past; Rescue: Disaster Response; Ring of Fire.*

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 866-815-4629. *Open daily at 9:30 a.m. Call for showtimes and full 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: *Under the Sea 3D; Born to Be Wild 3D; Sharks 3D.*

KIDS CORNER

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: Make a Kami-Kabuto; Playspace: Messy Activity; Art Studio: Play with Clay; Science Playground: Science Explorations.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Refer to listing in Sightseeing.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts many activities and special programs for children, including live performances, storytelling, interactive computer activities and films. Special events: ***Oct 22*** *at 11:45 a.m.*—Around the World puppet show; ***Oct 28*** *at 10 a.m.*—Infant/Toddler Singalong; ***Nov 4*** *at 10:15 p.m*—Kids' Cinema.

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Tickets: $9.75, children $7.75.* ***Oct 23*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Bari Koral Family Rock Band; ***Oct 29*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—The Airborne Comedians; ***Nov 13*** at 10:30 a.m.—Gustafer Yellowgold's Infinity Sock.

PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. *Tickets: $10.* The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening audiences of all ages. ***Oct 19 & 20*** *at 10:30 a.m.—A Woodland*

*Cinderella; **Oct 22 & 23** at 1 and 3 p.m.—The Frog Prince; **Oct 26 & 27** at 10:30 a.m., **Oct 29 & 30** at 1 and 3 p.m—Dr. Doohickey's Monster Machine; **Nov 2 & 3** at 10:30 a.m.—The Carrot Salesman; **Nov 5 & 6** at 1 and 3 p.m.—Sir George and the Dragon; **Nov 9 & 10** at 10:30 am—The Goose is Loose; **Nov 11** at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m, **Nov 12 & 13** at 1 and 3 p.m.—The Sorcerer's Apprentice.*

PRU BOO, The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 800-SHOP-PRU. ***Oct 30** from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Tickets: $4.* Kids trick-or-treat at stores throughout the Prudential Center, while enjoying face painting, magic tricks and other Halloween fun, with proceeds benefitting charity.

LIVE MUSIC

HOUSE OF BLUES, 15 Lansdowne St., 888-693-BLUE. *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. ***Oct 23** at 7 p.m.*—Cyndi Lauper and Dr. John, *tickets: $35 & 45; **Oct 24** at 7:30 p.m.*—Gym Class Heroes and The Dirty Heads, *tickets: $20 & 30; **Oct 26** at 7 p.m.*—Queensryche, *tickets: $25; **Oct 27** at 6:30 p.m.*—New Found Glory, *tickets: $19.99 & 30; **Oct 28** at 9 p.m.*—G. Love & Special Sauce, *tickets: $25 & 35; **Oct 31** at 7 p.m.*—Sam Adams, *tickets: $25 & 35; **Nov 3** at 8 p.m.*—Korn, *tickets: $42 & 52; **Nov 11** at 9 p.m.*—Fitz and the Tantrums, *tickets: $20 & 30; **Nov 12** at 6:30 p.m.*—Manchester Orchestra, *tickets: $17.50 & 29.50.*

ORPHEUM THEATER, 1 Hamilton Place, 617-482-0106. 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. ***Oct 21** at 7 p.m.*—Smashing Pumpkins, *tickets: $38 & 58.*

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 *Visit www.thedise.com for full schedule; all shows 18+ unless otherwise noted. **Oct 18** at 7 p.m.*—The Jayhawks, *tickets: $25; **Oct 20** at 8 p.m.*—Ra Ra Riot, *tickets: $18; **Oct 22** at 8 p.m.*—Portugal. The Man, *tickets: $18; **Oct 25** at 7 p.m.*—The Naked and Famous, *tickets: $20; **Nov 5** at 8 p.m.*—Noah and the Whale; *tickets: $15; **Nov 15** at 7 p.m.*—Mike Doughty, *tickets: $20.*

ROYALE, 279 Tremont St., 617-338-7699 (call 800-745-3000 for tickets). *Visit royaleboston.com for full schedule.* This Theatre District club boasts both red-hot dance nights and live shows by top indie rock acts. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted. **Oct 18** at 6 p.m.*—Thrice, *tickets: $20; **Oct 20** at 6:30 p.m.*—Kevin Devine, *tickets: $13; **Oct 22** at 5:30 p.m.*—Butch Walker and the Black Widows; *tickets: $18; **Oct 28** at 5:30 p.m.*—Blitzen Trapper and Dawes, *tickets: $20; **Nov 4** at 5:30 p.m.*—St. Vincent, *tickets: $16; **Nov 10** at 9 p.m.*—MiMOSA, *tickets: $18.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. *Visit www.scullersjazz.com for full schedule. **Oct 18 & 19** at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Average White Band, *tickets: $25, $67 with dinner; **Oct 20** at 8 p.m.*—Amanda Carr & Le Creme de Les Femmes, *tickets: $22, $63 with dinner; **Oct 21 & 22** at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Sax Pack featuring Jeff Kashiwa, Kim Waters and Steve Cole, *tickets: $38, $80 with dinner; **Nov 2** at 8 p.m.*—Laslo Gardony, *tickets: $18, $60 with dinner; **Nov 4 & 5** at 8 and 10 p.m*—Acoustic Alchemy, *tickets: $30, $72 with dinner; **Nov 10** at 8 p.m.*—3 Cohens Sextet, *tickets: $22, $64 with dinner; **Nov 12** at 8 and 10 p.m, **Nov 13** at 4 and 7 p.m.*—Arturo Sandoval, *tickets: $40, $82 with dinner.*

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 *Sun & Mon from 8 p.m.–midnight, Tue–Thu from 8:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m., Fri & Sat from 9 p.m.–1 a.m.*

WANG THEATRE, Citi Performing Arts Center, 270 Tremont St., 617-482-9393. ***Oct 21 & 22** at 8 p.m.*—Sting, *tickets: $51–151; **Oct 25** at 7 p.m.*—John Mellencamp, *tickets: $47.50–125; **Oct 28** at 8 p.m*—Duran Duran, *tickets: $47.50–125; **Nov 2** at 8 p.m.*—The Australian Pink Floyd Show, *tickets: $38–62.50; **Nov 3** at 8 p.m.*—Joe Bonamassa, *tickets: $49–89; **Nov 12** at 7:30 p.m.*—Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, *tickets: $35–75.*

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Oct 22** at 7 p.m.*—The Dan Band, *tickets: $25; **Oct 23** at 7:30 p.m.*—Stephen Stills, *tickets: $30 & 45; **Oct 27** at 8 p.m.*—Gillian Welch, *tickets: $30; **Oct 30** at 8 p.m.*—Siobhan Magnus' Hallowe'en Dreams, *tickets: $45; **Oct 31** at 8 p.m.*—Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Experience, *tickets: $39.50 & 47.50; **Nov 2** at 8 p.m.*—Kurt Elling, *tickets: $27 & 37; **Nov 3** at 8 p.m.*—Arlo Guthrie, *tickets: $45 & 60; **Nov 8** at 8:30 p.m.*—Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger of The Doors, *tickets: $30 & 42.50; **Nov 10** at 8 p.m.*—Ani DiFranco, *tickets: $39; **Nov 11** at 7 p.m.*—Buddy Guy, *tickets: $45 & 65; **Nov 12** at 7 p.m.*—Tower of Power, *tickets: $46 & 65; **Nov 13** at 7:30 p.m.*—Mary Mary, *tickets: $42.50.*

OPERA

BÉATRICE ET BÉNÉDICT, Opera Boston, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. *Performances: **Oct 21 & 25** at 7:30 p.m., **Oct 23** at 3 p.m. Tickets: $29–165.* Based on Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, Hector Berlioz' lovely, luminous opera stars tenor Sean Panikkar and mezzo-soprano Kelley O'Connor as Shakespeare's battling couple who realize their love for each other through their friends' plotting.

MACBETH, Boston Lyric Opera, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. *Performances: **Nov 4, 9 & 11** at 7:30 p.m., **Nov 6 & 13** at 3 p.m. Tickets: $32–225.* Giuseppe Verdi, master of passionate musical excitement and creator of many of the most vivid characters in opera, slams into Shakespeare in this hypnotic and gripping tale of ambition and murder in medieval Scotland.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOSTON VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVAL, Reggie Lewis Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont St., 617-424-8846. ***Oct 29** from 11 a.m.–6 p.m., **Oct 31** from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free and open to the public.* The 16th annual Boston Vegetarian Food Festival offers herbivores the chance to sample delicious and natural vegetarian foods, watch cooking demonstrations, listen to lectures by national experts and chefs and shop for unique products.

ELLIS BOSTON ANTIQUES SHOW, Cyclorama at Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-695-6307 x12. ***Oct 20** from 5:30–8:30 p.m. (Gala Preview), **Oct 21** from 1–9 p.m., **Oct 22** from 11 a.m.–8 p.m., **Oct 23** 'til 5 p.m. Tickets: $15. Gala Preview: $250.* New England's premier antiques show features 40 nationally and internationally distinguished dealers presenting fine antiques. Also included are lectures from special guests and a New Collectors Night, ***Oct 21** from 6–9 p.m.*

SPORTS

47TH ANNUAL HEAD OF THE CHARLES REGATTA, Along the Charles River, 617-868-6200, www.hocr.org. ***Oct 22 & 23.** Competition free and open to the public; admission to Reunion village $3.* The largest rowing competition in the world takes over the Charles River. College crew teams and private shells compete with more than 8,000 other competitors from around the globe. Food stands, university tents and more than 250,000 onlookers line the banks of the Charles.

BOSTON BRUINS — **NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-2327.

***Oct 18** at 7 p.m*	vs.CarolinaHurricanes
***Oct 20** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Toronto Maple Leafs
***Oct 22** at 7 p.m.*	vs. San Jose Sharks
***Oct 27** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Montreal Canadiens
***Nov 1** at 7 p.m.*	vs Ottawa Senators
***Nov 7** at 7 p.m.*	vs New York Islanders
***Nov 10** at 7 p.m.*	vs.Edmonton Oilers
***Nov 12** at 7 p.m.*	vs. Buffalo Sabres

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — **NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**
Gilette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776.
***Nov 6** at 4:15 p.m.* vs. New York Giants

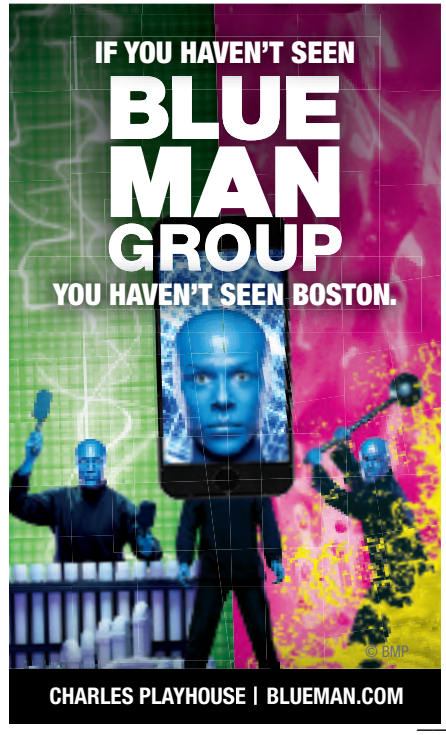
THEATRE

BEFORE I LEAVE YOU, Huntington Theatre Company, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Peformances **through Nov 13**: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m.; **Oct 23 & 26** at 7 p.m., **Nov 2 & 9** at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25–65.* In a blink, Emily's Harvard Square world falls apart. Her husband Koji suddenly embraces his Asian roots. Her friend Jeremy's work on his novel gets interrupted by a health scare and his sister Trish moving in. Four longtime friends face too much past and too little future in this moving new comedy.

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. ***Ongoing**. Wed & Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 2, 5 and 8 p.m., Sun at 4 and 7 p.m.; **Nov 11** at 4 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $49 & 69.* 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 recently been updated to include new performance pieces, new music and alterations to the sound and lighting design.

CAPTORS, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800. *Performances: **Nov 11 & 12** at 8 p.m., **Nov 13** at 7 p.m. Tickets: $25–89.* 1960, Buenos Aires: Covert Israeli agents have just nabbed Adolf Eichmann, the world's most wanted war criminal. The agents hold "the architect of the Holocaust" in a safe house, but bringing him to justice means getting his signature. One of his captors and Eichmann, the infamous mastermind, compete in a thrilling battle of wills.

THE DIVINE SISTER, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **beginning Oct 21**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m.* This gleefully twisted tale by Charles Busch (*Die, Mommie, Die!*) tells the story of an indomitable Mother Superior trying to cope with a young postulant experiencing "visions," a sensitive schoolboy in need of mentoring, a mysterious nun visit-



ing from Berlin and a former suitor intent on luring her away from her vows.

LEGALLY BLONDE, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances **Nov 1–13**: 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.* Based on the hit comedy film, this musical tells the story of Elle Woods, a Southern California sorority girl who enrolls in Harvard Law School to prove she's got what it takes when her Harvard-bound boyfriend leaves her for "someone serious."

MABOU MINES DOLLHOUSE, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. *Performances: **Nov 1** at 7 p.m., **Nov 2 & 3** at 7:30 p.m., **Nov 4 & 5** at 8 p.m., **Nov 6** at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25–79.* Acclaimed director and MacArthur Fellow Lee Breuer gives the world of patriarchy and pretense in Ibsen's *A Doll's House* a new twist—the all-powerful male characters are less than 4 feet tall and the women 6 feet tall, turning Ibsen's feminism into a parable of scale.

OR, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-585-5678. *Peformances **through Nov 6**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m. Sun at 3 p.m.; **Oct 19 & Nov 2** at 2 p.m. Tickets: $27–56.* Aphra Behn is getting out of the spy game and into showbiz. All she has to do is finish her first play, lure Nell Gwynne to be the star, keep King Charles II as her patron and stop her former lover from getting them all killed. This sexy, riotous comedy is loosely inspired by the true story of the literal first lady of the stage.

PETER PAN, threesixty° Entertainment, One City Hall Plaza, 888-772-6849. *Performances **beginning Oct 18**: Tue–Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 2 and 7 p.m., Sun at 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets: $50–90 (opening week); **beginning Oct 23**: $35–125.* This new production of J. M. Barrie's classic story about the boy who never grew up features amazing puppets, epic music, dazzling flying scenes and the world's first 360-degree CGI theater set. Performed in a state-of-the-art theater pavilion, this magical new "in-the-round" extravaganza is an extraordinary experience for the whole family.

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. Tickets: $50.* This hilarious Boston-set whodunnit, where the clues change every night and the laughs come fast and furious, 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.

YOU BETTER SIT DOWN: TALES FROM MY PARENTS' DIVORCE, The Civilians, Paramount Theatre, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8000. *Performances: **Oct 25** at 7 p.m., **Oct 26 & 27** at 7:30 p.m., **Oct 28** at 8 p.m., **Oct 29** at 2 and 8 p.m., **Oct 30** at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25–65.* This hysterical account of marriage and divorce, based on the troupe members' interviews with their own parents, presents four actors—each playing his or her own parents—who serve as conduits for stories of family division.

TICKETS

BOSTIX, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; 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

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 308 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. $6; 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: Big & Little, an exhibit that examines size and scale; In the Bag, an exhibit about the movement to ban plastic bags and an introduction to creative alternatives to plastic; Building Brainstorm, an exhibit in which children can investigate aspects of city planning, architecture, engineering and landscape architecture.

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: *Anthropocene Extinction* by Swoon; Dance/Draw; ***beginning Oct 28***—Isaac Julien: Ten Thousand Waves; Jessica Jackson Hutchins. Special events: ***Oct 21** at 7:30 p.m., **Oct 22** at 8 p.m.*—Gallim Dance, *tickets: $36; **Oct 23** at 7:30 p.m.*—Tales from the Sahel: An Evening with Babaa Maal, *tickets: $35; **Nov 4 & 5** at 7:30 p.m., **Nov 6** at 2 p.m.*—Jerome Bel: Cedric Andrieux dance performance, *tickets: $18; **Nov 11 & 12** at 7:30 p.m., **Nov 13** at 2 p.m.*—Trisha Brown Dance Company, *tickets: $45.*

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. *Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; college students $5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are also admitted free.* Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including works by Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse.

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, Columbia Point 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 the life, leadership and legacy of John F. Kennedy and members of his illustrious family in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibit: In Her Voice: Jacqueline Kennedy, The White House Years. Special event: ***Nov 7** at 1:30 p.m.*—Library Forum: A Conversation with Stephen King.

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: Finding Peace; Hall of Ideas; Sensational Press. Radical Response; 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible; The Mapparium: An Inside View; Peace Flag. Special events: ***Oct 25** at 7 p.m.*—Author Talk with Adam Nicolson, *free and open to the public; **Nov 6** at 1 p.m.*—Knit or crochet for charity as part of the Library's Finding Peace Through Fiber Arts program.

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: The exhibit In Her Voice: Jacqueline Kennedy, The White House Years is centered around a 1964 conversation the former First Lady had with historian Arthur Schlesinger that was recently unsealed after 47 years. **Refer to listing, below.**

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 (12 & under) 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. Special exhibit: Treasures from the Collections of the Museum of African-American History.

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. Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): $22; seniors & students $20; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $10 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 and a brand-new four-floor Art of the Americas wing. Special exhibits: Ellsworth Kelly: Wood Sculpture; Kawanabe Kyosai and the Hell Courtesan; Europe at Mid-Century: Dubuffet, Giacometti, Picasso; Around the World in Watercolor, 1860–1920; Jewels, Gems and Treasures:

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Ancient to Modern; An Unspoken Dialogue with Japanese Tea; Global Patterns: Dress and Textiles in Africa; Violet Isle: A Photographic Portrait of Cuba by Alex Webb and Rebecca Norris Webb; Two Masters of Fantasy: Bresdin and Redon; The Goddess of Music and Good Fortune; Modernist Photography: 1910–1950; Degas and the Nude; The Clock: Christian Marclay; Beauty as Duty: Textiles and the Home Front in WWII Britain; ***beginning Oct 25***—Aphrodite and the Gods of Love. Special events: ***Oct 26*** *from 5:30–7:30 p.m.*—Winesdays at Bravo, featuring wine tastings, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 4*** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m.*—First Fridays, featuring live music, signature cocktails and delicious tapas, *free with museum admission.*

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $22; seniors $20; children (3–11) $19; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater and Planetarium tickets: $10; seniors $9; children (3–11) $8. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available.* This popular museum for families of all ages boasts interactive science exhibits, as well as laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Special exhibits: What I Eat: Around the World in 25 Diets; In The Dark; A Day In Pompeii. Planetarium shows: *Cosmic Collisions; Fractals Rock!; Explore the Universe: Live!; Undiscovered Worlds: The Search Beyond Our Sun; The Sky Tonight.*

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 99 Newbury St., 888-296-3447, www.AmericanAncestors.org. *Tue & Thu–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Wed 'til 9 p.m. Non-member admission: $15.* NEHGS is the country's leading resource for family history research. They provide knowledge, skills and understanding for anyone interested in learning about their family and its place in history.

NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM, 55 Mt. Vernon St., 617-227-6993. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–4 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: Thu–Sun 11 a.m–4 p.m. Tickets: $7; children (12 and under) free.* Built in 1804 by Jonathan Mason and attributed to Charles Bulfinch, this townhouse was the home of landscape gardener, suffragist and pacifist Rose Standish Nichols from 1885–1960. The house is now celebrating its 50th year as a museum that provides a unique glimpse into the domestic life of the 19th and 20th centuries on Boston's historic Beacon Hill, including authentic furnishings and household items owned by the Nichols family.

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; children (5 and under) free.* 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. Special event: ***Nov 4*** *at 7 p.m.*—Guy Fawkes Pub Night, *tickets: $15.*

THE SPORTS MUSEUM, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Hours altered during TD Garden events, call ahead. Admission: $10; seniors & children (10–18) $5; children (under 10) free.* The Sports Museum showcases New England's rich sports heritage through an unparalleled collection of artifacts, multimedia and artwork. Exhibits include the Boston Bruins Hall of Fame portraits, the Boston Garden Penalty Box, Teddy Ballgame and the Summer of '41, The Evolution of Women's Basketball, The Ball that Changed History, The Original Bruin and Ted Williams' locker.

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. View weapons, documents, journals and more, learn 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: Piracy, Politics and Power; 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; children (under 6) free. 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 exhibit: ***beginning Oct 22***—Crowdsourcing a Collection: The Concord Museum's 125th Anniversary Exhibition.

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; children (5 and under) free. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, admission charged during museum operating hours only.* Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibits: Andy Goldsworthy: Snow; Wall Works; Platform 7: Tory Fair, Testing A World View (Again); Platform 8: Soo Sunny Park and Spencer Topel, Capturing Resonance; Temporary Structures: Performing Architecture in Contemporary Art.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Tue–Sun 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 collection showcasing African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art, a maritime collection and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: Written on the Waves: Shipboard Logs and Journals; Faces of Devotion, Indian Sculpture from the Figiel Collection; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India; Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light; FreePort [No. 002]: Marianne Mueller; Man Ray, Lee Miller, Partners in Surrealism; Ripple Effect, The Art of H20; Painting the American Vision; FreePort [No. 004]: Peter Hutton; ***through Nov 6***—Painting the American Vision; FreePort [No. 003]: Susan Philipsz.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m.;* ***Oct 21, 22 & 30*** *'til 10 p.m.,* ***Oct 23*** *'til 7 p.m.,* ***Oct 28, 29 & 31*** *'til midnight. Admission: $9; seniors $7.50; children (6–14) $6.* 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

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY, 10 Newbury St., 617-262-4490. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* The Barbara Krakow Gallery attracts top contemporary artists from around the world, showcasing work that focuses on minimalism and conceptualism. Special exhibit: ***beginning Oct 22***—Works by Richard Artschwager.

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: ***through Nov 6***—Works by Michelle Lougee and Mary Sherman; ***Nov 9–13***—Sculpture Scoop III.

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 Oct 29***—Brain Storms: Adria Arch; deFINEd Bindings: 26 Bindings of the Pictorial Webster's Dictionary; ***beginning Nov 2***—Wicked Lemonade: Julie Weiman; The Color of Light: Julie Vinette.

COPLEY SOCIETY OF ART, 158 Newbury St., 617-536-5049. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit art association in the U.S. represents more than 500 living artists and hosts between 15–20 exhibitions each year by contemporary painters, photographers, sculptors and printmakers. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 10***—ColSo Artists A to Z: Savory; Kate Sullivan: Slow Roads & Hard Lines.

THE GALLERY AT THE BCAE, Boston Center for Adult Education,122 Arlington St., 617-267-4430. *Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri 'til 5 p.m.* The BCAE and *Art New England*—the region's premier art and culture magazine—team up for their ongoing Art Everywhere exhibitions. Special exhibit: Works by Sean Hurley and Adriana Mederos.

GRAND CIRCLE GALLERY, 347 Congress St., 617-346-6459. *Wed, Fri & Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m.* This gallery specializes in vintage travel posters and black & white photography. Special exhibit: Journeys Through the Mediterranen—Maps, Guides and Posters from The Golden Age of Travel.

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. Special exhibit: Proto-Pop: The Elegant Object.

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: 22nd Annual Drawing Show.

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: ***through Oct 22***—Floating World Projects; ***beginning Nov 4***—From Minimal to Bling: Contemporary Studio Jewelry.

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LANNAN SHIP MODEL GALLERY, 99 High St., 617-451-2650. *Mon–Fri 10:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat 12:30–3:30 p.m.* As one of Boston's oldest galleries with a strictly nautical theme, Lannan offers a plethora of sea-related treasures, from contemporary yacht models to beautiful paintings of antique ships.

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MARCOZ ANTIQUES, 10 St. James Ave., 617-262-0780. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* Since its inception in 1972, Marcoz Antiques has been a cornerstone establishment of the Back Bay. Featuring a collection of fine, rare antiques from around the world, Marcoz is now Boston's largest antique showroom with its new 1,700-square-foot showroom in Park Square.

ARTS & CRAFTS

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The oldest non-profit craft organization in the country, established in 1897. The Society specializes in contemporary American crafts, jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics ranging from cutting-edge to traditional, and from functional to sculptural.

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 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.* This Boston institution brings modern fashion to the Seaport District, offering upscale men's clothing by up-and-coming designers, as well as women's fashions, bed and bath items and home accessories.

MARC JACOBS, 81 Newbury St., 617-425-0404. *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.

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., 617-482-7001: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.;* 100 Newbury St., 617-859-3192: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This youthful, cutting-edge 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.

MACY'S, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3000. *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.–8 p.m.;* 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 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.

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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. Prudential: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.;* Chestnut Hill: *Sun noon–6 p.m.* Ross-Simons Jewelers is one of the city's top destinations 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.

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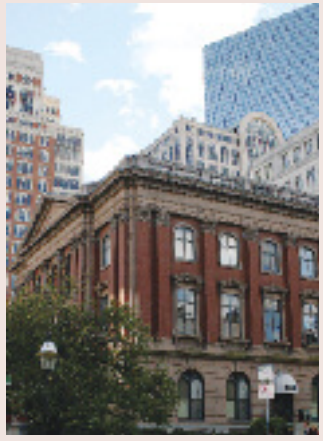

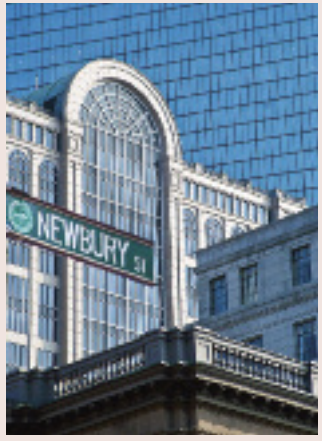

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FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE, 617-523-1300, www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com. Walk through history and experience New England's #1 visitor destination. Shop more than 75 locally loved boutiques and specialty pushcarts, smell and taste wonderfully diverse ethnic foods in the Quincy Market Colonnade or dine in one of 13 full-service restaurants.

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THE SHOPS AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., 800-SHOP-PRU. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* The Shops at Prudential Center features more than 75 stores and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor and J. Jill. It is also a launch spot for the city's renowned tourist resource, the Boston Duck Tours.

SHOES

HELEN'S LEATHER, 110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. *Mon–Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu noon–8 p.m., Sun 'til 6 p.m.* For 40 years, Helen's Leather has supplied New Englanders with quality Western boots by makers like Lucchese, Tony Lama, Justin, Nocona and Frye. In addition, Helen's sells Western belts, buckles, shirts and Stetson hats, as well as leather jackets and bags.

MUSIC/VIDEO

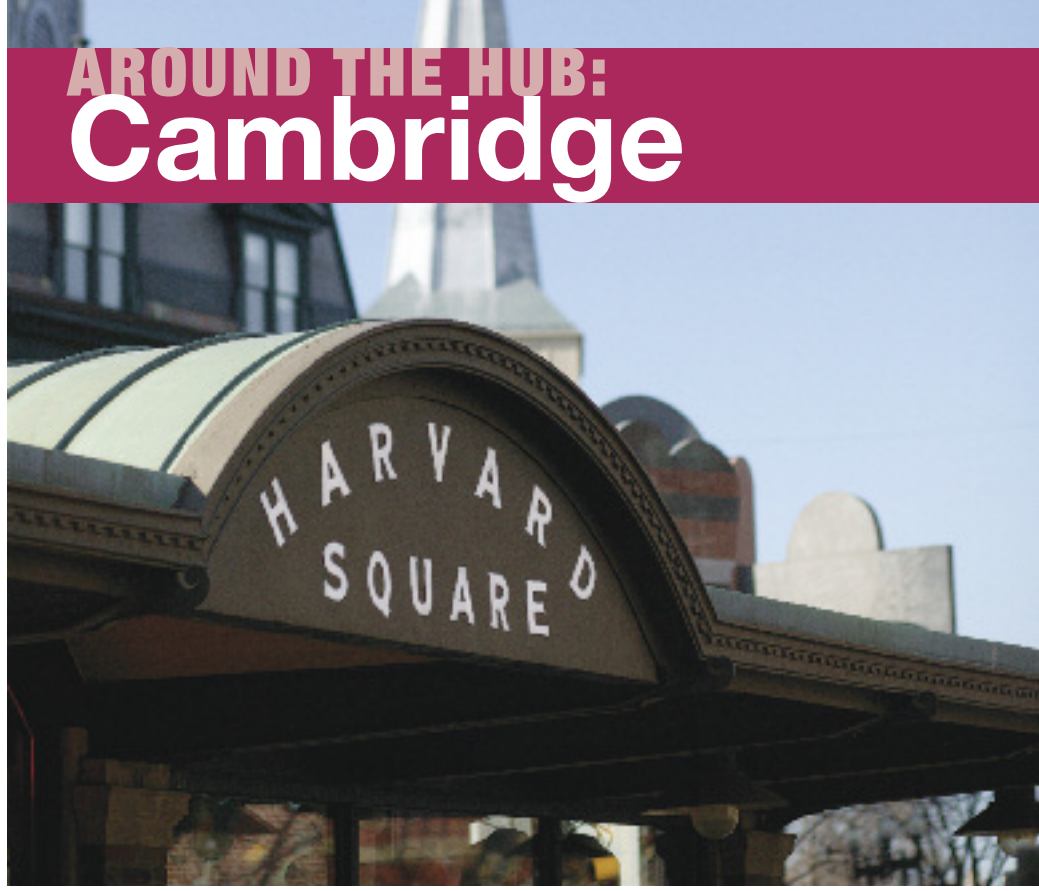
NEWBURY COMICS, 332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Also: 36 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; North Market Building, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9992. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain, which 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.

SPORTING GOODS

BILL RODGERS RUNNING CENTER, 353 North Market Bldg., Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-723-5612. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Owned by the four-time Boston Marathon winner, the Bill Rodgers Running Center boasts the most experienced running staff in Boston. Since 1977, they have been helping fellow runners find the best shoes for their individual needs.

NIKETOWN, 200 Newbury St., 617-267-3400. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* An enormous temple to the Nike franchise, this sporting goods retailer proffers all things Nike, including footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories. The store features an homage to the Boston Marathon, seats from the old Boston Garden and autographed shoes from Marathon champ Uta Pippig.

AROUND THE HUB: Cambridge



Square Deal

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 own 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.

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.

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. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

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

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

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THE ASGARD IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT: This unique bar in Central Square, which was designed in Ireland, boasts outstanding food, live music and a large craft beer selelction. **Refer to listing, page 26.**

around the hub: CAMBRIDGE

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.

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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. ***Through Oct 29**: Wed–Sun 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Park ranger-guided tours at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Free and open to the public.* 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 siege of Boston in 1775–76.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, 580 Mount Auburn St., 617-547-7105. *Daily 8 a.m.–7 p.m.; 8 a.m.–5 p.m.* 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

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and full schedule. Tickets: $9.75; students & matinees $7.75; seniors & children $6.75.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. Special events: ***Oct 18** at 7:30 p.m.*—Balagan Film Series Revival; ***Oct 27** at 7 and 9 p.m.—Attack of La Nina; **Oct 29** at 8 p.m.*—Tanya Donelly; ***Oct 31***—Brattle Halloween Celebration; ***Nov 1** at 8 p.m.*—Robert Todd.

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. ***Oct 18** at 8 p.m.*—Jess Klein, Noelle Hampton and Andre Moran, *tickets: $13 & 15; **Oct 19** at 8 p.m.*—Rebecca Pronsky and Lucy Wainwright Roche, *tickets: $10 & 12; **Oct 22** at 3:30 and 7 p.m.*—Nerissa and Katryna Nields, *tickets: $10–20; **Oct 23** at 6 and 8:30 p.m.*—Red Molly, *tickets: $18 & 20; **Oct 24** at 8 p.m.*—Ollabelle, *tickets: $23 & 25; **Oct 27** at 8 p.m.*—Della Mae, *tickets: $13 & 15; **Oct 28–31** at 8 p.m.*—Peter Mulvey, *tickets: $18 & 20; **Nov 1 & 2** at 7 p.m.*—Richard Shindell, *tickets: $38 & 40; **Nov 5** at 3:30 p.m.*—Amy Black, *tickets: $13 & 15; **Nov 8–10** at 7 p.m.*—Girlyman, *tickets: $23 & 25; **Nov 11** at 8 p.m.*—Christopher Williams, *tickets: $16 & 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 full schedule. Cover: $8–12.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. ***Oct 18 & 25, Nov 1 & 8***—Mystery Lounge!, professional magicians with a guest comedian; ***Oct 19 & 26, Nov 2 & 9***—Fresh Faces showcase; ***Oct 20 & 27, Nov 3 & 10***—The Thursday Show; ***Oct 21***—Jimmy Anicet, Tony Moschetto and others; ***Oct 22 & 29, Nov 5 & 12***—Rick Jenkins and guests; ***Oct 23***—Rick Canavan hosts Peter Bowers, Chirssy Kelleher and others; ***Oct 30***—Phoebe Angle, Louuie Berceli and others; ***Nov 4***—Shaun Donovan and Ken Reid; ***Nov 6***—Taylor Connelly, James Creelman and others; ***Nov 11***—Jimmy Anicet, Maria Ciama and others; ***Nov 13***—Doug Blay, Belinda Borrelli and others.

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. *Call for full schedule.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. ***Oct 17** at 7 p.m.*—Viva Brother and Motopony, *tickets: $12; **Oct 20** at 7:30 p.m.*—The Damned with Legendary Shack Shakers, *tickets: $24; **Oct 24** at 8 p.m.*—Soul Panacea and the Minor Three, *tickets: $10; **Oct 26** at 8 p.m.*—The Black Angels, Dead Meadow, Spindrift, *tickets: $15; **Oct 29** at 7 p.m.*—Halloween Hangover Part II with Doctor Doom Orchestra, *tickets: $12; **Nov 2** at 8*

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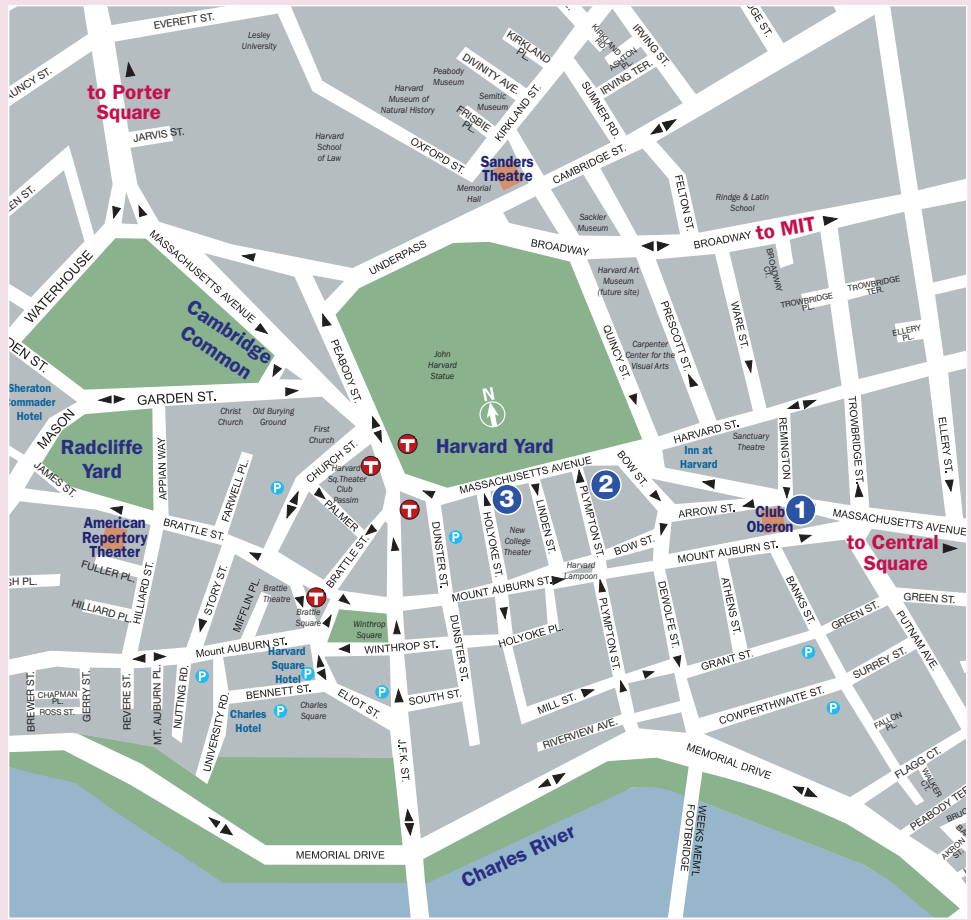

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p.m.—Allison Weiss with Bess Rogers, *tickets: $10;* ***Nov 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Everlast and Redlight King, *tickets: $17;* ***Nov 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—Enter the Haggis and Scythian, *tickets: $15.*

REGATTABAR, 3rd floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., 617-661-5000. *Call for full schedule.* ***Oct 19*** *at 7:30*—Mahavishnu Project/Music of Weather Report, *tickets: $20;* ***Oct 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Jack Donahue, *tickets: $20;* ***Oct 27 & 28*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—The Bad Plus, *tickets: $28;* ***Nov 4*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Donal Fox, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 11*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Django Reinhardt Allstars, *tickets: $25.*

THEATRE

THE DONKEY SHOW, American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300. ***Ongoing****. Performances: Sat at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets: $25 & 55.* Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirrorballs, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustlers tells the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through great '70s club anthems.

WOMEN OF WILL, The Nora Theatre Company, Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Ave., 866-811-4111. *Performances* ***through Nov 6****: Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m.;* ***Oct 26*** *at 7:30 p.m.;* ***Nov 6*** *at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $15–45.* Shakespearean impresario Tina Packer takes audiences on a journey, illuminating the evolution of the feminine in the Bard's plays and revealing the ways in which Shakespeare believed we could build a better world.

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 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.

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 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 1887 and 1936. Special exhibits: Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; The Language of Color; Headgear: The Natural History of Horns & Antlers; New England Forests.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu 12–8 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: ***beginning Oct 21***—Otto Piene: Lichtballe; Hans Haacke 1967.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-5927. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $8.50; children, seniors & students $4; 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; The MIT 150 Exhibition; Sampling MIT; Meet the Swinger and other Treasures from the Polaroid Corporation; Eight Einsteins; The Most Important Instrument: Slide Rules and the Making of the Modern World; Ship Models: The Evolution of Ship Design.

DINING

Refer to Dining, page 51, 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. $

DANTE, Royal Sonesta, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., 617-497-4200. Dante de Magistris serves playful, rich Mediterranean-influenced fare as 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 neighborhood stalwart 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 fresh and delicious. L, D. $$

EAST COAST GRILL, 1271 Cambridge St., 617-491-6568. If you're looking for hot and spicy barbecue and seafood, then Chris Schlesinger's eatery is not to be missed. Fresh seafood, grilled fish and meats are served with traditional sides like coleslaw, beans, cornbread and watermelon. An oyster bar, cabana-like cocktails and a funky atmosphere prove fine dining can be fun. D, SB. $$$

HENRIETTA'S TABLE, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., 617-661-5005. 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, late-night snacks or for getting funky on the weekends with late-night dancing until 3 a.m. on Fri & Sat. Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Thu 'til 2:30 a.m., Fri & Sat 'til 3 a.m. $

NUBAR, Sheraton Commander Hotel, 16 Garden St., Harvard Square, 617-234-1365. This newcomer offers New England-style cuisine in a fresh, modern setting with a casual atmosphere. B, L, D, SB. $$$

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 from renowned Chef Jody Adams. Reservations recommended. D. $$$$

ZEPHYR ON THE CHARLES, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, 617-441-6510. This restaurant serves a traditional menu of local favorites—including seared scallops and Maine lobster—loaded 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 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 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.

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, 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 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 Harvard Square, The Coop offers the largest selection of officially licensed Harvard insignia sportswear, gifts and souvenirs, as well as books, fine art prints, posters, stationery and greeting cards.

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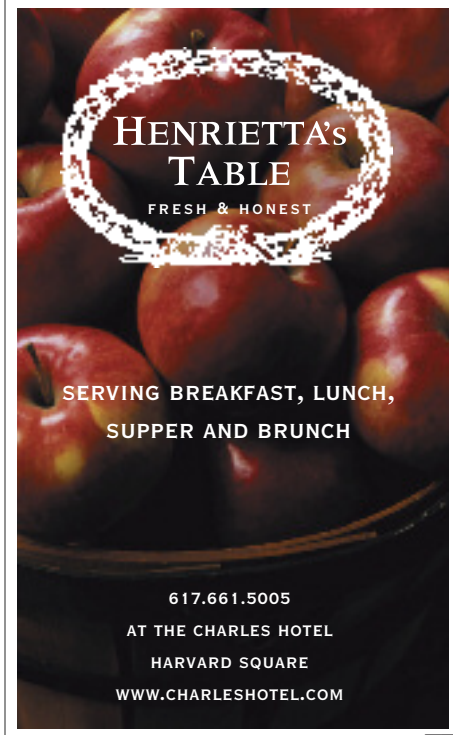

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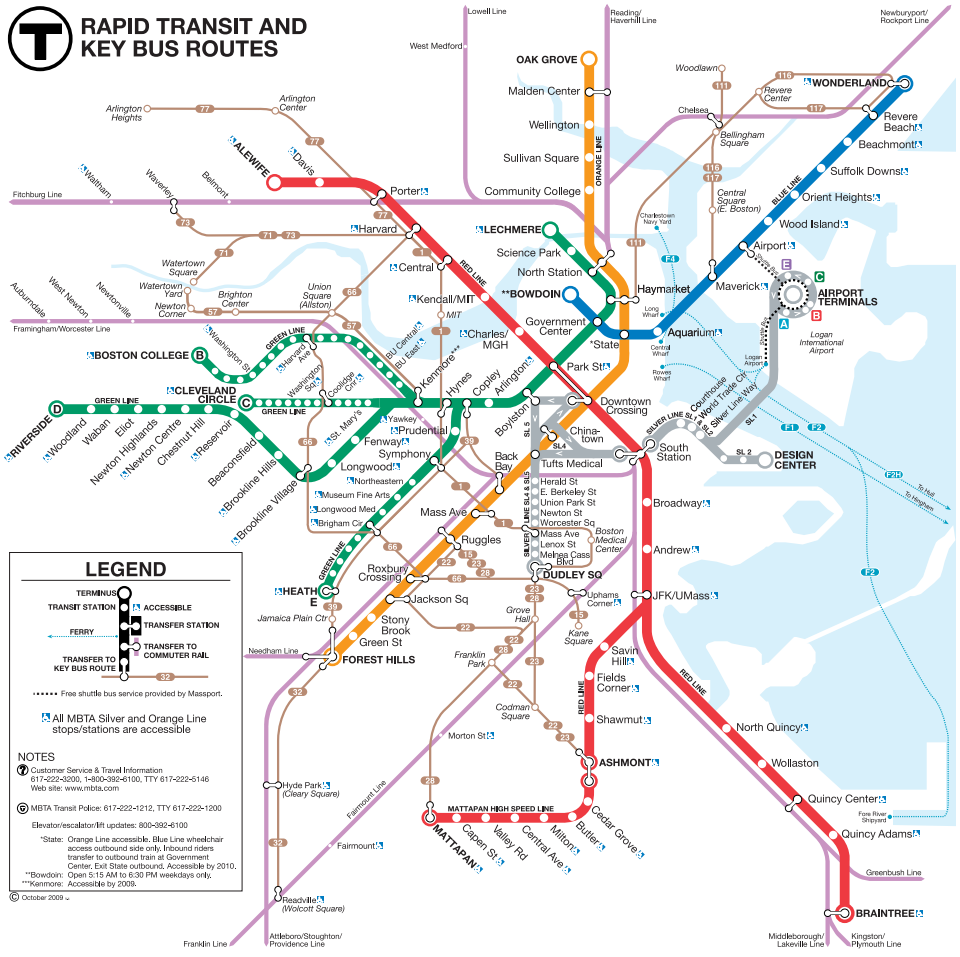

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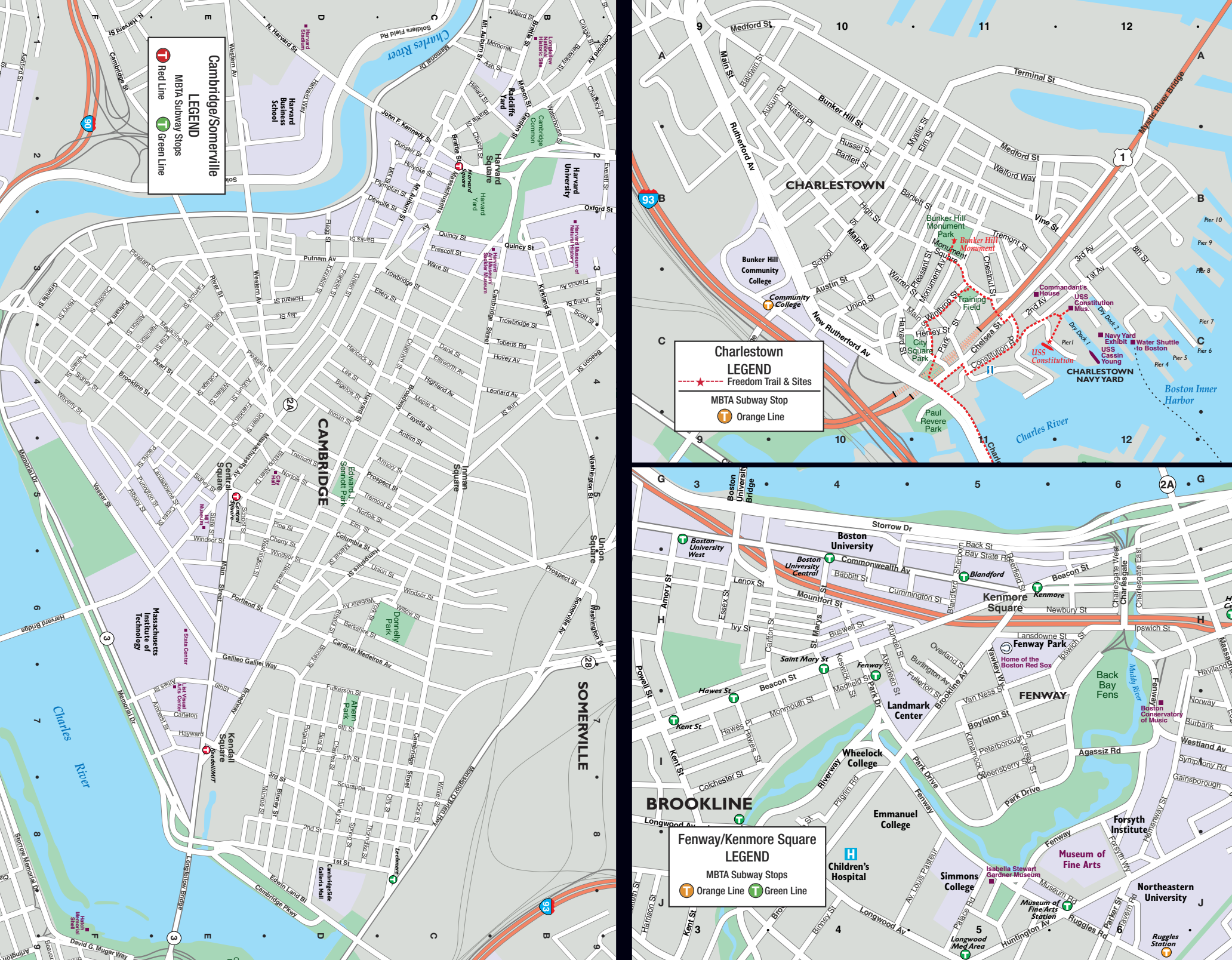
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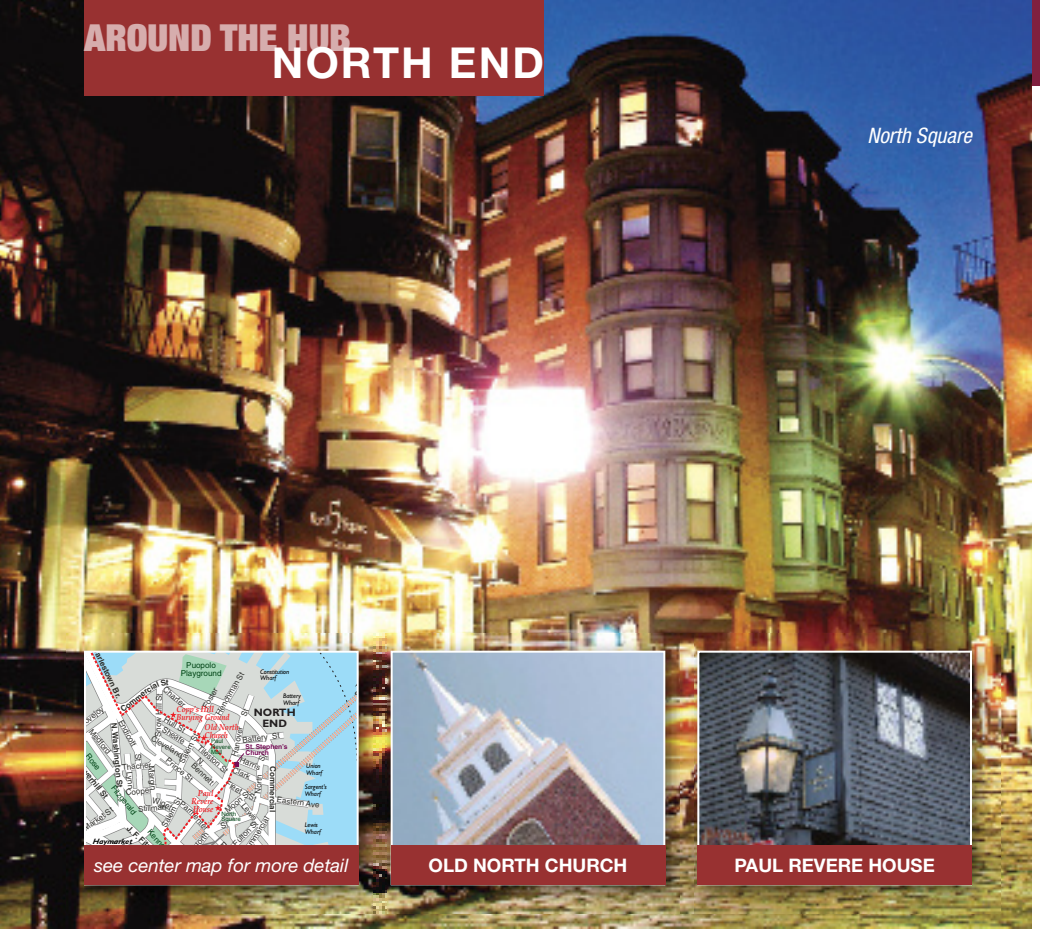

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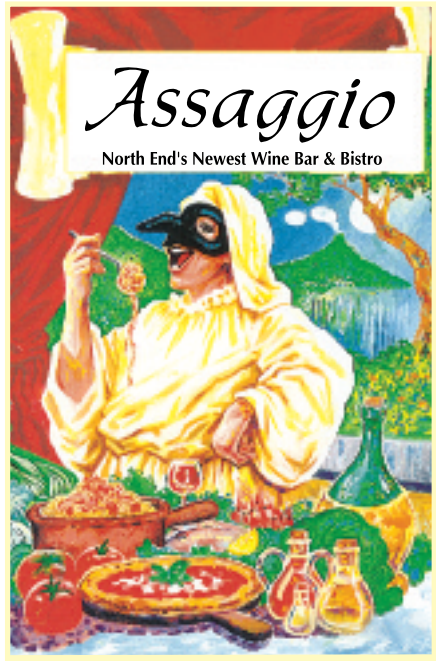

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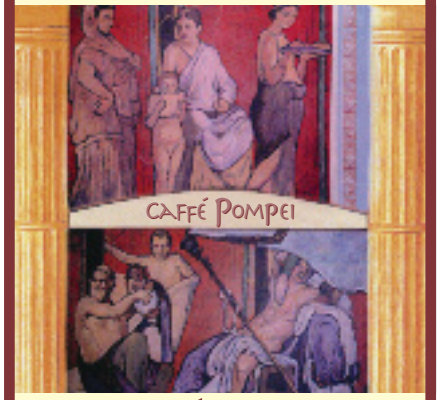

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AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE

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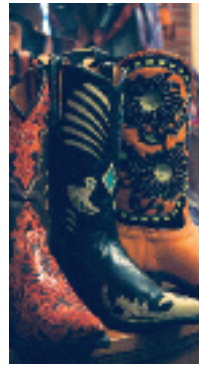
The Hub's reputation as one of the most European cities in the U.S. is evidenced by a visit to this neighborhood. Home to the State House and tucked between the Charles River Esplanade, Boston Common and the Public Garden, Beacon Hill's picturesque cobblestone streets are lined by impeccable brownstones 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. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:
- Louisburg Square
- Boston Athenæum
- Massachusetts State House
- African Meeting House

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Green Line to Park Street, Red Line to Charles or Park streets, Blue Line to Bowdoin



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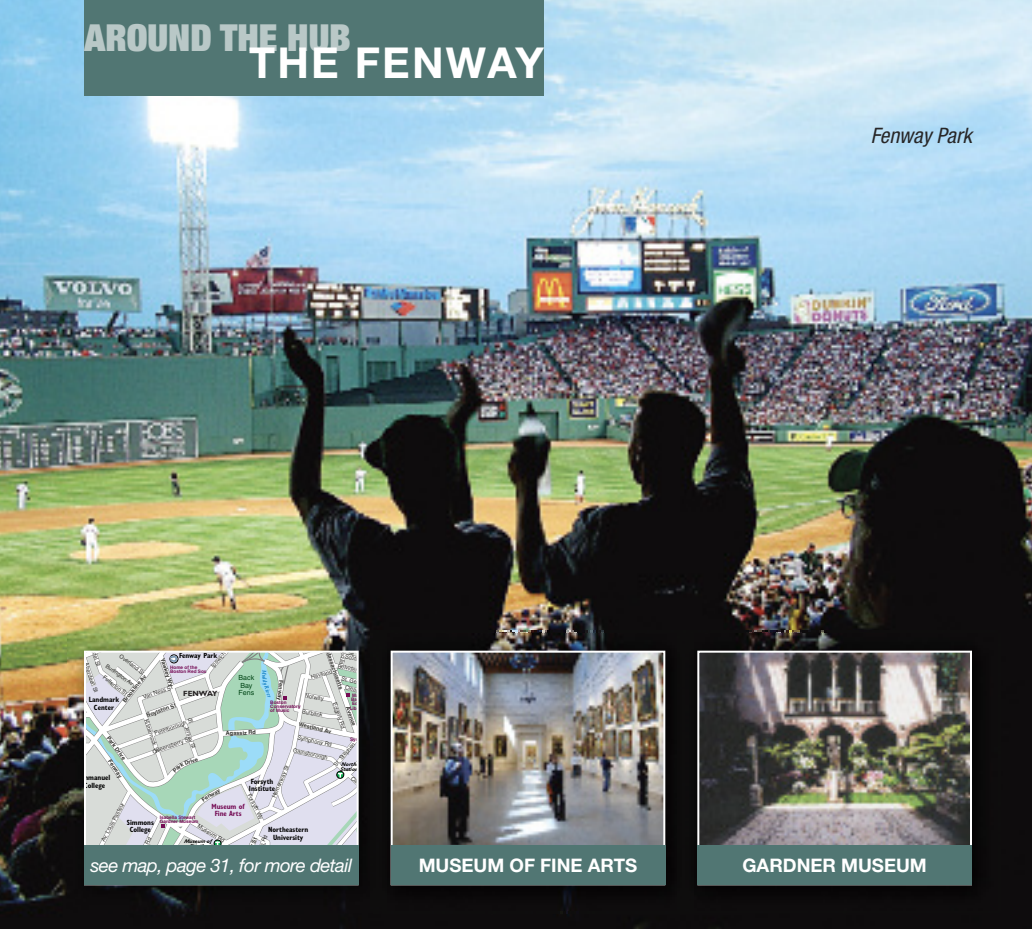

Fenway Park

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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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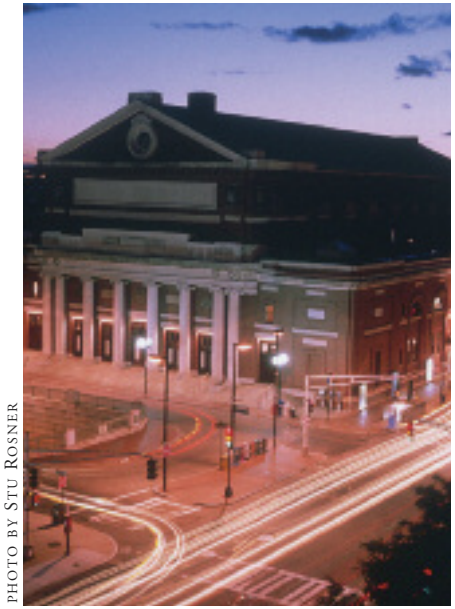

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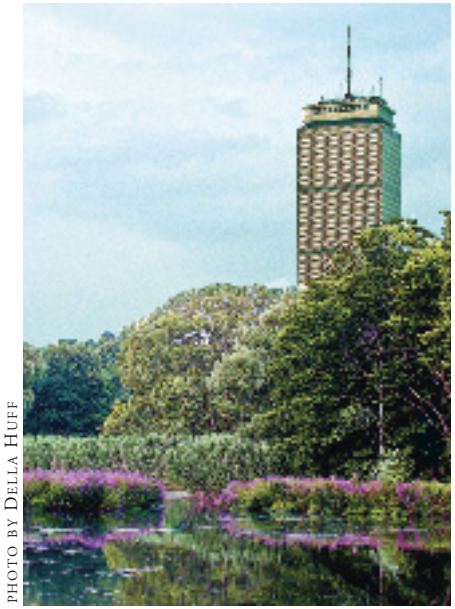
HALL OF FAME: Historic Symphony Hall, home to the renowned Boston Pops and Boston Symphony Orchestra, lies at the corner of Huntington and Massachusetts avenues.



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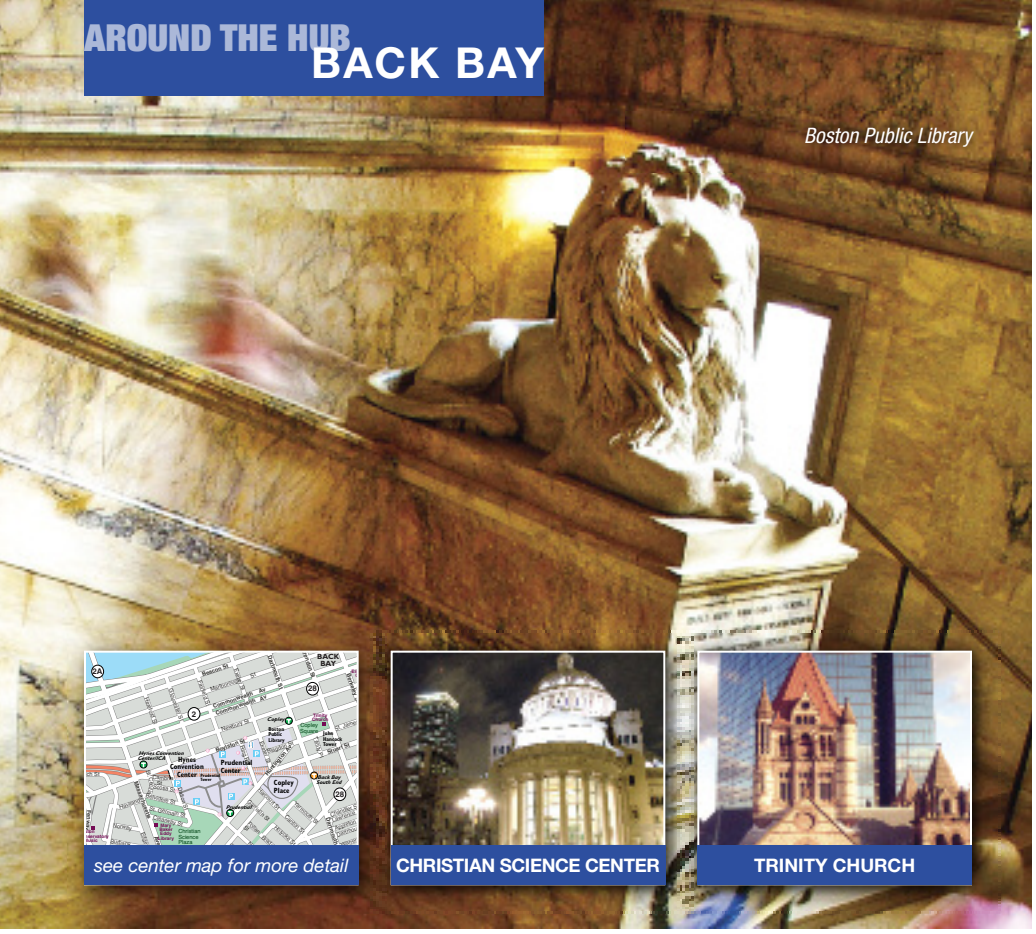
GO GREEN: The Fenway area was named for the Back Bay Fens, part of Boston's famed Emerald Necklace system of parks designed by Frederick Law Olmstead in the late 19th century.

BACK BAY



Boston Public Library

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CENTER

TRINITY CHURCH

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. Ⓟ

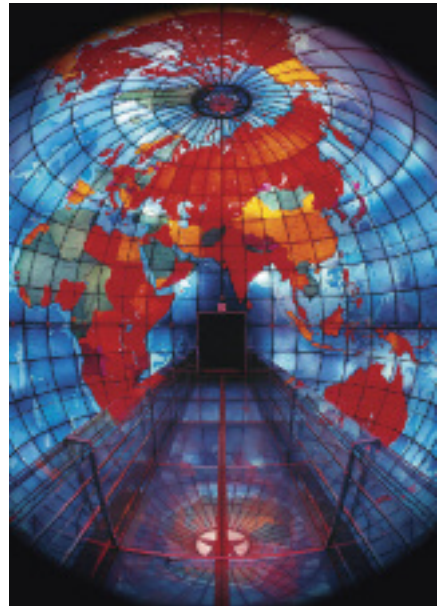
ATTRACTIONS:

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

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

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

START AT THE TOP: Enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding area day or night at the Skywalk Observatory located on the 50th floor of the Prudential Center.



GLOBAL VIEW: The Mary Baker Eddy Library on the campus of the Christian Science Center features the Mapparium, a walk-through stained glass globe that depicts the world as it appeared in 1935.

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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 46.**

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: ***through Oct 23***—Artists in the Arboretum 2011; ***beginning Oct 29***—Trees and Gardens: Photography by Joseph Flack Weiler.

BOSTON ATHENÆUM, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Tue, Thu & Fri 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon & Wed 'til 8 p.m., 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 Athenæum 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: Artists' Books: Books by Artists.

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 at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.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: Home Front: Boston and the Civil War; Torn in Two: The 150th Anniversary of the Civil War.

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Observation deck tours daily, except Fri, 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 also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum and an open-air museum.

THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., Prudential Tower, 50th floor, 617-859-0648. *Daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: daily 'til 8 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $13; seniors & students (with college ID) $11; children (under 12) $9. 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 & Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Tue & Thu 'til 6 p.m. Worship services: Sun 7:45, 9 and 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed 5:45 p.m.; Thu 12:10 p.m. Tours available for $7; seniors & students (with ID) $5; children (under 16) free with an adult. Guided tours and self-guided visits: Mon, Fri, Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Tue–Thu 'til 6 p.m., Sun 1–6 p.m.* Built in 1877, this house of worship is a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles and one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture.

TOURS AND TRAILS

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-725-5415. *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 BY FOOT, 617-367-2345. *Tickets: $12; children (6–12) $8, unless noted. Call for tour locations.* Guided 90-minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. ***Through Oct 31****:* The Heart of the Freedom Trail, *Tue–Thu at 10 a.m., Fri–Mon at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.;* Victorian Back Bay, *Mon at 5:30 p.m., Fri at 2 p.m., Sun at 10 a.m.;* Literary Landmark Tour, *Sat at 10 a.m.;* Beacon Hill, *Mon–Fri at 5:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 2 p.m.;* North End, *Fri–Sun at 1 p.m.;* The Dark Side of Boston, *Fri & Sat at 6 p.m.;* Boston Underfoot, *Sun at 1 p.m., tickets: $14 (includes subway fare);* Boston By Little Feet, *Fri & Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: $8.* Special events: ***Oct 22*** *at 2 p.m.*—Grave Undertakings: Death in Boston; ***Oct 30*** *at 2 p.m.*—Avenue of the Arts; ***Oct 31*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Beacon Hill with a BOO!

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, Prudential Center, Museum of Science and New England Aquarium, 617-267-3825, www.bostonduck tours.com. *Tours: seven days a week, 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset. (From Aquarium: Daily beginning at 3 p.m.) Tickets: $32; seniors, students & military $27; children (3–11) $22; (under 3) $10. 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 waterview.

BOSTON IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL, various sites Downtown and in the Back Bay, 617-696-9880, www.irishheritagetrail.com. *Maps available at Boston Common and Prudential Center Visitor Information Centers.* 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 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.bostonupperdecktrolleytours.com or call ahead for availability. Tickets can be purchased aboard trolleys or at various locations throughout the city. Tickets: $38; military, seniors & students $34; 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, a free walking tour of Harvard University and your choice of a free Boston Harbor Cruise, Charles Riverboat Cruise, tour of the Old South Meeting House or tour of the Harvard Museum of Natural History makes this comprehensive tour one of Boston's 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–Fri 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $36; children (4–12) $14. Discount tickets available 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., or until three-and-a-half hours before game time. 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.

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, 1, 2, 3 and 4 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.

GHOSTS AND GRAVESTONES TOUR, 888-920-868. *Nightly every half hour between 7–9 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: $38; children (4–12) $24.* ***Through Oct 31***. Step aboard the trolley of doom for a tour of the dark side of Boston. Your host, a 17th–century gravedigger, tells the tales of the Angel of Death, the Boston Strangler and other infamous characters from Boston's past. After completing your sojourn into macabre, step off the trolly for a walk through two of the oldest burying grounds in the city.

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required. Tue at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $43.* 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, 617-710-0603. *Wed–Sun 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, 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 TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. *Tours depart daily every 20 minutes from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $42; seniors & students $39; children (3–12) $16; children (under 3) free.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, *USS Constitution*

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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 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 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, 617-227-4321. *Mon–Fri at noon, Sat & Sun 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. *Mon–Fri at 10 a.m. Sat & Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: $39.95; children (11 and under) $31.95; children (2 and under) $15.* 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: $16; seniors $13; children (2–12) $10; military personnel with ID $8 $10 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. Special event: ***Oct 29*** *from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Zoo Howl! Halloween Festivities; ***Nov 5*** *from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Celebrate the first birthday of Kambirii, the zoo's western lowland gorilla.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $22.95; seniors (60+) $20.95; children (3–11) $15.95; 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; a brand-new 25,000-gallon shark and ray touch tank; and the Simons 3D IMAX Theater.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $13; seniors $11; children (2–12) $9; military personnel with ID $6.50; $9 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month.* Highlights include Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, llamas, black bears and white-cheeked gibbons. Special event: ***Oct 22 & 23*** *from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Boo at the Zoo! Halloween Festivities.

BEYOND BOSTON

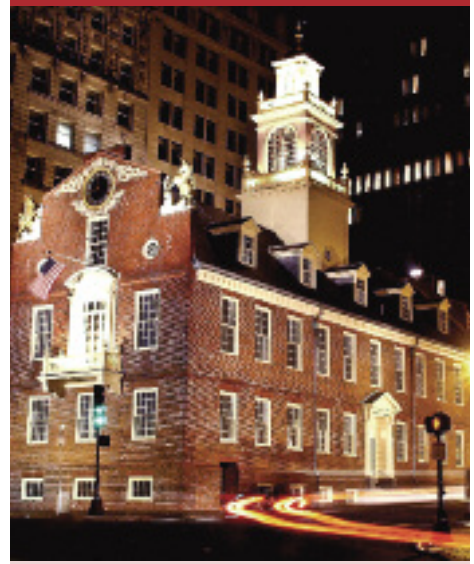
ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, 1250 Hancock St., Quincy, eight miles south of Boston, 617-770-1175. Take the "T" to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. *Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $5; children (under 16) free.* This historical gem offers insight into the lives of U.S. presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams. Tour the birthplaces of both presidents, as well as "The Old House," which was home to five generations of the Adams family.

5W!TS, Patriot Place, North Marketplace, Two Patriot Place, Foxboro, 508-698-1600. *Sun–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. The new state-of-the-art facility at Patriot Place features two exciting attractions: *Espionage,* which turns players into secret agents whose mission involves cracking safes, hacking computers and dodging lasers; and *20,000 Leagues,* which takes players on a journey to the bottom of the sea aboard Captain Nemo's sub, the *Nautilus.*

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Daily from 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $20; seniors $18; children (3–17) $7; (under 3) free.* Take a trip back in time at this recreation of 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 events: ***Oct 29*** *at 5 p.m.*—Things That Go Bump in the Night, *tickets: $15;* ***Oct 29*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Trail of Terror, *tickets: $8;* ***Nov 5*** *at 11:30 a.m.*—Lunch with Norm Abram and Bruce Irving, *tickets: $65.*

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, 137 Warren Ave., Plymouth, 508-746-1622. *Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite and 1627 Pilgrim Village: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Crafts Center: 9:15 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $29.50; seniors $26.50; children (6–12) $19.* 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.

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 from 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.*



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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 50.**

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. and 4 p.m. 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 daily 9:30 a.m.–5 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 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.

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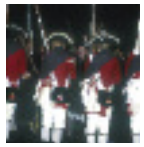
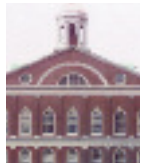
OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and 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. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 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.–5:15 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: 'til 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 9 a.m.–6 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: 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, 617-242-7511. *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.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: Thu–Sun 10 a.m.–3:50 p.m.* 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.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

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

BRASSERIE JO, The Colonnade Hotel, 120 Huntington Ave., 617-425-3240. The "sister" of chef Jean Joho's award-winning Chicago restaurant combines traditional favorites like coq au vin and steak frites with unique specialties such as Uncle Hansi's onion tart. Home-brewed beer, a wine list and desserts made in the French tradition complete this Gallic experience. Seasonal outdoor patio. B, L, D. $$$

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. Davio's in Park Square serves as an elegant oasis from the hustle and bustle outside. Davio's spacious, relaxed dining room serves as the perfect stage for its signature dishes, including a selection of homemade pastas and Brandt meats as well as Davio's classics and a selection of fresh seafood. Additional flair is provided by the lively open kitchen layout. Enjoy lighter fare in the welcoming bar and lounge areas. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Sun–Tue 5–10 p.m., Wed–Sat 'til 11 p.m. $$$

GRILL 23 & BAR, 161 Berkeley St., 617-542-2255. This top-notch eatery offers prime dry-aged beef, imaginative seafood dishes and an impressive wine list, all presented in 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–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. Cambridge: Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Fri 'til 10:30 p.m., Sat noon–10 p.m., Sun 'til 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. L & D. $$$$

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. The renowned steakhouse chain is famous for for serving prime-aged beef, including filet mignon and New York strip steak. They also offer a variety of other entrees, including jumbo lump crab cakes and double rib lamb chops. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$$

***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, chops and fresh seafood in an elegant hotel setting. B, L, D, SB. $$$$

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JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK: Enjoy fantastic, fresh seafood year-round at this restaurant's Back Bay and Cambridge locations. Refer to listing, below.

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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
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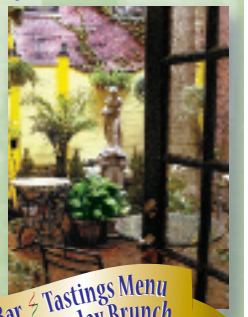

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SMITH & WOLLENSKY, The Castle at Columbus & Arlington, 617-423-1112; 290 Congress St. at Atlantic Wharf, 617-778-2200. Located in a spectacular setting, this legendary restaurant features USDA Prime dry aged steaks. The meticulously restored former 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, 108 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. $

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 local favorite. B, L, D. $

***THE TAJ BOSTON,** 15 Arlington St., 617-536-5700. This 1927 landmark offers award-winning contemporary French cuisine, as well as a historic dining room for special events. Cafe: B, L, D, Sat & SB. Lounge: L, D, C, LS. Bar: L, D, C, LS. $$$$

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, L Sat & Sun. $$

***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, SB, LS, C. $$$$

TOWNE STOVE AND SPIRITS, 900 Boylston St., 617-247-0400. The melting pot of cuisines at this eatery within the Hynes Convention Center draws inspiration from Chinese, Spanish, Italian, Indian, Irish, British and American sources, creating a menu that truly has something for everyone. L, D, Sat & SB, 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 impressive decor, which features seven-foot-high French windows, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$

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.–closing. 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. $$$

THE HUNGRY I, 71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524, www.hungryiboston.com. In a two-story townhouse with three working fireplaces and an outdoor patio, Chef Peter Ballarin celebrates 30 years of French country cuisine and creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre and braised rabbit a la moutard. L Thu and Fri only, noon–2 p.m.; D 5:30–9:30 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Private dining rooms available. C and light fare 5–7:30 p.m. $$$

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. $$$$

SCOLLAY SQUARE, 21 Beacon St., 617-742-4900. Scollay Square is a warm, inviting environment serving American comfort food at a reasonable price with a sophisticated cocktail list. This neighborhood bistro-style restaurant is a great meeting place for friends and small groups to eat, drink and socialize. L, D, SB, C. $$$

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

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***THE WARREN TAVERN,** 2 Pleasant St., Charlestown, 617-241-8142. 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 burgers, shepherd's pie and other comfort foods. Live music Wed & Thu. L, D, BR. $$

DOWNTOWN

***BOND,** Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-956-8765. This swanky restaurant and lounge boasts a diverse cocktail and wine menu to accompany its wide range of exotic international cuisine. L, D, C. $$$

***CAFE 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., 617-556-0006. 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.fajitasandritas.com. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas features fresh, healthy Texan and barbecue cuisine at bargain prices. A fun place to eat, drink and hang out, the walls are decorated with colorful murals and the bar boasts some of Boston's best—and sturdiest—margaritas. Mon & Tue 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Wed, Thu & Sat 'til 10 p.m., Fri 'til 11 p.m., Sun 'til 8 p.m. C, LS. $

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***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. $$

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. This contemporary and edgy sushi eatery, crowned Boston's best restaurant of 2009 by *Boston* magazine, boasts a simple, natural decor that 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., 617-227-8600. 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 impeccably prepared nouveau French fare in an ultra-modern, minimalist setting. The ambiance is powerbroker chic, and the service is top-notch. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

ROWES WHARF SEA GRILLE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-856-7744. Chef Daniel Bruce celebrates Boston's spectacular harborfront and the bounties that come from it at this contemporary, nautical-influenced eatery overlooking Boston Harbor. B, L, D. $$$

YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750, www.unionoysterhouse.com. Steps away from Quincy Market stands America's oldest restaurant, now celebrating 185 years. Serving Yankee-style seafood, beef and chicken, it is famed for the oyster bar where Daniel Webster dined daily, and specialties include clam chowder, swordfish and fresh lobster. L, D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. VP. $$$

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

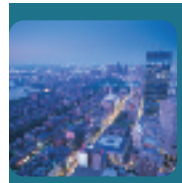
***DICK'S LAST RESORT,** Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, 617-267-8080, www.dickslastresort.com. Enjoy the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab, juicy steaks, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. There's live music every night and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

***DURGIN-PARK,** 340 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-2038. A Boston landmark in historic Faneuil Hall (where your grandfather and great-grandfather may have dined) features steaks, chops and seafood in a New England tradition. Piano and oyster bars open late. L, D. $

***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 music 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. $$$

***RED SKY,** 16–18 North St., 617-742-3333. Located below the Millennium Hotel next to Faneuil Hall, this stylish restaurant and lounge boasts an array of dining options with a fusion of French, Italian, Asian and American cuisine. Red Sky also offers a tapas menu and a full bar with specialty cocktails in a relaxed but chic environment. L, D, C. $$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EASTERN STANDARD, Hotel Commonwealth, 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100. This Kenmore Square brasserie resembles an old hotel dining room, and attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. B, L, D. $$

GAME ON!, 82 Lansdowne St., 617-351-7001. The ultimate for any sports club enthusiast: a bar/restaurant/nightclub built inside Fenway Park. One of the brightest jewels on the Fenway nightlife scene, this upscale sports bar offers a cool, sleek spot in which to sample a full menu and watch the Sox and other sporting events on a number of big-screen TVs. L & D daily beginning at 11:30 a.m. $$

JERRY REMY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL, 1265 Boylston St., 617-236-7369; 250 Northern Ave, 617-856-7369. Jerry Remy, a former Red Sox second baseman and local sports icon, brings comfort food to Boston with his eponymous sports bar. The extensive drink list offers everything from beer to single malt scotches, while the menu features casual yet tasty treats like house-smoked barbecue and USDA Prime burgers. L, D, C, LS. $$

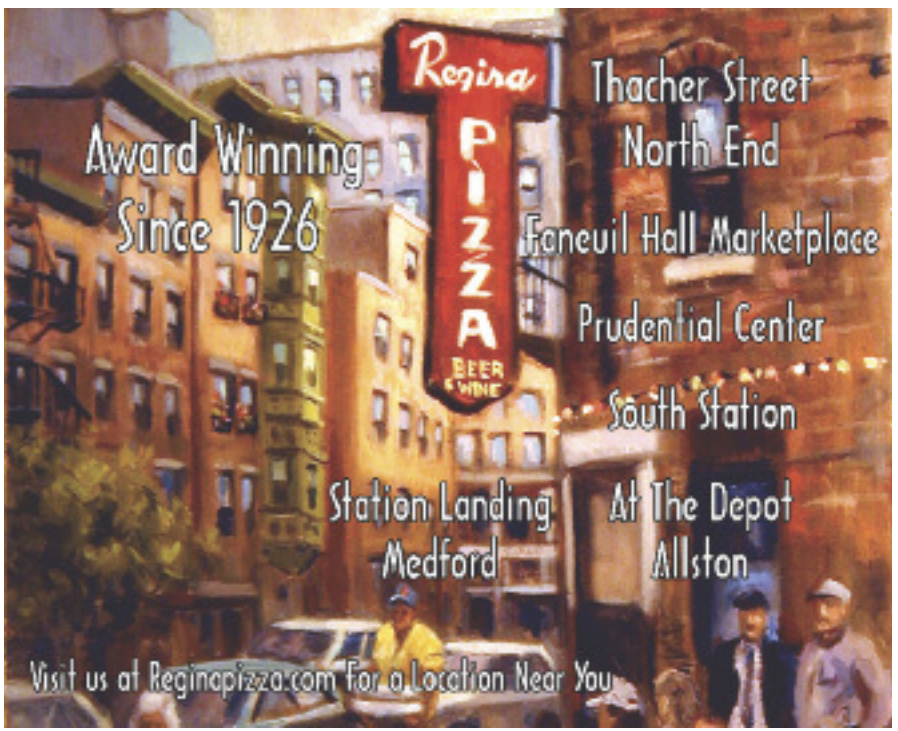
NORTH END

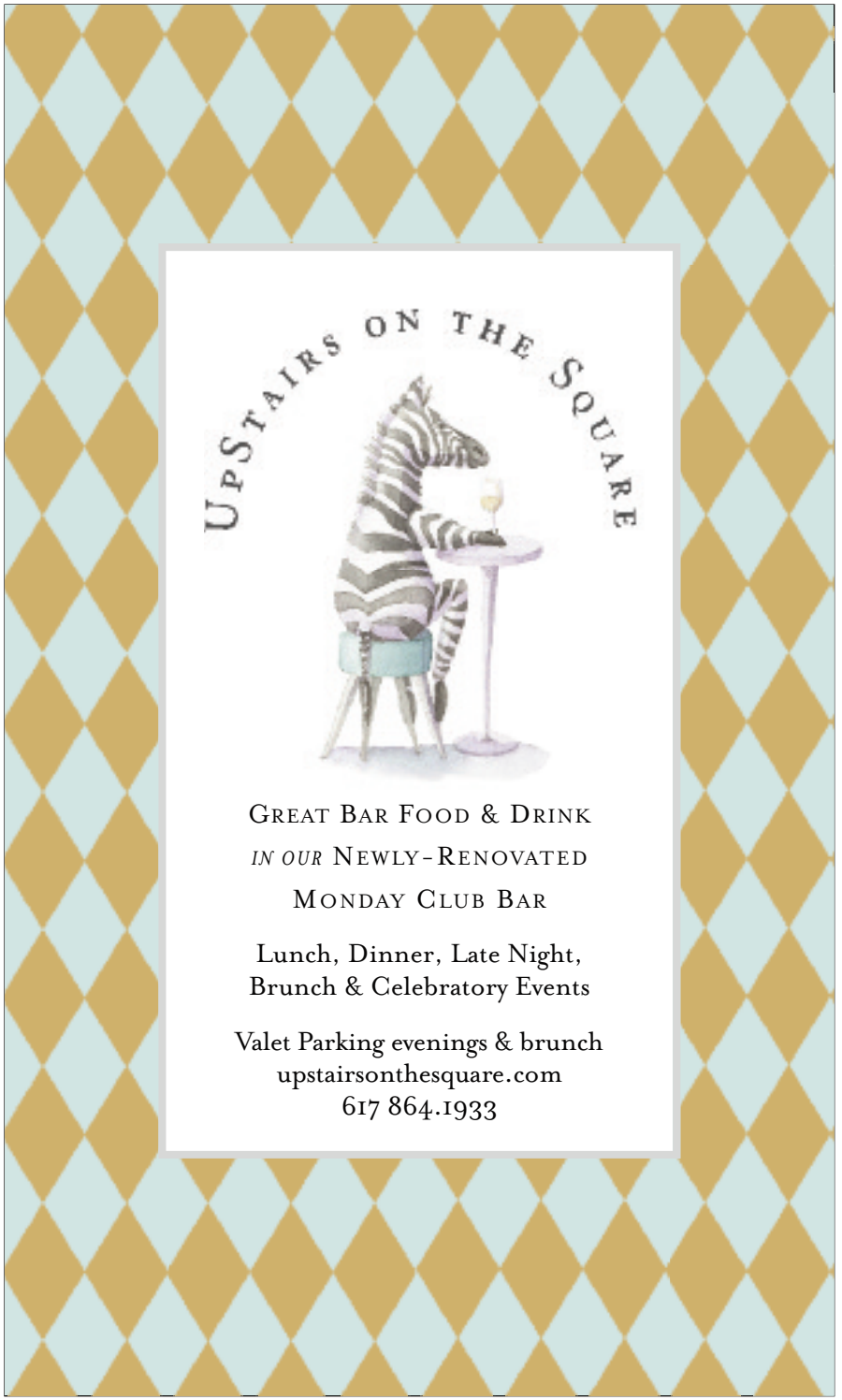
ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733, www.anticofornoboston.com. Antico Forno (Italian for "old stove") features brick-oven classics such as roasted chicken with garlic and herbs; pizza with artichoke hearts, porcini mushrooms and buffalo mozzarella; and linguini with clams, mussels, calamari and 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. $

FILIPPO RISTORANTE, 283 Causeway St., 617-742-4143, www.filipporistorante.com. Serving classic as well as innovative Italian cuisine, this cozy, informal bistro focuses on dishes from Italy's Abruzzo region. A formal function room for 235 people is also available. Raffle every February to win a free stay at Bed & Breakfast Sei Stelle in the Abruzzo region of Italy. L & D. $$





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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 specialties like the veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, among numerous other delights. L, D, LS, C. Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. $

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, award-winning homemade pizza at Boston's oldest brick-oven pizzeria. Delivery and curbside-to-go takeout available. C in Allston. L & D daily. $

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. L & D daily noon–11:30 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 & D daily noon–10:30 p.m. VP, 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 is 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. $$

SOUTH BOSTON

AURA, Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, 617-385-4300. This recently 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. $$$

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

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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

AVENUE ONE RESTAURANT, Hyatt Regency, One Avenue de Lafayette, 617-422-5579, www.regencyboston.hyatt.com. Newly renovated and located in the heart of the Theatre District, Avenue One restaurant and lounge serves contemporary New England cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy a refreshing cocktail, three-course prix fixe dinner or a delectable dessert. Discounted parking available. B 6:30–11 a.m., L 11 a.m.–3 p.m, D 5–10 p.m. C, VP. $$$

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. The menu includes small plates of goat cheese croquettes, Spanish pork sausage and chicken livers, appetizers like sizzling shrimp and a roasted beet salad, as well as the finest quality, all-natural beef and fresh seafood entrees, with bread, desserts and ice creams made fresh daily. Enjoy the cozy lounge and bar or spacious dining room before or after the theater. L & D daily. SB. $$$

CITYPLACE, On Stuart Street between Tremont and S. Charles streets in the State Transportation Building. Enjoy everything from fresh pasta at Vapiano, handcrafted beers at the newly renovated Rock Bottom Brewery and gourmet Chinese at P.F. Chang's to flatbread sandwiches, specialty pizzas, custom burritos and more in the Food Court. It's all at CityPlace, a Theatre District destination for a quick bite, a sit down lunch or a lingering dinner on one of several seasonal patios. B, L, D, C. $–$$$

LEGAL SEA FOODS, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-742-5300; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; 270 Northern Ave., Liberty Wharf, 617-477-2900; 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. $$$

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. $$

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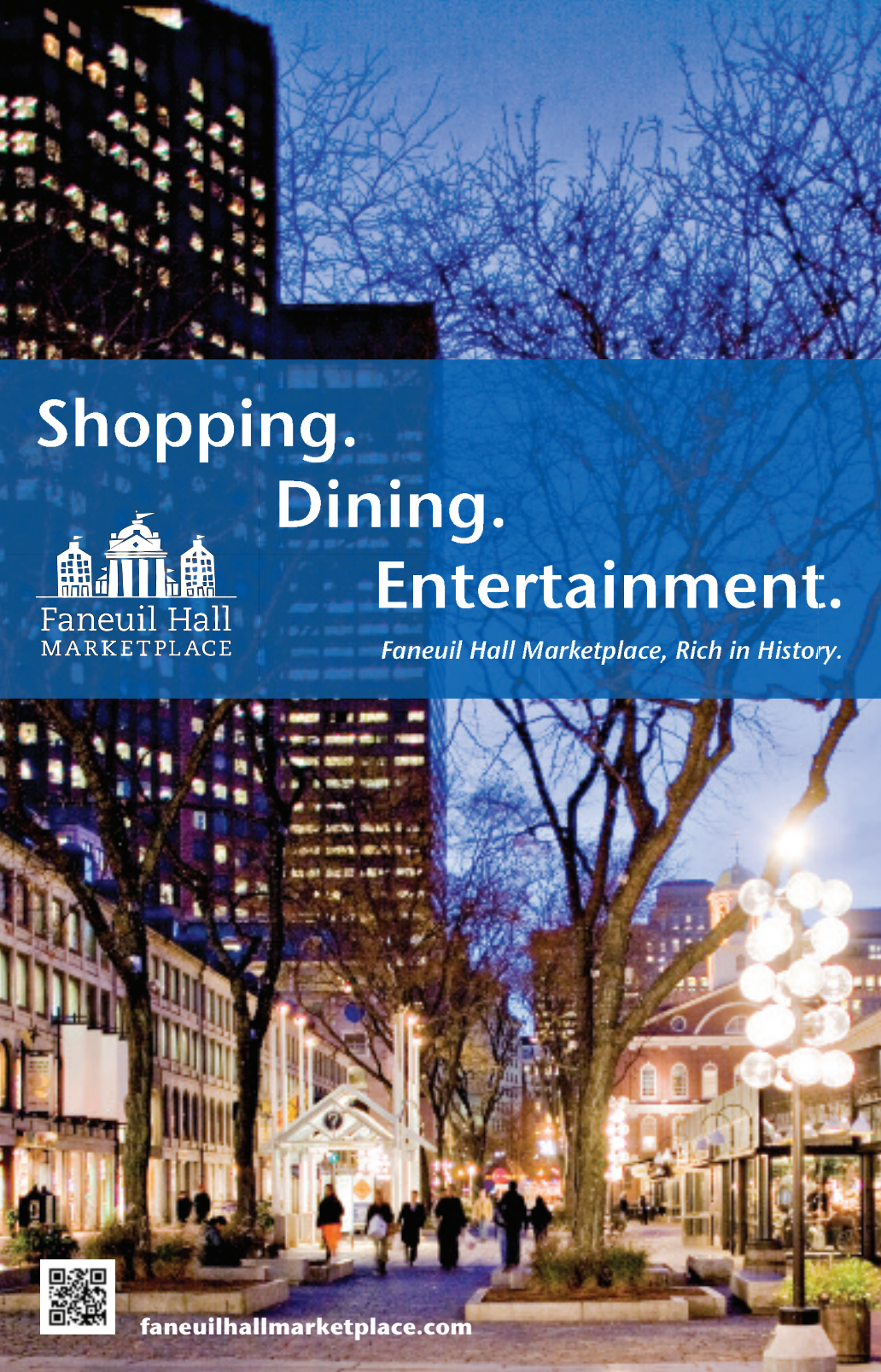
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