

Mayor Thomas M. Menino | City of Boston



Lights on BOSTON

www.cityofboston.gov/holidays

617.635.3911

Dear Friends:

I would like to welcome you to another festive holiday season in Boston! Whether taking in the new sets and costumes at Boston Ballet's *The Nutcracker*, toe-tapping along with the Holiday Pops, or celebrating neighborhood festivities with Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings, you're sure to create new and lasting holiday traditions for you and your family.

I also invite you to get into the holiday spirit and cheer this winter with *Lights On Boston*! Join us as we help make the holidays joyous and bright with tree lightings, neighborhood strolls and the *Deck the City* lighting contest throughout Boston. Delight in the holiday shopping and the decorated storefronts that make each Main Street district unique.

There is magic to every season in Boston, but especially during the winter. Happy Holidays, and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,




Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston




Thomas M. Menino, Mayor
City of Boston




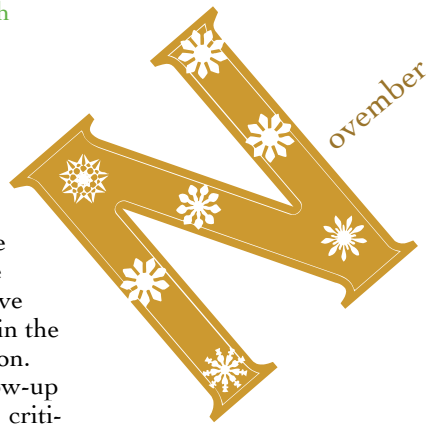
November 1st - 4th
Saltimbanco, presented by Cirque du Soleil
Classic Cirque du Soleil at its best, Saltimbanco is a thrilling and kaleidoscopic celebration of awe inspiring artistry and agility. With a cast of 50 high caliber artists hailing from 20 different countries, Saltimbanco features breathtaking acrobatics and unbelievable athleticism during solo spotlights and epic ensembles. *Agganis Arena, 925 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.* 1-800-745-3000.  www.cirquedusoleil.com

November 1st - 4th
Boston Ballet: Fall Program
Fall Program kicks off its 2012–2013 season with a bang – featuring a world premiere by Jorma Elo and the smash hits Rooster by Christopher Bruce and The Second Detail by William Forsythe. *Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St, Boston.* \$  www.bostonballet.org/

November 1st – 4th
Chicago
A sensational tale of sin, corruption and all that jazz, CHICAGO has everything you could want in a musical: knock-out dancing, an edge-of-your-seat story and one showstopper after another. *Various times. Citi Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston.* \$.  www.citicenter.org

November 1st – 4th
Within the Lines: Fall Revue
Choreographed by Urbanity Dance's founder and director, Betsi Graves, this dazzling interactive dance performance will take place at five different locations in the South End of Boston. The revue is a follow-up to Urbanity's 2011, critically acclaimed revue, "Between the Lines." *Various times. Urbanity Dance, 280 Shawmut Avenue #1, Boston.* 617-572-3727. \$. www.urbanitydance.org

November 1st - 4th
Unleashed!, presented by The Boston Conservatory
The Dance Division presents Unleashed! Its second fall season under the direction of Cathy Young. Featuring five works by today's most exciting contemporary dance artists, the concert showcases the passion, artistry and physicality of our students. *The Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 Hemenway St., Boston.* \$. 617-912-9222.  www.bostonconservatory.edu/




November 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 6th
Saariaho, Britten and Dvorak, presented by Boston Symphony Orchestra
Spanish conductor Juanjo Mena, chief conductor of the BBC Philharmonic, leads the American premiere of influential Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho's Circle Map, for orchestra and electronics, a BSO co-commission. *Symphony Hall, 501 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.* \$. 888-266-1200.  www.bso.org

November 1st - 9th
Glimpses of Postwar Boston 1948-1949
Photographs from the city's Traffic Department capture the character of Boston's neighborhoods in the years following World War II. Organized by City of Boston Archives. *Mayor's Gallery 5th floor, 1 City Hall Sq., 5th Floor, Boston.* 617.655.5911  www.cityofboston.gov/arts

November 1st - 10th
NOW OR LATER
by Christopher Shinn,
presented by Huntington
Theatre Company

Smart and timely, Christopher Shinn's searching new play examines religion, freedom of expression, and personal responsibility.

"Riveting, thrillingly paced, and effervescent with wit and intelligence. Urgent and unmissable!"

– The Times of London
Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA, 527 Tremont St., Boston. \$. 617-266-0800. 
www.huntingtontheatre.org/

November 1st – 10th
Concrete Illusions: Public and Private Spaces in Puerto Rico

LA GALERÍA at Villa Victoria Center for the Arts cordially invites you to view a cross-section of Puerto Rican contemporary art from the highly regarded José Hernandez Castrodad Collection. *Free admission. Thursday and Friday 5:00-6:00 p.m. & Saturday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.* 617-927-1707. *La Galería at Villa Victoria Center for the Arts, 85 W. Newton St., Boston.*
www.iba-etc.org

November 1st – 17th
The Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo, presented by Company One


Rajiv Joseph's groundbreaking new American play. Sponsored by Liberty Mutual Group. Various times. *BCA Plaza Theatre, 527 Tremont St., Boston.* 

Phone: 617-955-8600

www.companyone.org

November 1st – 17th

Every Four Years


Through vintage photographs and prints from 1948 to 2008, this collaborative exhibit explores the public and private sides of presidential candidates, as well as pivotal moments in voting and Civil Rights for Americans over the years. Free admission. *Grand Circle Gallery, 547 Congress St., Boston.* 617-546-6459. 

www.gct.com/Community/Grand-Circle-Gallery

November 1st – 30th

CUTTING EDGE/


3 Emerging artists

This exhibition brings together 3 of Boston's Contemporary, cutting edge artists. *The Scollay Square Gallery 5rd Floor, 1 City Hall Sq., 5th Floor, Boston.* 617.655.3911 

www.cityofboston.gov/arts

November 1st – 30th
Teen Art in the South End at the Children's Art Centre

Calling All Teen Artists Ages 12-15: Free creative workshops, visits to galleries, and time in artists' studios! Discover new techniques and create work with professional artists.

United South End Settlements' Children's Art Centre, 48 Rutland St., Boston. 617-375-8159. 

www.uses.org/

November 1st – 30th
100 Prints Celebrating 100 Years of The Art Institute of Boston

In celebration of its Centennial, The Art Institute of Boston (AIB) at Lesley University is pleased to showcase the accomplishments of its students through 100 Prints Celebrating 100 Years, an exhibit of works from the Printmaking Department Archive. *Free Admission. Massachusetts State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston.* 617-585-6600.

<http://news.lesley.edu/2012/10/100-prints-celebrating-100-years-of-the-art-institute-of-boston.shtml>

November 1st –
December 30th

**The Nova Scotia
Christmas Tree Gift**

This exhibition highlights the history of the Halifax Explosion and the generosity given by Bostonians during this tragic event.

*Mayor's Neighborhood
Gallery 2nd Floor, 1 City
Hall Sq., 5th Floor, Boston.
617.635.5911* 


www.cityofboston.gov/arts

November 1st-
January 18th

**An Elevated View:
The Orange Line**

Twenty five years ago, the MBTA relocated the Orange Line, dismantling the elevated rail that had long defined the City's Southwest Corridor. Two years prior to the project, the nonprofit agency URBANARTS organized, on behalf of the MBTA, a program called Arts in Transit. The project paired four photographers with photography students to document the corridor in transition from Chinatown to Forest Hills.

In the fall of 1985, the students and their teachers began photographing the Orange Line and its architectural and social surroundings.


*Wiggin Gallery at the
Central Library in Copley
Square, 700 Boylston Street,
617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org

November 1st-
January 31st

**The People's Own:
The Construction of the
McKim Building**

Designed by Charles Follen McKim of the architectural firm McKim, Mead, and White, the Boston Public Library's McKim Building in Copley Square opened its doors in February of 1895. This exhibition features historic photographs documenting the library's construction.


*Rare Books Lobby at the
Central Library in Copley
Square, 700 Boylston Street.
617-536-5400.* 

www.bpl.org

November 1st –
February 7th (1st Thurs-
day of each month)

**ReadBoston School
Year Storymobile**

Families will enjoy an interactive storytelling. All children will receive a free book! *Grove Hall Library, 41 Geneva Ave, Dorchester. 6:00 p.m.*

617-918-5286 

www.thefacebook.com/readboston

Nov. 1st – January 1st
**The 9th Annual Mayor's
Holiday Special**

Offering over 13,000 half-price tickets to over 70 of the region's most loved holiday performances, dining deals and gift ideas.

www.mayorsholidaysspecial.com

November 1st –
February 23rd

**Guastavino
at the BPL Tours**


Guided tours of the gallery exhibition Palaces for the People: Guastavino and America's Great Public Spaces will be followed by a special library tour featuring stunning examples of Guastavino vaulting throughout the building. *Tours meet in the Changing Exhibits Gallery in the McKim Building at the Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Every Thursday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m.* 

www.bpl.org/building-boston

November 1st -
February 24th

**Palaces for the People:
Guastavino and Ameri-
ca's Great Public Spaces**

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Boston Public Library present the first major exhibition on the Guastavino Company and its architectural and historical legacy.

*Changing Exhibits Gallery
at the Central Library in
Copley Square, 700 Boylston
Street, 617-536-5400* 

www.bpl.org/building-boston


November 1st –
March Daily
Freedom Trail®
Foundation Walk
Into History Tours

Led by 18th century costumed guides, Walk Into History Tours are the official walking tours of the Freedom Trail®.

Historical facts and anecdotes on colonial life and Boston history are told as one follows the Freedom Trail, a 2.5 mile red brick or painted red path, and stop at many of Boston's precious 17th, 18th, and 19th historical sites. Private family, school and group tours available.

Departs Boston Common visitor information center.

Various times. \$.


(617) 557-8300 

www.TheFreedomTrail.org

November 4th
Boston Children's
Chorus presents
Old American Songs

The BCC will kickoff their 10th Anniversary with a concert celebrating the heritage of American Choral Music. Featuring the music of Aaron Copland we will perform the complete set of Old American songs.

Also on the program will be American composers Randall Thompson, folks songs arr. by Alice Parker, and a new work by Joshua Shank.

2:00 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. 617-778-2242 


www.bostonchildrenschorus.org/



November 2nd –
February 22nd
Fridays at Trinity

Come enjoy this weekly series of midday organ concerts featuring innovative programs by recitalists from throughout the United States and from abroad.

Trinity Church Boston, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. 12:15

p.m. 617-536-0944 

<http://trinitychurchboston.org/>

November 3rd & 4th
South Boston
Open Studios

Noon - 6:00 p.m.

THE DISTILLERY -

516 E 2nd St

KING TERMINAL -

110 K St / 574 E 1st St

THOMAS YOUNG

STUDIOS- 469 W Broadway, 3rd f

www.southbostonopenstudios.org/

November 3rd & 4th
Roslindale Open Studios

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Various locations.

www.roslindaleopenstudios.org/


November 3rd & 4th
Fenway Studios

Noon - 6:00 p.m. Various locations.

www.friendsoffenwaystudios.org/

November 5th & 19th
(First and Third Monday
of November)

MFA Playdates


Bring your toddler for a free drop-in story time and art making in the galleries. Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. 10:50 a.m. 

www.mfa.org/playdates

November 5th -
February 28th

Art & Architecture Tours

The Boston Public Library offers tours highlighting the architecture of Charles Follen McKim and Philip Johnson, as well as the many works of famed sculptors and painters. No appointment is necessary. Tours meet

in the lobby of the McKim Building (Dartmouth Street entrance). Ongoing tours are offered: Monday 2:50 p.m., Tuesday 6:00 p.m., Wednesday 11:00 a.m., Thursday 6:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m., and Sunday 2:00 p.m. 

www.bpl.org/tours


November 6th –
March (Tuesdays)
Freedom Trail@
Foundation Historic
Pub Crawl


Revolutionary ideas may have come from speeches at Faneuil Hall or a meeting of the Sons of Liberty, but their courage and inspiration came from Boston's Taverns. Led by an 18th century costumed guide, this tour takes visitors to four taverns – Green Dragon, The Point, Bell in Hand, and Union Oyster House – and offers traditional Boston fare and sample-sized beer at each stop. Reservations required 24 hours in advance.

Departs ArtsBoston Bostix Booth at Faneuil Hall at 5:30 p.m., (must be 21). \$. (617) 557-8500  www.TheFreedomTrail.org


November 8th
Radius Ensemble,
presented by United
South End Settlement

The Free for All Concert Fund presents Radius Ensemble at the United South End Settlements' Harriet Tubman House from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information: 617-575-8159 or crevelle@uses.org. *The Harriet Tubman House, 566 Columbus Ave., Boston.*  www.uses.org/radius

November 8th
Mystery Writer's Panel
Hallie Ephron, Archer Mayor, and Hank Phillippi Ryan, Hallie Ephron, author of *Never Tell a Lie*; Archer Mayor, author of the Lt. Joe Gunther series; and Hank Phillippi Ryan, author of *The Other Woman*; discuss their craft. *Boston Room, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street. 6:30 p.m. 617-556-5400*  www.bpl.org/authors

November 8th – 18th
24th Annual Boston
Jewish Film Festival
Explore Jewish identity, experience, and cultural richness in our diverse modern world. *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. See website for listings and tickets.*  www.mfa.org/film

November 9th -11th
Small Steps
Emerson Stage Presents their annual Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) production: *Small Steps*. Released from the Camp Green Lake juvenile detention center two years ago. Armpit is focused on getting his life on a track to success, but frequently finds himself a victim of his past. This adaptation from Holes author, Louis Sachar. *Paramount Theatre, 559 Washington St., Boston. 7:30 p.m. \$.*  www.maj.org

November 9th - 18th
Belmont World Film's
10th Annual Family Film
Festival

Belmont World Film, which has presented the best in international films from around the globe for children and adults since 2001, celebrates the 10th anniversary of its Family Film Festival with *Magic and Movies*, five days of live action and animated films from the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Poland, the UK, Germany, Estonia/Latvia, Canada, China, the US, and elsewhere – many of them US or New England premieres. *Museum of Fine Arts Boston, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. 617-484-5980.*  www.belmontworldfilm.org/

November 9th –
December 31st
Friday Night Dances at
Boston Swing Central
Lesson included in Admission - 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Dancing 9:00 p.m -12 or 12:30 a.m. Dances are every Friday Night and door prices range from \$10-\$20, depending on if there is a Band or a DJ. *Boston Swing Central @ The Crosby Whistle Stop 24 Roland St., Charlestown. For more information email info@bosonswingcentral.org*



BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS



Photo: Melissa Robotti

Celebrating **10** Years of Harmony

OLD AMERICAN SONGS

NOVEMBER 4TH at 2PM

Jordan Hall,
New England Conservatory

HOLIDAY CONCERT

DECEMBER 8TH at 2PM

Cathedral Of The Holy Cross,
South End

10TH ANNUAL

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR. TRIBUTE CONCERT**

JANUARY 21ST at 2PM & 7PM

Jordan Hall,
New England Conservatory

JOURNEY

MARCH 9TH at 2PM & 3:30PM

Boston University's College
Of Fine Arts

10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON FINALE

MAY 19TH at 2PM

Strand Theatre, Dorchester

**"KING," A NEW CHORAL/DANCE
COMMISSION BY COMPOSER DANIEL
BERNARD ROUMAIN, IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INSTITUTE
OF CONTEMPORARY ART**

MAY 31ST & JUNE 1ST at 7:30PM

ICA, Boston

FOR TICKETS: www.bostonchildrenschorus.org



November 10th, December 4th, January 29th, & February 15th
Boston Modern
Orchestra Project
Performances

11/10 - *The Midsummer Marriage*. NEC's Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough St., Boston. 7:50 p.m.

12/4 - Club Concert #1, 6:50 p.m. Moonshine Room at Club Café, 209 Columbus Ave.

1/29 - Club Concert #2, 7:00 p.m. Moonshine Room at Club Café, 209 Columbus Ave.

2/15 - VOILÀ! VIOLA! 8:00 p.m. NEC's Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough St. \$ 781.524.0396.


www.bmop.org

November 10th
Boston Bhangra
Competition 2012

If you like South Asian Dance and want to see some of the most competitive dance teams in North America, don't miss the Boston Bhangra Competition 2012!

Bhangra is a folk dance from the Punjab region of India, and is very energetic, colorful and exciting to watch. We host the largest Bhangra competition in the northeast and are very excited about the 9th year of the event.

Orpheum Theatre, 1 Hamilton Place, Boston. 6:00 p.m.

617-448-2508. \$ 

<http://bostonbhanga.com/bbc2012/>

November 10th & 11th
Allston Arts District
Open Studios

Noon - 6:00 p.m. 1 Braintree St., 119 Braintree St., 20 Penniman Rd., c3 156 Harvard St.

www.allstonarts.org/

November 10th -
February 23rd
(Saturdays)

Egleston Square
Farmers Market

The Egleston Farmers Market is a community-led initiative to make fresh, healthy, locally-grown food accessible throughout the year.

It's a great way to bring people from all parts of Jamaica Plain together, and support the local economy. There will be a wide selection of local produce, coffee, honey products and more!

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 45 Brookside Ave., Jamaica Plain.

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

www.eglestonfarmers-market.org

November 11th
Violinist Yaeko Miranda
Elmaleh in Concert

Come enjoy an afternoon of music and relaxation as violinist Yaeko Miranda Elmaleh and her quintet perform at Boston's historic Vilna Shul. Vilna Shul. Boston's Center for Jewish Culture. Inc, 18 Phillips St., Boston, 4:00 p.m. c3 5:00 p.m. 617-525-2524. \$.

www.vilnashul.org

November 11th
Veterans Day Cruise
Georges Island

Highlights the military history of Boston Harbor, and includes a stop at Georges Island, a tour of Fort Warren. Kids' activities available.

Leaves from Long Wharf North, 66 Long Wharf.

11:00 am \$. 617-223-8666.


www.bostonharborislands.org

November 11th
CUSAV Entertainment
presents

MEGA SHOW 2012

Live show to benefit children in Cape Verde.

Strand Theatre, 545 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.

(617)-635-1403 


<http://strandboston.com/>

November 12th & 27th
NEC Preparatory
School Presents: A Gift
to the City of Boston

A 11-concert series by NEC's Preparatory School that will span the 2012-13 season from Nov. 12 — May 25th.

11/12 - NEC Youth Symphony + Steven Karidoyanes. 8:00 p.m. *Works of Verdi and Brahms.*

11/27 - NEC Youth Philharmonic Orchestra + Loebel. 8:00 p.m.. *Works of Bernstein Elgar, Tchaikovsky, Sasha Solnik-Brower Cello Soloist.*

NEC's Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough Street Boston. 617-585-1260 

<http://necmusic.edu/>

November 13th

Lowell Lecture: Robert Campbell and Peter Vanderwarker

Speakers Boston Globe architecture critic Robert Campbell and photographer Peter Vanderwarker co-authored *Cityscapes of Boston: An American City through Time*, which explored Boston past and present and the rise, fall, and evolution of urban centers.

Rabb Lecture Hall, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-556-5400. ♿

www.bpl.org/building-boston

November 13th

Annual Newbury Street League Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join the Newbury Street League as they light up the trees along Newbury Street for the 2012 holiday season. *Cafe Teria, 279A Newbury Street, Boston, 5:00 p.m. 617-267-2224.* newburystreetleague.org/

November 14th

Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Cocoanut Grove Fire

Stephanie Schorow, author of *The Cocoanut Grove Fire*, talks about the worst nightclub fire in United States History. *Rabb Lecture Hall, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-556-5400.* ♿ www.bpl.org/localhistory.

November 14th

Garlands and Green

Ring in the holiday season!

Hampshire House, 84 Beacon St., Boston. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 617-227-1922. \$.

www.bhcivic.org

November 15th

Author Talk with Andrew Solomon

Andrew Solomon, author of *The Noonday Demon*, is the winner of fourteen national awards.

Commonwealth Salon, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street. 6:00 p.m. 617-556-5400. ♿

www.bpl.org/authors

November 14th and 15th The Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Celebrity Lectures, “An Evening with Jimmy Webb”

Enjoy a pop music review as Jimmy Webb Shares his stories and song, providing insight into his writing process and prolific career. *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. 6:30 p.m.* ♿ www.mfa.org

November 15th - January 2013

(Thursday - Sunday)

Freedom Trail® Foundation Historic Holiday Stroll

When the trees are sparkling and the window displays enticing, the Freedom Trail Foundation joins revelers to celebrate the season with the annual Historic Holiday Stroll. Led by a costumed tour guide dressed in 19th-century Dickensian garb, visitors learn how holiday traditions evolved in Boston while experiencing highlights of the American Revolution. The tour concludes with the chance to warm your bones with hot chocolate, tea, or wine and Boston cream pie at the historic Omni Parker House. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance.

Departs ArtsBoston Bostix Booth at Faneuil Hall. 3:30 p.m. 617-557-8500 ♿

www.TheFreedomTrail.org




November 15th

Lower Mills Merchant Association Holiday Stroll Event

Starts at St. Gregory's Auditorium and businesses along the Avenue, 2214 Dorchester Ave., Lower Mills, Dorchester. This is the 5th annual Lower Mills Merchant's Association (LMMA) stroll. Over 30 merchants will be open for the evening to proudly display and showcase their businesses to local residents. *5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. St. Gregory's Auditorium, 2214 Dorchester Ave, Lower Mills, Dorchester. For more information contact Chris. English@cityofboston.gov, 617-296-7039*
www.lowermillsmerchants.com

November 15th

America Scores Poetry Slam

Now in its 13th year, the Poetry Slam provides 360 Boston Elementary School student-athletes a unique opportunity to express themselves in front of their peers, parents, friends, and community members. *The Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. 617-553-4705 or (617)-655-1403* 
<http://strandboston.com>
www.americascoresboston.org/

November 15th – December 31st

Holiday Quilts

The Proper Bostonian Quilters will be showing their holiday spirit with their colorful. Handmade Holiday quilts. *Mayor's Gallery 5th floor; 1 City Hall Sq., 5th Floor, Boston. 617.655.3911* 
www.cityofboston.gov/arts

November 16th

Arrival of Boston's Official Christmas Tree

Once again, Nova Scotia has agreed to provide Boston's Official Christmas Tree. Nova Scotia will transport the tree to the Boston Common where Santa Claus and children from local schools are invited to welcome the tree to the Boston Common. *Boston Common. 11:00 a.m. 617-635-4505*
www.cityofboston.gov/parks


November 16th

Frog Pond Skating Opening

Opening night - Frog Pond, Boston Common. 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. Season runs November 16th-March: Mon: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sun - Thurs: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Fri - Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. 617-635-2120
www.bostonfrogpond.com

November 16th

Korea Foundation Day

Celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Arts of Korea Gallery with a full program of events including music, artist demonstrations, activities, and tours. Made possible with the support of the Korea Foundation. *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. 3:00 p.m-9:45 p.m.* 
www.mfa.org/koreaday





Faneuil Hall
MARKETPLACE
Merchants Association

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Boston's new holiday tradition

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Featuring the music of the *Holiday* POPS

Celebrate the Performing Arts with

A Light & Sound Extravaganza

Nightly performances November 17 through New Years

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Thanks to our partners: MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO &

MAYOR'S
HOLIDAY SPECIAL



Mayor's Office of
Arts, Tourism
& Special Events

November 17th

BLINK!

Holiday Season

Kick-off at Faneuil

Hall Marketplace

Join in the fun Saturday, November 17th as we kick-off Boston's 2012 Holiday season at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. There will be all day entertainment throughout the Marketplace starting at 11 a.m., leading up to the unveiling of a brand new Boston tradition: a LED Light and Sound Spectacular encompassing Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

All day entertainment starting at 11:00 a.m. 5:50 p.m. tree lighting ceremony and launch of Blink!

617-525-1500

www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

November 17th

The Skating Club of Boston Skating Academy

Group and private skating lessons for beginners and skaters of every age and every level. Fun, goal oriented lessons taught by experienced, certified instructors.

Group lessons are offered Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Monday afternoons. Private lessons are offered every day!

Frog Pond, Boston Common.


www.skatingacademy.org



November 17th -
May 31

Boston Sports Temples

This exhibition showcases Boston's beloved sports venues — most notably the Boston Garden, Fenway Park, Braves Field, and Suffolk Downs — and their unique roles in the daily lives and hearts of generations of New Englanders. Featuring the Boston Public Library's outstanding collection of historic sports photography, the exhibition follows the creation and evolution of these four great public venues. This exhibition is sponsored by the Boston Public Library Foundation.

Johnson Lobby at the Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston. 617-536-5400. 

www.bpl.org


November 17th – 18th
Violinist Sharon Roffman Performs Beethoven, presented by Boston Classical Orchestra

Violinist Sharon Roffman's annual appearances with Boston Classical Orchestra have been high points of the past two seasons! A limited number of half-price orchestra seats are available for both the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon performances: *\$. Faneuil Hall, 1 Faneuil Hall Square, Boston. 866-811-4111.* 

www.bostonclassicalorchestra.org/

November 18th -
March 31st

Emmanuel Music – Bach Cantata Series: BWV 26

Continuing a 42-year old tradition, the Orchestra and Chorus of Emmanuel Music presents Bach's astounding human document, in the liturgical setting for which it was intended. *Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston. 10:00 a.m. 617-536-3356.* 

<http://emmanuelmusic.org>

November 18th


Hermitage Piano Trio,
presented by Chamber
Music Foundation of
New England

Hermitage Piano Trio,
a rarity in the world of
chamber music. *First
Church in Boston, 66 Marl-
borough St., Boston. 6:00
p.m. 617-462-8204.*

www.cmfone.org

November 19th - March 3rd

Boston During
the Gilded Age

Using maps and other
graphics from the Boston
Public Library's special
collections, this exhibi-
tion explores the built
environment in which
the McKim Build-
ing was conceived and
constructed. Featured
topics include Copley
Square before and after
the construction of the
library, the filling in of
Back Bay, the beautifica-
tion of the Charles River
through the construc-
tion of the Esplanade,
and the growth of the
city through land fill
and increased build-
ing heights. *Norman B.
Leventhal Map Center at the
Central Library in Copley
Square, 700 Boylston Street,
617-859-2387.* 

www.maps.bpl.org

November 19th

Christopher Columbus
Park Trellis Lighting

Christopher Columbus
Park will be transformed
into a Holiday wonder-
land when the 260 feet of
trellis are lit with 50,000
white and blue lights,
along with lighted pine
boughs highlighting the
Kennedy Rose Garden
and 12 decorated trees.
*Christopher Columbus Park,
North End. 5:50-6:50 p.m.*
www.cityofboston.gov/
parks

November 19th


2nd Annual Savor the
Flavors of Mission Hill

A neighborhood fund-
raiser to support Mission
Hill Main Streets.

*6:00 - 8:50 p.m at Massa-
chusetts College of
Pharmacy and Health
Sciences, Richard E. Griffin
Building 6th floor, 670 Hun-
tington Ave. For more info,
call 617- 427-7599 or email
mainstreetrouse@gmail.
com*

November 20th

Lowell Lecture:
Justice Stephen Breyer
and Judge Douglas P.
Woodlock

Justice Breyer and
Judge Woodlock talk
about the John Joseph
Moakley United States
Courthouse and Har-
bor Park in Boston.
*Rabb Lecture Hall, Central
Library in Copley Square,
700 Boylston Street, 617-
556-5400* 
www.bpl.org

November 20th

Holidays on Main
Streets and more!

Join Mayor Menino as
he announces *Deck the
City*, the 3rd Annual *Deck
the Windows* contest for
local businesses and the
ALL-NEW *Deck the Roof-
tops* residential lighting
contest.

November 28th: Dead-
line for submissions of
“decked” businesses

December 7th: Dead-
line for submissions of
“decked” homes

December 11th: Online
voting by the general
public begins

December 18th: Online
voting closes - Winners
decided by popular vote

December 20th: Mayor
Menino announces the
Deck the Windows and *Deck
the Rooftops* winners. Free
Event!

*Puerto Rican Veterans
Monument Square, at the
corner of Washington and
West Dedham Streets, Bos-
ton. 5:50- 7:00 p.m.
617.655.5880.*

www.deckthecity.com
www.bostonmainstreets.com

November 20th

Boston Frog Pond
College Night

Tuesday evenings from
7:00 p.m until closing
9:00 p.m. Show your cur-
rent college ID and get
half-price admission for
just \$2.

www.bostonfrogpond.com

November 20th

Four Corners Main Street Annual Meeting
Celebrate Four Corners business district and get updates on future projects in the Four Corners area.

*110 Claybourne Street
Dorchester. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
617-287-1651*

www.fourcornersms.org

November 21st

2012 Gravy Bowl

There will be music, games, and food. There will also be a tailgate cookout sponsored by the Leahy-Holloran Community Center. Free ice skating at the Devine Rink . Flag football
Game Times:

4pm Ages 4-6, Coed
5pm Ages 7-9, Coed
6pm Ages 10-12, Coed
7pm Ages 13-15
8pm Teens (16-18) vs. Adults

Sponsored by Leahy-Holloran Community Center, Boston Parks and Rec, Boston Police Athletics League, Dorchester Youth Hockey, Garvey Park, Dorchester. 5:50 p.m.

November 22nd


Hyde Park YMCA Thanksgiving Day Aerobathon

Hyde Park YMCA Thanksgiving Day Aerobathon. *1157 River St., Hyde Park. Street, Hyde Park. 9:00 - 10:50 a.m. 617-561-2500*

www.ymcaboston.org

November 22nd

Thanksgiving Day Traditional Feast at the The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

Partake in a delicious feast that features traditional carving stations for roast turkey, prime rib and a seafood station with shrimp, Jonah crab claws and oysters. Live music and children's dessert decorating. *12:00 - 3:50 p.m. For reservations or more information, please call (617) 574-7184* 

\$. www.ritzcarlton.com/

November 23rd


Macy's Holiday Tree Lighting

Macy's annual post-Thanksgiving tree lighting in Boston continues, as the store places this year's holiday tree atop the marquee at its Downtown Crossing location. *450 Washington St., Summer St. Plaza, 1 Summer St. 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tree lighting ceremony starts at 4:45 p.m. 617-557-5000.*


www.macys.com

November 23rd – December 9th

Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas, presented by Citi Performing Arts Center

Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical returns to the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre during the 2012 holiday season. *Various times. Citi Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., Boston. 866-548-9758* 
www.grinchmusical.com

November 23rd - December 24th
Santa in the City!

Santa is coming to the Prudential Center! Capture the magic of the holiday season and bring the kids for a special photo with Santa. Various times. *Belvidere Arcade, the Prudential Center, 800 Boylston Street, Boston. 617.256.5100* 
www.prudentialcenter.com/

November 23rd – December 30th

Boston Ballet: The Nutcracker

New England's #1 holiday tradition, Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker, returns to the stage with exquisite new sets and costumes by award-winning designer Robert Perdziola. This world premiere production will encompass the beauty and magic of the traditional Nutcracker story with revised scenes and choreography by Mikko Nissinen. Music by P.I. Tchaikovsky • Choreography by Mikko Nissinen. *Boston Opera House, 559 Washington St, Boston. 617-695-6955* 
www.bostonballet.org/

November 24th
Boston Main Streets
Small Business Saturday
Small Business Saturday, which falls between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, is a national effort to drive consumers to shop at local merchants during the heaviest shopping weekend of the year to support small business and save customers money. All day. Free event.
www.smallbusinesssaturday.com

Brighton Main Streets - 617-779-9200.
www.brightonmainstreets.org

Bowdoin- Geneva Main Streets - 617-456-9980.
www.bowdoin-geneva.org

Maverick Square/Central Square in East Boston -from noon to 5 p.m. 617-561-1044.
www.ebmainstreets.com

Fields Corner Main Streets - 617-474-1452.
www.fieldscorner.org

Washington Gateway Main Streets - 617.542.1254.
www.gatewaymainstreet.org

West Roxbury Main Streets - 617.525.6400.
www.westroxburymainstreets.com

Hyde Park Main Streets, 617-561-6964. www.hydepark-mainstreets.com

JP Centre/South Main Streets - 617-522-0500.
www.jpcentresouth.org

Roslindale Village Main Streets - 617.527.4065. www.roslindale.net/

Bowdoin- Geneva Main Streets - 617.456.9980. www.bowdoin-geneva.com

November 24th
27th Annual Tuba Christmas Concert
Join us as we host the 27th Annual Tuba Christmas Concert at Faneuil Hall Marketplace! Come watch over 150 Tuba Players serenade the crowd with your favorite Christmas Classics. This event is free to the public.
Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 11:00 a.m 617-523-1500.
www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

November 24th
Hyde Park Main Streets Holiday Wreath Sale
Purchase your holiday wreaths and proceeds benefit Hyde Park Main Streets. *11 Fairmount Avenue / Logan Square, Hyde Park. 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m. 617-361-6964*
www.hydeparkmainstreets.com

November 24th
Peabody Square Tree Lighting
Enjoy caroling and goody bags for the kids. Bring an ornament to decorate the tree! Refreshments afterward at Ashmont Station Plaza. Co-sponsored by St. Mark's Area Main Street and local civic and arts groups. *Ashmont Station Plaza, corner of Ashmont St. e3 Dorchester Ave. Time: TBD. 617-825-3846*
www.smams.org

November 24th
The Dorchester Holiday Celebrations Committee Trolley Tour
The trolley will make the following stops:
5:10 - Lower Mills @ Lower Mills Apartments (Dorchester Ave).
5:30 - Port Norfolk @ Redfield (Daniel Emmet O'Connor Square).
4:00 - Harbor Point (entrance off of Mt. Vernon Street).
4:30 - Meetinghouse Hill @ Rev. Allen Park (corner of Adams and Winter).
5:00 - Upham's Corner @ the Strand Theatre.
5:30 - Blessed Mother Teresa Church (formerly St. Margaret's, 800 Columbia Road).
6:00 - Savin Hill @ Ryan Playground (Dorchester Ave).
6:30 - Fields Corner @ Park Street and Dorchester Ave.
7:00 - King Street Playground (Corner of King St and Adams St).
7:30 - Peabody Square @ North Plaza Ashmont Station (corner of Ashmont and Dorchester Ave). The trolley will depart from Florian Hall, (55 Hallet St.) and end in Peabody Square, Dorchester. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
For more information email Chris.English@cityofboston.gov

November 24th

Fields Corner's Tree Lighting Celebration

Celebrate the start of the holiday season with your friends and neighbors at the annual Fields Corner Tree Lighting. Join in for some caroling, delicious hot cocoa courtesy of the Blarney Stone, and tasty treats made by area neighborhood associations! Santa and Mrs. Claus will bring goodie bags for all the children.

Corner of Dorchester Ave. & Park St., Dorchester. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 617-474-1452
www.fieldscorner.org

November 24th

Upham's Corner District Decorating Day

Celebrate Small Business Saturday on November 24th by decorating the Upham's Corner business district with locally-bought decorations. Finish up with hot treats as the Strand Theater holiday tree is lit at 5pm!

Meet at Upham's Corner Main Street office (545 Columbia Road Boston, MA 02125) at 5pm. Donations encouraged. 5:00-5:00pm. 617-265-0565.
www.uphamscorner.org

November 24th

28th Annual Roslindale Tree Lighting

Join Roslindale Village Main Streets to bring light to the dark winter season! Celebrate the season with Mayor Menino, caroling, activities, treats and a visit from Santa!

Adams Park, Roslindale Village. 5:00 - 5:00 p.m. 617-327-4065
www.roslindale.net/holidays

November 24th - 25th

Saint Ann's Parish Holiday Extravaganza and Family Bazaar

Saint Ann's Parish will be hosting a holiday shopping fair over two days at the Pope John Paul II Neponset Campus (formerly Saint Ann's School) on the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Pope John Paul II Neponset Campus, 259 Neponset Avenue, Dorchester. 11/24- 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. 11/25- 11:00 - 5:00 p.m. For more info. contact saintannoffice@gmail.com

November 25th

32nd Annual Anderson Tree Lighting Festival


Free Pictures with Santa Clause, Horse Drawn Sleigh, Carousel, Fun and Games, Face Painting, Dance, Entertainment and more. *Logan Square / Hyde Park.*

1:00 - 5:30 p.m Tree Lighting with Mayor Menino at 4:30 p.m.
www.hydeparkmainstreets.com

November 25th

King's Chapel Concert Series

Brian Church, baritone & Heinrich Christensen, organ Program: Johannes Brahms: "Vier ernste Gesänge", J.S. Bach: Arias from Advent cantatas Daniel Pinkham: "The Wellesley Hills Psalm Book "

5:00 p.m. King's Chapel, 40 Tremont St., 5:00 p.m. 
www.kings-chapel.org/



November 26th –
December 29th

Downtown Boston Holiday Market

Downtown's biggest holiday market is back! The fourth-annual Downtown Boston Holiday Market features new artisan vendors each week, along with appearances from Santa and musical performances on Summer Street.

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.,

Mondays-Saturdays and from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Sundays, Summer St., Downtown Crossing, Boston.

www.downtownboston.org

November 27th


Copley Square Tree Lighting

Friends of Copley Square and the Parks Department host the annual Tree Lighting with Santa Claus and festive entertainment. The tree is lit to the sounds of the Old South Church Bells. *Copley Square. 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 617-635-4505*

www.cityofboston.gov/parks

November 27th


Author Talk with Eric Jay Dolin

Dolin is the author of *When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail*. *Commonwealth Salon, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-536-5400* 

www.bpl.org/authors

November 28th

Genetic Genealogy: Adding DNA to Your Toolkit

Learn about your deep ancestry, confirm your existing family history or break through brick walls in your genealogy research. *Orientation Room, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-536-5400* 

www.bpl.org/localhistory

November 29th

Muhammad's Mosque No. 11 Holiday Celebration

Grove Hall Community Center, 51 Geneva Street, Dorchester. Free Event. 5:50 - 8:50 p.m.

For more info., contact Greater Grove Hall Main Streets at 617-427-2560
www.greatergrovehall.com

November 29th

71st Annual Tree Lighting Pre-Show Skating Spectacular at The Frog Pond

Celebrate the season with The Skating Club of Boston's talented local skaters at the annual Frog Pond Skating Spectacular. After the show, hop over to the tree lighting for a full line-up of fun and festive activities. *Frog Pond, Boston Common. 5:00 p.m. 617-635-2120*
www.bostonfrogpond.com

November 29th

Boston Common Tree Lighting

Enjoy the 71st annual lighting of Boston's Official Christmas Tree provided as a gift by Nova Scotia. The Tree Lighting, presented by the Park Department, WCVB Ch. 5 and Magic 106.7 is filmed live on

Chronicle at 7:00 p.m.

Boston Common, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 617-635-4505
www.cityofboston.gov/parks

November 29th


Commonwealth Avenue Mall Lighting

Since 2003, the Mall has been successfully lit without public funds thanks to the efforts of chairperson Mimi La Camera, the lighting committee, and many neighborhood supporters. Following the Boston Common Lighting, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall will be lit. *Commonwealth Avenue Mall, 8:15 - 8:45 p.m. 617-635-4505*

www.cityofboston.gov/parks

November 29th

Author talk with Dennis Lehane, author of *Live by Night*.

The bestselling, Boston-based author talks about his latest book, *Live by Night*. *Rabb Lecture Hall, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-536-5400* 

www.bpl.org/authors

November 29th

Chucho Valdés Quartet

Presented by Celebrity Series of Boston. Multi-Grammy Award winner Chucho Valdés brings his quartet for an evening of thrilling Cuban jazz.

Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. 8:00 p.m. 617-482-6661. \$.


www.villavictoriaarts.org

November 29th –
December 2nd

Museum School Art Sale

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston's (SMFA) celebrated annual art sale is a destination for art collectors and those who simply love art. Who will you discover? Free admission. *Opening celebration: Nov. 29th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Hours: Nov. 29th–Dec. 1st, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Dec. 2, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. School of the Museum of Fine Arts, 250*

The Fenway Boston.

617-369-3204 

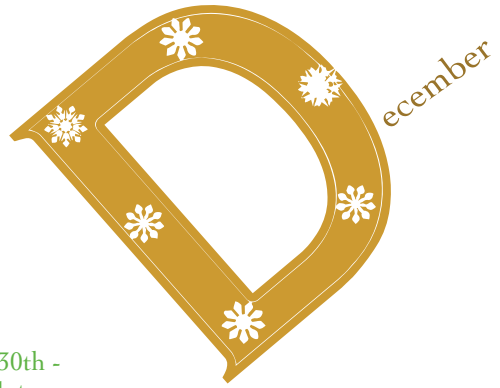
www.smfa.edu/artsale

November 29th, December 6th, 13th & 20th

Roslindale Holiday Wander


Shop, eat and be local! Visit over 25 of Roslindale's unique shops and restaurants to take advantage of promotions, events and personal gift advising during the holiday season! *Roslindale Village, Roslindale. 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. 617-327-4065*

www.roslindale.net



November 30th -
December 1st


Old South Meeting House Holiday Open House

Ring in the holidays at Old South Meeting House! Tour the beautiful 1729 building, enjoy light refreshments, and shop for unique gifts in our Museum Shop. Free and Open to the Public. *Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston. 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. 617- 482-6439* 

www.oldsouthmeeting-house.org/

November 30th, December 1st – 2nd


Handel & Hayden Society: Handel's Messiah

A holiday tradition for 159 years. *Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston. Various times. \$.* 617-266-3605 

www.handelandhaydn.org

November 30th –
December 9th


"Annie" Special Holiday Run at Riverside Theatre Works

Join Riverside Theatre Works for this special holiday run of the beloved family musical. Starting at Riverside Theatre Works, 45 Fairmount Ave. Various times. 617-361-7024 

www.rtwboston.org

December 1st

Holiday Open House – North End Library

The Friends of the North End Library invite you to join us to celebrate the holidays with music by the Al Natale Band. There will be a raffle and refreshments for all. *North End Branch Library, 25 Parmenter St., Boston. 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.* 

www.bpl.org/branches/north.htm

December 1st

Egleston Square

Holiday Event

Come decorate ornaments for the Egleston Square tree from 1:00-2:00 p.m and then join in for an afternoon of caroling, youth performances, refreshments, music and of course, a visit from You Know Who! *Egleston Square Peace Garden, 5151 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain. Decorating 1:00-2:00 p.m; Caroling and performances 2:00-5:50 p.m. 617-522-7752*

www.eglestonsquare.org

December 1st

Christmas Fair


Over 25 New England artists and crafters will vend their unique offerings in pottery, knits, photography, fine art, jewelry, blown glass, beeswax candles, turned wood and more! *Free & open to the public. From 10:00 - 4:00 p.m in the Gordon Chapel at Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., Boston. 617-556-1970* 

www.oldsouth.org/

December 1st

Hallelujah! Gospel

Holiday Explosion

The Holiday at the Strand concert is presented by the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism and Special Events. *The Strand Theatre, 545 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Time: 4:00 p.m. For more information call 617-697-8212 or 617-655-1405. \$.* 

<http://strandboston.com/>

December 1st

Photos with Santa

at Coco Baby

Bring your children to Coco Baby to sit on Santa's lap and have their photo taken. Great for Christmas cards! *Coco Baby, 1656 Washington St., Boston. 4:00 -6:00 p.m. 617-247-2229*
www.cocobabyboston.com/

December 1st

Pope's Hill Neighborhood

Tree Lighting

Tree will be lit at the intersection of Neponset Avenue, Gallivan Blvd and Morrissey Blvd. Hot Chocolate and Snacks will be served at the Neponset VFW Post before the tree lighting. *4:50 - 5:00 p.m. At the intersection of Neponset Avenue, Gallivan Blvd and Morrissey Blvd. For more info. email Phillip.Carver@popeshill.com or visit:*
www.popeshill.com

December 1st

ArtROX! Holiday

Gift Market

Featuring fine arts and handmade crafts by local artists.


2201 Washington St, Dudley Square, Roxbury. Time: TBD. For more information call 617-427-1006

www.discoverroxbury.org/

December 1st, 8th, and

15th (Saturdays)

Sugar Plum Fairy Tea

For this enchanting tradition, The Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common transforms into a Nutcracker dreamland where guests meet and mingle with costumed members of the Boston Ballet's production of The Nutcracker. Sugar Plum Tea will be presented on Saturdays prior to the 1 p.m. matinee at The Opera House. *For reservations or more information please call 617-574-7184. The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom, 10 Avery Street, Boston.* 
www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/BostonCommon/Default.htm

December 1st & 2nd

21st Annual Catholic

Charities Labouré Center

Christmas House Tour

The Labouré Center gives tours of five houses decorated for the holidays in South Boston. *Twilight Tour, Saturday from 4:00-6:00 p.m with a reception following.*

Daytime Tour, Sunday, December from 12:00-4:00 p.m. For information and ticket purchase contact the Labouré Center. 617-268-9670

www.ccab.org/laboure_house_tour/index.html

December 1st & 2nd
Michelle Willey:
Finnish Design Show
Straight from Helsinki, the 2012 World Design Capital, Michelle Willey will be displaying a wide range of Finnish gifts. The event will be hosted by Timo Utter, Helsinki native.
Michelle Willey, 8 Union Park St., Boston.
Saturday, 11:00 -6:00 p.m.
and Sunday, 12:00-5:00 p.m.
617-424-6700
www.michellewilley.com

December 1st and 2nd
Holiday
Decorating Days
Be a part of the magic! Help wrap Beacon Hill's 1,100 historic lamp posts with garlands and bows this Holiday season.
Saturday, Harrison Gray Otis House, 141 Cambridge St. 10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, next to Savenor's, 160 Charles Street. 12:00 p.m-5:00 p.m. 617-227-1922
www.bhcivic.org

December 1st & 2nd
Artists Group
of Charlestown
Open Studios
11:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. For more info. visit:
www.artistsgroupof-charlestown.com/

December 1st - 31st
31 NIGHTS OF LIGHT
The Shops at Prudential Center will shine a light on Boston organizations this holiday season. Each night, the top of Prudential Tower is lit a different color in support of that night's partner.
For the full list of participating organizations visit 
www.prudentialcenter.com

December 2nd
Artist market
at Hibernian Hall
Hibernian Hall, 182 Dudley Street, Roxbury. From 11-6pm. For more information call 617-541-4644
www.dudleysquare.org

December 2nd
50th Annual
Worcester Square
Tree Lighting Event
Tree Lighting with Jazz Band, Raffle, Hot Food and (non-alcoholic) Drink, Santa Claus, and general merriment!
Worcester Square Park, 4:00 p.m. For more info. email wana2010@gmail.com

December 2nd
Santa Comes
to Roslindale
The Bay State Model Railroad Museum will open its amazing model railroad to the public.
Bay State Model Railroad Museum, 760 South St., Boston. 11:00 – 5:00 p.m. 617-527-4541
www.bsrmr.org

December 2nd
2012 East Boston
Chamber Holiday &
Cavalcade Parade
East Boston Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring this event- Santa Claus & Elves will light the Christmas Tree in front of the Ruggerio Family Memorial Home- 971 Saratoga Street, Orient Heights, East Boston. 617.569.5000
info@eastbostonchamber.com. 2:00 p.m.
www.eastbostonchamber.com

December 2nd - 8th
28th Annual MassArt
Holiday Sale
Shoppers looking for interesting and unique gifts won't want to miss out on this annual holiday sale! *Tower Building Lobby, MassArt, 621 Huntington Avenue. 617-879-7710 10:00 a.m - 7:00 p.m.* 
www.massart.edu

December 3rd & 17th
(First and Third Monday
of December)
MFA Playdates
Bring your toddler for a free drop-in story time and art making in the galleries. *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. Starting at 10:30 a.m.* 
www.mfa.org/playdates



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TROLLEY TOUR & TREE LIGHTINGS

MACY'S

DECEMBER 7TH:

- 5:30 p.m: West Roxbury
Roche Family Ctr
- 6:15 p.m: Readville
Wolcott Square
- 6:45 p.m: Mattapan
Mattapan Square
- 7:15 p.m: Dorchester
Codman Square
- 7:45 p.m: Dorchester
Adams Corner

DECEMBER 8TH:

- 2:00 p.m: Jamaica Plain
J.P. Monument
- 2:45 p.m: Jamaica Plain
Hyde Square
- 3:15 p.m: Roxbury
Mission Hill
- 3:45 p.m: Roxbury
135 Dudley St. (B-2)
- 4:15 p.m: South End
Boston Center for the Arts
- 5:00 p.m: Brighton
Oak Square

DECEMBER 9TH:

- 1:00 p.m: South Boston
West Broadway
- 1:45 p.m: Chinatown
Harrison Ave. & Beach St.
- 2:30 p.m: North End
Paul Revere Mall
- 3:15 p.m: Charlestown
Thompson Square
- 4:00 p.m: East Boston
Central Square

WWW.CITYOFBOSTON.GOV/ARTS
617-635-3911



December 4th

**City Point
Neighborhood Association Tree Lighting**
*Medal of Honor Park, E.
Broadway e³ M St., South
Boston. 6:30 p.m.*
www.cityofboston.gov

December 4th

**2012 We Are
Boston Gala**
Celebrating Diversity,
Immigrant Contributions
and Heritage. *Boston
Convention and Exhibition
Center. 5:30-8:30 p.m.* ♿
[www.cityofboston.gov/
weareboston](http://www.cityofboston.gov/weareboston)

December 5th – 24th

**Holiday Pops, presented
by Boston Symphony
Orchestra**
Experience a holiday
season celebration with
Keith Lockhart and the
Boston Pops this De-
cember. *Various times.
Symphony Hall, 501 Mas-
sachusetts Ave., Boston.
888-266-1200.* ♿
www.bso.org

December 5th

**Lowell Lecture:
John Ochsendorf**
Ochsendorf is Associate
Professor of Architecture
and Civil and Environ-
mental Engineering at
MIT, and the author of
Guastavino Vaulting:
The Art of Structural
Tile. *Rabb Lecture Hall,
Central Library in Copley
Square, 700 Boylston Street,
617-536-5400.* ♿
[www.bpl.org/building-
boston](http://www.bpl.org/building-
boston)

December 6th

**The Beacon Hill
Holiday Stroll**
The Beacon Hill Busi-
ness Association invites
you to the annual Beacon
Hill Holiday Stroll
from 6 to 9pm. Come
early and enjoy Victo-
rian Carolers, strolling
brass quintet and horse
and buggy rides. Santa
will be at the Hill House
located at 127 Mt. Ver-
non St. The tree lighting
takes place at 7pm on the
corner of Charles and
Mount Vernon St.
617-720-7888
[www.beaconhillbusines-
sassociation.org](http://www.beaconhillbusines-
sassociation.org)

December 7th

**Haley House
Annual Concert
with Charlie King**
Join folksinger Charlie
King for this annual af-
fair is a convergence of
old time Haley House al-
ums and recent recruits.
*Haley House Bakery Café,
12 Dade Street, Roxbury.
5:00 p.m. 617 445-0900*
www.haleyhouse.org

December 7th

**Mattapan Square
Main Streets
Holiday Gathering**
A friendly holiday
gathering for friends
and family of Mattapan.
Location TBD.
6:00 – 8:00pm
[www.mattapansquare-
mainstreets.org](http://www.mattapansquare-
mainstreets.org)

December 7th -9th

**Macy's Enchanted
Trolley Tour
& Tree Lightings**
Mayor Menino invites
you to the Annual Macy's
Enchanted Trolley
Tour. The trolley will
be traveling with Santa
Clause, Macy's Store
Holiday Characters and
the Mayor to each of the
neighborhoods in Boston
to flip the switch on 16
Christmas trees over a
3 day period starting on
Friday, December 7th in
West Roxbury and end-
ing on Sunday, Decem-
ber 9th in East Boston.
**Trolley Tour Schedule on
opposite page.** For more
info. call 617-635-3911
[www.cityofboston.gov/
arts](http://www.cityofboston.gov/
arts)



December 7th
**The Annual Senior
Craft Show**
*Boston City Hall, 2nd &
3rd Floor, Lobby Area, 10:00
a.m. – 5:00 p.m.* ♿
www.cityofboston.gov

December 7th
**North End
Holiday Stroll**
Join us on our North
End Holiday Stroll visit-
ing boutiques, galleries
and studios. *Hanover,
Prince and Salem Streets.*
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
[www.northendwater-
front.com](http://www.northendwater-
front.com)

December 7th – 9th
**Craftboston Holiday
2012, presented by
The Society of Arts
and Crafts**
Craftboston Holiday is
a selective display of 90
artists at The Cyclorama
at The Boston Center for
the Arts. *The Cyclorama
at the Boston Center for
the Arts, 539 Tremont St.,
Boston. Friday, December
7th, 10:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8th,
10:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 9th,
11:00 - 5:00 p.m.*
617-266-1810 ♿
[http://societyofcrafts.org/
cbholiday/holidayinfo.asp](http://societyofcrafts.org/
cbholiday/holidayinfo.asp)

**December 7th –
January 13th**
**OUR TOWN, presented
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*Calderwood Pavilion at the
BCA, 527 Tremont St.,
Boston. \$. 617-266-0800* ♿
[www.huntingtontheatre.
org/](http://www.huntingtontheatre.
org/)

December 8th
**Dickens’ A Christmas
Carol Times Two! A
Benefit Performance**
The British ARE coming,
both the favorite holiday
story and traditional
English Christmas Car-
ols! 100% of proceeds go
to benefit the preserva-
tion and programming
of Old South Meeting
House.
*Old South Meeting House.
310 Washington Street,
Boston. 617-482-6439. \$.
Time: TBD* ♿
[www.oldsouthmeeting-
house.org/](http://www.oldsouthmeeting-
house.org/)

December 8th
**Bark Place Holiday
Celebration with Photog-
rapher Jann Tenenbaum**
Bark Place South End
will host a holiday cel-
ebration for Boston-area
dog lovers to get into the
spirit of the season and
raise money for MSPCA-
Angell. With the helping
hand of Santa, renowned
pet photographer Jann
Tenenbaum will style and
photograph each pooch
and provide digital prints
perfect for holiday cards.
*Bark Place, 1721 Washing-
ton St. 12:00-2:00 p.m.*
*A portion of the proceeds go
to MSPCA-Angell.*
*Call 857-562-7494 to re-
server your space.*
[www.barkplacesouthend.
com](http://www.barkplacesouthend.
com)

December 8th
Holiday Concert
Boston Children’s
Chorus Festive favorites.
*Cathedral Of The Holy
Cross, South End.*
2:00 p.m. ♿
[www.bostonchildren-
schorus.org](http://www.bostonchildren-
schorus.org)

December 8th
**Upham’s Corner
Holiday Kickoff Party**
Kickoff the holiday sea-
son in Upham’s Corner
with a celebration inside
the lobby of the historic
Strand Theater with mu-
sic, food, and fun for all
ages! *Strand Theater (543
Columbia Rd., Dorchester.*
*Time: TBD. Donations
encouraged.* 617-265-0565 ♿
www.uphamscorner.org
www.strandboston.com

December 8th

Newbury St. League presents the 3rd Annual Holiday Stroll

Newbury St. becomes a winter wonderland for all your holiday shopping! As retailers open their doors for a day of in store special events and sales. There will be street music and entertainment. *Newbury St. from Arlington to Massachusetts Ave. Noon – 4:00 p.m. 617-267-2224*
www.newburys-treetleague.org

December 8th & 9th

Paper, Fabric & Stitch

Michelle Willey will be holding a weekend trunk show with artists Angela Liguori, Jill Bent and Sophie Truong featuring letterpress cards, hand bound books, vintage fabric tote bags and pillows, and handcrafted leather products.

Michelle Willey, 8 Union Park Street, Boston. Saturday 11:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, 12:00-5:00 p.m. 617-424-6700

www.michellewilley.com

December 8th & 9th

SoWa Holiday Market

This year's Holiday Market will feature the very best of New England's independent designers, artists and crafters.

The Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, 41 Berkeley St. Saturday 11:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday 11:00-5:00 p.m. \$.

www.sowaholidaymarket.com/

December 8th – 23th

Anthony Williams' Urban Nutcracker, presented by Tony Williams Dance Center

Urban Nutcracker presents a multicultural interpretation of the dance classic, performed by professional dancers and a cast reflective of the rich diversity & promise of Boston's youth.

Various times. John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St., Boston. \$. 
www.urbannutcracker-boston.com/

December 9th

Handel's Messiah

This Holiday classic paired with Handel's Organ Concert No. 2 in B-flat played by a period orchestra and Poulenc's Christmas Motets.

Trinity Church Boston, 206 Clarendon St., Boston. 5:00 p.m. 617-556-0944 
<http://trinitychurchboston.org/>

December 9th

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO)'s Intensive Community Program Holiday Concert

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' INTENSIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAM
Free admission. *Roxbury Community College, 1254 Columbus Ave., Boston. 5:00 p.m. 617-358-6015*
www.bysoweb.org

December 9th

Central Square Tree Lighting

Tree lighting, hot chocolate and food and gifts from local businesses.

Central Square, East Boston. 5 blocks from Maverick Blue Line T station.


4:00 p.m. 617.561.1044

www.ebmainstreets.com

December 9th & 16th

Nutcracker Breakfast with Mrs. Claus at the Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom, overlooking Boston Common, welcomes Santa's better half! Join us for breakfast with the one and only...Mrs. Claus and her friends from the Boston Ballet's Nutcracker. This magical event includes live musical entertainment, storytelling, and interactive holiday activities.

10:00 a.m. For reservations or more information please call 617-574-7184. \$. 

www.ritzcarlton.com


December 9th, 14th, 15th & 17th

HALLELUJAH!


Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus's joyful celebration of diverse holiday traditions. Hear music honoring Chanukah, the Native American solstice and traditional Christmas carols along with some favorite pop tunes of the season. *NEC's Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough St. Various times.* 


www.bgmc.org


December 10th
Brighton Main Streets
Tree Lighting
Brighton Main Streets will host a Tree lighting event in Brighton Center. There will be hot chocolate, cookies and Santa will be on hand.
Brighton Center at the intersection of Washington St and Market St.
6:00 p.m.
617 779-9200

December 10th
Boston Classical
Orchestra Performs
Free Christmas Concert
Celebrate the holiday season with Steven Lipsett and Boston Classical Orchestra in Boston's historic Faneuil Hall on Monday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. *Faneuil Hall, 1 Faneuil Hall Square, Boston.*
7:00 p.m. 617-750-4565 
www.bostonclassicalorchestra.org/

December 10th –
January 18th
Ambassadors
5 artists focusing on Boston's urban skyline. *The Scollay Square Gallery 3rd Floor, 1 City Hall Sq., 5th Floor, Boston.*
617.635.3911 
www.cityofboston.gov/arts

December 11th – 23rd
Memphis
Turn up that dial...From the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tennessee, comes a hot new Broadway musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Inspired by actual events, Memphis is about a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. Come along on their incredible journey to the ends of the airwaves -- filled with laughter, soaring emotion and roof-raising rock 'n' roll.
Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. 866-523-7469 
<http://boston.broadway.com/>

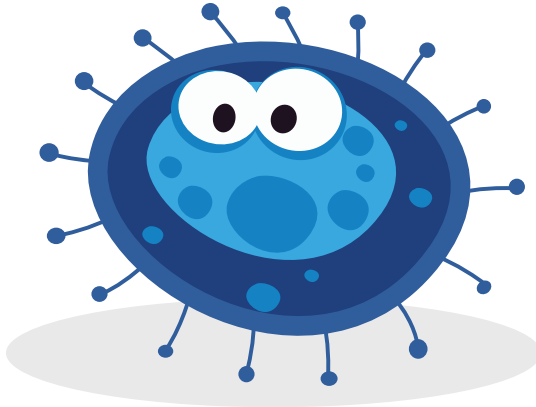
December 12th
Holiday Aht Market
Crafts people and artists from this year's Ahts festival have been invited to sell their work at the Holiday Aht Market
3rd Floor Scollay Square Gallery at Boston City Hall.
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
617.635.3911 
www.cityofboston.gov/arts

December 12th
Bring Your Ancestors to Life: Connect via Social History
Learn how to incorporate local history and other sources of social history into your genealogical research to gain a greater understanding of your ancestors.
Orientation Room, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-556-5400 
www.bpl.org/localhistory

December 13th
The Grandest Boulevard: Commonwealth Avenue Mall
Margaret Pokorny discusses the history and master plan for the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, a grand allée of shade trees forming the central axis of the Back Bay and connecting the Public Garden to the Back Bay Fens. *Commonwealth Salon, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 6:00 p.m.*
617-556-5400 
www.bpl.org/building-boston

December 13th, 14th & 15th
Laura Preshong Gallery: Designer Trunk Show Weekend
Featuring local and national jewelry designers.
558 Tremont St., Boston.
12/13 and 12/14 - 4:00 -8:00 p.m
12/15 - 11:00 -7:00 p.m.
617-256-7660
www.laurapreshong.com

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4. Search **Bostonnavigator** for after-school programs. —————> www.bostonnavigator.org

www.bostonyouthzone.com




youthline@cityofboston.gov

December 13th & 16th
Bach Christmas Oratorio
Embrace the holidays with H&H's annual Bach Christmas celebration, featuring three cantatas from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. *12/13 - 8:00 p.m e3 12/16 - 5:00 p.m. NEC Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough Street, Boston.*  www.handelandhaydn.org/

December 14th
Fort Point Holiday Stroll
Stroll, Shop & Sip the night away! Twenty-five neighborhood businesses will be open for a unique evening of shopping, with special offers, discounts, and holiday treats for all. *4:00-8:00 p.m.* www.fortpointarts.org

December 14th
The Boston Cecilia presents
Amy Lieberman - "The Miraculous Rose"
This Christmas season be led on a journey that weaves images of the Rose, through works both familiar and fresh. Join conductor Amy Lieberman, The Boston Cecilia chorus, soloists, and instrumental ensemble for a program filled with the brilliance of Monteverdi — his wondrous Ave maris stella and captivating Beatus vir. *8:00 p.m. Church of the Advent, 50 Brimmer St., Boston. 617-252-4540* www.bostoncecilia.org/

December 14th -22th
Black Nativity
Combined with the poetry of Langston Hughes, this song-play touches a special chord in the hearts of all. *Various times. Blackman Auditorium, 542 Huntington Ave, in Ell Hall at Northeastern University. 1-800-514-5849*  www.blacknativity.org


December 14th & 15th
Annual Kwanzaa Concert
OriginNation presents their annual dance concert. *Roxbury Community College, 1254 Columbus Ave., Roxbury Crossing. Fri, 7:00 p.m.; Sat, 5:00 p.m. \$. 617-541-1875* www.originationinc.org

December 15th
Mayor Menino's International Holiday Celebration
Mayor Menino invites you to celebrate a world of cultures, traditions and fun at this holiday celebration. Participants will enjoy festive music, entertainment and performances. There will also be international games, take home arts and crafts projects, a taste of delicious ethnic treats and a special visit by Santa Claus. *10 - noon. Franklin Park Golf Course Club House, Circuit Drive, Dorchester.* www.cityofboston.gov/parks

December 15th
A Choral Holiday, presented by Boston Choral Ensemble
BCE's annual holiday concert featuring a variety of winter and holiday-themed repertoire centered around snow and roses. *Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., Boston. 5:00 p.m. 978-729-1910*  bostonchoral.org

December 15th
El Jolgorio Navideño 2012
The largest Latino Christmas Gala in New England, attracting over 3,500 guests annually. *Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Various times. 7:00 p.m - 1:00 a.m. \$. 617-564-0787*  www.eljolgorio.org

December 15th & 16th
Candlelight Carols
Trinity Church Boston, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. 617-556-0944  <http://trinitychurchboston.org/>

December 15th
NEC Preparatory School's Winter Festival
The Preparatory School's Winter Festival showcases the children's choruses and orchestras. *1:00 p.m, NEC, Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough Street, Boston. 617-585-1260*  <http://necmusic.edu/>

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December 15th

SWEA -

Swedish Yuletide 2012


Since 1985 SWEA Boston has hosted Swedish Yuletide to celebrate Christmas and the holiday season with food, crafts, gifts, Swedish cafes, musical entertainment and activities for children. Swedish Yuletide offers a smorgasbord of both traditional and contemporary Sweden with great food, unique gifts. *Boston Center for the Arts, 559 Tremont Street.* 
www.sweaboston.org/swedish-yuletide-english/

December 15th – 23rd

The Velveteen

Rabbit

Back by popular demand for its fourth season, this enchanting play features puppetry combined with live actors to create a magical experience for people of all ages.

School Group reservations available. The Benjamin Franklin Institute, 41 Berkeley St., Boston. 617-424-6654 x222 

<http://bostonchildrenstheatre.org/61season/>

December 16th

North End Athletic

Association Annual

Christmas Parade plus


Santa Claus arrives by

Helicopter

In Puopolo Park (on Commercial St.), to celebrate the holidays in the North End. 1:00 p.m.

December 16th

Bazaar Bizarre

An array of funky crafts are on sale for the holidays. *Boston Center for the Arts, 559 Tremont St., South End. 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.* 

www.bazaarbizarre.org


December 15th - 22th

A Christmas Celtic

Sojourn with Brian

O'Donovan


Celebrating its 10th anniversary of sold-out concerts around New England, A Christmas Celtic Sojourn is again returning to Boston. National broadcasts of the Christmas edition of O'Donovan's radio program, A Celtic Sojourn over the past 28 years have proven extraordinarily popular.

Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., Boston. 617-824-8000. \$. 

www.wgbh.org/listen/celtic.cfm

December 12th, 16th & 18th

NEC's Preparatory School Presents: A Gift to the City of Boston


A 11-concert series by NEC's Preparatory School that will span the 2012-13 season from Nov. 12 – May 25. Various times. *NEC, Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough Street, Boston. 617-585-1260* 

<http://necmusic.edu/>

December 21st and 22nd

NEC Millennium

Gospel Choir

Let sixty voices lift you into the holiday spirit. *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. 7:30 p.m.* 

www.mfa.org/concerts

December 21st & 22nd

Tafuta! Young Boy's

Search for the True

Meaning of Kwanzaa

Musical theater production about Kwanzaa.

Roxbury Community College, 1254 Columbus Ave., Roxbury Crossing.

Fri e3 Sat 7:00 p.m. 617-541-1875

December 22nd -24th

Jose Mateo

Ballet Theatre,

The Nutcracker

The timeless classic comes alive with the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre.

The Nutcracker is a must-see holiday event for the whole family!

SAT. Dec. 22nd, 2:00 p.m,

SUN. Dec. 23rd, 1:50 p.m e3

5:50 p.m, MON. Dec. 24th

1:00 p.m. The Strand Theatre, 545 Columbia Road, Boston. 617-554-7467. 

www.ballettheatre.org/

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December 24th
Candlelight Service of
Lessons and Carols

An elegant retelling of the Christmas story in carols and readings
Old South Church,
Copley Sq. 8:00 p.m.
617-536-1970. ♿
www.oldsouth.org

December 24th
Festival Services
of Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs. Early arrival is recommended.
7:50 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. At 7:50 p.m. (music begins at 7:00 pm) and 11:00 p.m. ♿
www.trinitychurchboston.org/

December 25th
Christmas Day Service
Celebrate Christmas with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs.
Trinity Church Boston, 206 Clarendon St, Boston. (617) 536-0944. 10:00 a.m. ♿
<http://trinitychurchboston.org/>

December 26th – 31st
December Holiday
Vacation Week
Fill the holidays with family fun. Free admission for kids.
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. 10:00 –4:00 p.m. (8:00 p.m. Wed.) ♿
www.mfa.org

December 29th, 30th, 31st
A Kwanzaa Song, by
Mixed Magic Theatre
Monday, December, 31st, candlelight “Freedom’s Eve” procession through Dudley Square., 5:00 p.m. For more information visit:
www.mixedmagicri.com
www.madison-park.org

December 29th,
January 12th, 26th, February 9th, 23rd & March 16th
Working Port of Boston
Cruise Boston Harbor
The workings of Boston’s dynamic port are fascinating. View the ships of the Harbor including: modern powerful tub boats; Container ships, LNG carriers and cruise ships, fishing boats, deep sea and more. After this trip, you will never look at a working port in the same way.
Leaves from Long Wharf North, 66 Long Wharf. 11:00 a.m. \$. 617-770-0040
www.bostonsbestcruises.org

December 31st
First Night Boston
Entertainment throughout Downtown Boston. Evening events include the First Night Procession and fireworks display and the First Night Festival of the Arts 1:00 pm – midnight. Visit the website for more information.
Hynes Convention Center, Boston Common and other various locations; 1:00 p.m – midnight. ♿
www.firstnight.org

December 31st
First Night Skating
Spectacular
The Skating Club of Boston celebrates the New Year at The Boston Common Frog Pond with our annual Skating Spectacular! Delight in watching spins, jumps, lifts and fancy footwork from our community of talented skaters. *Boston Common Frog Pond. 6:00 p.m.*
www.bostonfrogpond.com



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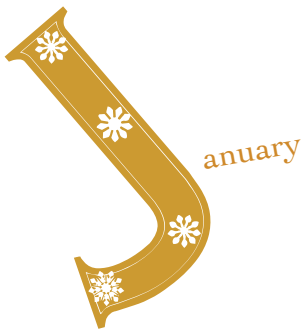
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January 1st
Annual New Year's Day Swim

A tradition of the L Street Brownies for over 100 years. Take a chilly swim in the Boston Harbor to celebrate the New Year! *Curley Recreation Center; L St. Beach, 1665 Columbia Rd., South Boston. 9:00 a.m.*
www.lstreetcurley.com

January 4th
Hyde Square Task Force Three Kings Celebration

Join the celebration of 3 Kings Day, with a performance from the Hyde Square Task Force Youth Literacy Theater program and children's activities.

Hyde Square Task Force Youth Community Development Center; 365 Centre Street behind the Blessed Sacrament Church in Jamaica Plain. 4:00 p.m. 617-524-8505
www.hydesquare.org

**January 5th,
February 2nd, &
March 9th**
Seal Watch

During the winter, the harbor seals come to Boston! Sail to the outer harbor to view these creatures as they spend their days feeding and lounging on the rocks in the harbor.

Leaves from Long Wharf North, 66 Long Wharf. 11:00 a.m. \$ 617-770-0040

www.bostonsbestcruises.org


January 6th-March 24th
Dorchester Winter Farmers Market

Dorchester Winter Farmers Market features farm fresh produce, local meat, cheese, and bread. EBT cards welcome! Double coupons available for all EBT card holders.

Great Hall, Codman Square, 6 Norfolk Street, Dorchester. 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more info. email dotcommcoop@gmail.com <http://dotcommcoop.wordpress.com/>


January 7th & 21st
MFA Playdates

Bring your toddler for a free drop-in story time and art making in the galleries. Free admission for kids.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. Starting at 10:30 a.m. 
www.mfa.org/playdates

January 8th
Upham's Corner Holiday Reception
Wrap up the holiday season by celebrating all those who contributed to the holidays in Upham's Corner! *Restaurant Laura, 688 Columbia Rd., Boston. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 617-265-0565*
www.uphamscorner.org


January 9th
Boston Neighborhoods: People, Place, and Planning

Urban planner and MIT alum James Madden will discuss how people, place, and planning interacted throughout history to create the city that we know today. *Orientation Room, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-536-5400. 6:00 p.m. *
www.bpl.org/building-boston




January 12th

**Annual Druker Lecture:
Celebrating Art and
Design**


Elizabeth Diller is a founding principal of Diller Scofidio + Renfro, an interdisciplinary design studio whose work includes the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston and the High Line in New York. *Rabb Lecture Hall, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-536-5400. 5:00 p.m.* 
www.bpl.org/building-boston

January 13th -
February 29th


**Black History Month/
Allen Rohan Crite**

Crite's works hang in such major American art galleries as the Smithsonian, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Boston Athenaeum. *Mayor's Gallery 5th floor, 1 City Hall Sq., 5th Floor, Boston. 9:00 -5:00 p.m. 617.635.5911* 
www.cityofboston.gov/arts

January 17th – 27th
**Boston Festival
of Films from Iran**

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. See website for listings and tickets. 
www.mfa.org/film

December 15th
**Incombustible Construc-
tion: Guastavino's Fire-
proof Vaults in Context**

This lecture, given by independent scholar Sara E. Wermiel, will present the history of systems of fireproof floor construction used in the United States and how Guastavino's system compared with the alternatives when it was introduced. *Orientation Room, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-536-5400. 6:00 p.m.* 
www.bpl.org/building-boston


December 17th
**17th Annual "a taste
of eastie "**

Entertainment, food and fun. Taste delicious cuisine from over 25 local food merchants. Raffle and auction. *Hilton Boston Logan Airport. 6:00 pm - 9:00 p.m. 617-561-1044*
www.ebmainstreets.com

January 19th
Winter Wildlife Cruise

Boston Harbor and Islands. Nature lovers, photographers and anyone interested in the natural wonders of the harbor really enjoy this trip. *Leaves from Long Wharf North, 66 Long Wharf. 11:00 a.m. \$. 617-225-8666*
www.bostonharborislands.org


January 21st
**Martin Luther King Jr.
Day Open House**

Join us for a day of celebration with free admission for all. Highlights include films, art-making, activities, and live performances throughout the Museum. *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. 10:00 a.m – 4:45 p.m. Free admission.* 
www.mfa.org

January 21st
**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day of Service
and Celebration**

Come join us in celebrating the legacy of Dr King. Celebration: *Historic Faneuil Hall. 1:00 p.m. MLK service event: Location/Time: TBD.* 
www.cityofboston.gov/arts


January 21st
**Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr. Tribute Concert**

10th Anniversary celebration of Dr. King's legacy. *NEC's Jordan Hall, 50 Gainsborough St. Boston. 2:00 e³ 7:00 p.m.* 
www.bostonchildrenschorus.org

January 24th
Lowell Lecture:
Maya Lin

Maya Lin, designer of the highly acclaimed Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C., will talk about her remarkable body of work creating large-scale site-specific installations that virtually redefined the idea of the monument. *Rabb Lecture Hall, Central Library in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, 617-556-5400. 6:00 p.m.*  www.bpl.org/building-boston

January 27th
King's Chapel
Concert Series

King's Chapel Choir, Heinrich Christensen, director Program: "A Light in the Dark" A cappella works by Debussy, Whitacre, Smith & more. *King's Chapel, 40 Tremont St. 5:00 p.m.*  www.kings-chapel.org/

January 28th -
February 28th
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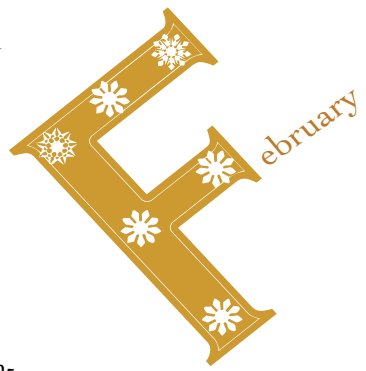
This group exhibition showcases Artists that participate in Roxbury Open studios. *The Scollay Square Gallery 5rd Floor, 1 City Hall Sq., Boston. 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. 617.655.5911*  www.cityofboston.gov/arts

Throughout February,
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The African American Patriots Tour takes visitors through historic events of the American Revolution and the contributions of African-Americans who played a significant role in the formation of the country. Tales of intrigue and bravery, poetry and defiance by black Bostonians during the American Revolution unfold during the 90-minute walking tour of the Freedom Trail. Led by costumed guides, visitors view history through the eyes of revolutionaries such as Crispus Attucks, Phyllis Wheatley, Prince Hall and Peter Salem. *Boston Common Visitor Information Center; 12:45 p.m. 617-357-8500* www.TheFreedomTrail.org

February 4th
MFA Playdates


Bring your toddler for a free drop-in story time and art making in the galleries. Free admission for kids. *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave. Starting at 10:50 a.m.*  www.mfa.org/playdates



February 2nd
Annual Chinatown Main
Street New Year Gala

Kicking off the the New year of the Snake with a nine course dinner, networking, dancing, lion dance, martial arts, folk dancing and raffles. *Location & Time: TBD. For more info. call 617-550-6505*

February 6th
Tiny Furniture with special
guest Lena Dunham

See the film, Tiny Furniture, and enjoy a discussion with the director, writer, and actress, Lena Dunham (creator and star of the HBO series Girls). *Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. 2:50 - 4:10 p.m.*  www.mfa.org

February 7th, 8th, & 9th
**Chinese Flower market/
Hin Sang Flower Market**

Vendors selling various Chinese new year goods and flowers for the New year celebration.

Chinese New years falls on February 10th, 2013.
For more info. call 617-350-6505

February 9th
**4th annual South Asian
Showdown Dance Competition**

This competition puts the best Bollywood/Indian Fusion teams against one another to determine which is the best team.

It is the biggest competition of it's type in the northeast. The event takes place at the John Hancock Hall and has been sold out with 1,100 people each year!

*John Hancock Auditorium,
180 Berkeley Street, Boston.
6:00 p.m.* ♿

www.southasianshowdown.com.

February 10 – March
Design Zone

Go behind the scenes to see how video game developers, music producers, roller coaster designers, and other creative problem solvers use math and science to create thrilling video game experiences, DJ rhythms, and roller coaster rides!.

*Museum of Science, Boston.
617-725-2500* ♿
www.mos.org

February 11th
**Joe Gallo
and Public Art**

The author of Boston Bronze and Stone Speak to Us will present a slide show and discussion of public art in Boston.

*Adams Street Branch, 690
Adams Street, Dorchester,
MA 02122, 617-456-6900.
6:50 p.m.* ♿

www.bpl.org/building-boston

February 16th
Winter Fortress Cruise

This trip to Fort Warren on Georges Island is truly one of a kind!

Visiting the fort during the winter is something that very few living people have experienced. Park Rangers lead tours of the fort. *Leaves from Long Wharf North, 66 Long Wharf. 11:00 a.m. \$ 617-223-8666*



February 13th
**Boston's Chinatown:
Beyond Stereotypes,
Food, and Boundaries**

Former MIT professor Tunney Lee discusses Boston's Chinatown and how it has survived despite the Chinese Exclusion Act and many attempts to remove it.

*Orientation Room, Central
Library in Copley Square,
700 Boylston Street, 617-
536-5400. 6:00 p.m.* ♿

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February 13th - August
**Brilliant Beginnings:
The Athenæum and the
Museum in Boston**

This exhibition celebrates the historic partnership between the Boston Athenæum and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) in the years surrounding the museum's founding in 1870. *Norma Jean Calderwood Gallery, 10½ Beacon Street, Boston. 617-350-6505*

www.bostonathenaeum.org/

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February 17th

Chinese New Year Parade

Celebrating the new year of the Snake 4711.

10:00 a.m in Phillips Sq.

Free event. 617-550-6505

www.bcnc.net/



February 21st

Avant Gardner: Callithumpian Consort

The spring concert season sees the return of the Museum's renowned Sunday Concert Series, as well as Avant Gardner and Jazz at the Gardner on Thursday evenings.

Avant Gardner: Callithumpian Consort

7:00 p.m. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston. 617 566 1401. ♿

www.gardnermuseum.org/

February 18th –22nd

February School Vacation Week

Come to the MFA February Vacation Week! Make art, go on a fun tour of the galleries, and join the interactive workshops as part of Cogan Family Foundation Vacation Week Adventures. Registration required; see website for prices and times.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston

10:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. ♿

www.mfa.org

February 23rd

So Percussion

Experience “a mesmerizing performance” (The New York Times) by the “NYC experimental powerhouse” (Billboard Magazine) that reinterprets John Cage’s and Steve Reich’s work, and is hailed by critics far and wide.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. 7:30 p.m. ♿

www.mfa.org/concerts

February 24th

King’s Chapel Concert Series

Noah Getz, Musician-in-Residence, American University, soprano saxophone Heinrich Christensen, organ.

Program: Music by Wammes, Paulsson & more.

King’s Chapel 40 Tremont St., Boston. 5:00 p.m.

www.kingschapel.org

February 28th

Panel Discussion - ART, LOVE & POLITICS IN THE 1980s

Join David Joselit, Carnegie Professor of Art History, Yale University; Elisabeth Sussman, Sondra Gilman Curator of Photography at the Whitney Museum of American Art; Haim Steinbach, artist; and moderator Helen Molesworth, Barbara Lee Chief Curator, ICA Boston, in an engaging conversation about the tumultuous decade highlighted in the exhibition This Will Have Been: Art, Love & Politics in the 1980s. Free with museum admission. 6:00 p.m.

The Institute of Contemporary Art, 100 Northern Ave., Boston. 617-478-5100. \$. ♿

www.icaboston.org/



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