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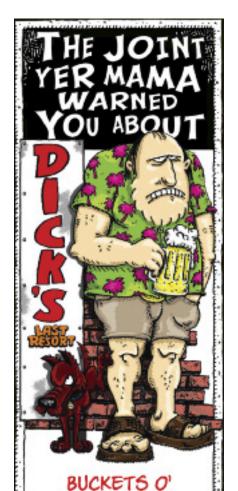
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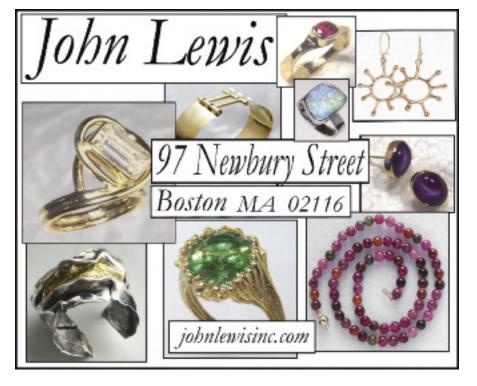
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## *Panorama*'s square-by-square guide to Cambridge by Kristen Berke, Emma Snider and Josh B. Wardrop

ISITORS TO BOSTON ARE DRAWN TO THE CITY BY ITS HISTORY, cultural attractions and its burgeoning dining and nightlife scenes. However, those same elements also make Boston's neighbor across the Charles River, Cambridge, a destination equally worthy of merit. Cambridge is a city defined by its ability to unite disparate elements to create a vibrant and mostly harmonious whole. In this sprawling city, much of Cantabridgian culture, shopping, food and entertainment is centered around its five major squares, each of which is highlighted below.

#### HARVARD SQUARE

Chances are, if you've been anywhere in Cambridge, it's Harvard Square, home to our nation's most famous and illustrious university. But it doesn't take an Ivy League brain to see how much more the area has to recommend it to visitors.

Those entranced by history have a plethora of sites to attract them, starting with the Harvard campus itself. Non-students can tour **Harvard Yard**, take in a concert at **Sanders Theatre** or explore the **Harvard Museum of Natural History** and the **Sackler Art Museum** (*refer to listings, page 54*).

Just blocks away from Harvard lies the Longfellow House—former home of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow—while a bit farther outside the Square is the beautiful **Mount Auburn Cemetery**, final resting place of artists, authors and politicians and a popular spot for bird-watching and quiet reflection. *Refer to listings, page 20.* 

Cultural venues abound in Harvard Square, including the creative stage works at **American Repertory Theatre**; classic films at the **Brattle Theatre**; and stand-up from up-and-coming comics at **The Comedy Studio**. *Refer to listings, pages 45, 46 & 50.* 

Some would regard shopping as an artform, and there's no shortage of places to practice it in Harvard Square. Bookworms can browse the racks at **The Harvard Book Store** (1256 Massachusetts Ave., 617-661-1515), the **Harvard Coop** (*refer to listing*, page 56) and the **Grolier Poetry Book Shop** (6 Plympton St., 617-547-4648), while fashion-forward types can splurge on one-ofa-kind, handmade jewelry at **TistiK** (*refer to listing, page 57*), vintage clothing at **Proletariat** (36 JFK St., 617-661-3865) and all manner of Harvard gifts and souvenirs at **J. August** (*refer to listing, page 56*).

You'll never go hungry in Harvard Square, with options ranging from the affordable fare at venerable underground pub **Grendel's Den** (89 Winthrop St., 617-491-1050) to the singularly delicious burgers at **Mr. Bartley's Burger Cottage** (1246 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-6559), comforting breakfasts at **Zoe's** (*refer to listing, page 67*) and Chinese food and potent Scorpion Bowls at the **Hong Kong** (*refer to listing, page 66*).

At night, Harvard Square denizens enjoy stellar nightlife without ever leaving home. Hip club **Redline** (59 JFK St., 617-491-9851) boasts top DJs spinning funky tunes nightly, while live music lovers can catch folk artists at **Club Passim** or jazz at **Regattabar** (*refer to listings, pages 47 & 48*). Imbibers can wind down the night with brews at the outdoor **Charlie's Beer Garden** (10 Eliot St., 617-492-9646) or sample sophisticated cocktails at **Noir** (One Bennett St., 617-661-5050) in the Charles Hotel.

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#### **INMAN SQUARE**

Although the smallest and most residential of the five Cambridge squares, Inman is no shrinking violet. Dominated by independent businesses, there are unique delights to be found here unlike any in Cambridge, including the aptly named **Boutique Fabulous** (1309 Cambridge St., 617-864-0656)—a shop that boasts everything

from kitschy furniture to vintage jewelry and jeans—and kids' clothing emporium **Bird by Bird** (1361 Cambridge St., 617-497-1361).

THE OTHER SIDE: Visit Cambridge across the Charles River to experience (above, left to right): Harvard Square, Mount Auburn Cemetery, scorpion bowls at the Hong Kong, shopping at Tistik, live music at The Middle East and drinks and fine cuisine at The Asqard.

Dining options are

similarly eccentric and exceptional, like Chris Schlesinger's upscale barbecue joint **East Coast Grill & Raw Bar** (1271 Cambridge St., 617-491-6568) and "deli on steroids" **All-Star Sandwich Bar** (1245 Cambridge St., 617-868-3065). After dinner, visitors to Inman can sip caffeinated beverages at the popular **1369 Coffeehouse** (1369 Cambridge St., 617-576-1369) or enjoy live jazz at **Ryles** (212 Hampshire St., 617-876-9330).

#### **KENDALL SQUARE**

Home to the world-renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kendall gives off a slightly more cool and clinical vibe than other parts of Cambridge, but don't be fooled—Kendall is an up-and-coming neighborhood filled with fun diversions.

If you're amped up by science, the **MIT Museum** clues visitors in to the world of discovery, with exhibits on robotics, holograms and more. The more artistically inclined can check out the **MIT List Arts Visual Center**, which displays work fusing right and left brain interests in mind-bending ways. *Refer to listings, page 54*.

The dining scene in Kendall leans toward earthy, homespun delights. Grab brunch at kitschy breakfast joint **The Friendly Toast** (1 Kendall Square, 617-621-1200), enjoy an upscale take on down-home Southern cuisine at **Hungry Mother** (233 Cardinal Medeiros Ave., 617-499-0090) or embrace your romantic side with French cuisine at intimate bistro **Salts** (798 Main St., 617-876-8444).

Shoppers find great deals at the **Garment District** (200 Broadway, 617-876-5230), which is chock-full of vintage clothing. After you've bought a new wardrobe, catch a flick at the indie megaplex **Kendall Square Cinema** (1 Kendall Square, 617-499-1996), or toast your Kendall experiences at **Cuchi Cuchi** (795 Main St., 617-864-2929), a funky bar/restaurant where your bartender can mix up a blood orange sidecar or other cool cocktail.

#### **PORTER SQUARE**

Like Central Square, Porter Square is centered around Massachusetts Avenue. It's there that stylish consumers can be socially conscious as they shop **Raspberry Beret** (1704 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-3700), where they can reuse vintage fashions; **Nomad** (1741 Massachusetts Ave., 617-497-6677), which provides funky, "fair trade" clothing made from organic materials; and **Greenward** (1764 Massachusetts Ave., 617-395-1338), an "ecoboutique" boasting gifts and useful home products made from recycled materials.

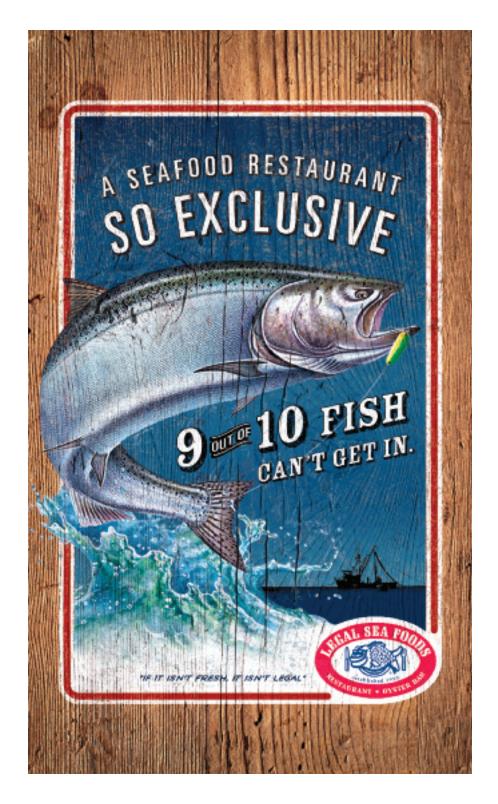
After your shopping spree, fuel up with food from **Stone Hearth Pizza** (1782 Massachusetts Ave., 617-492-1111), where chefs serve healthy gluten-free pizza and beer; the **West Side Lounge** (1680 Massachusetts Ave., 617-441-5566), known for fine cocktails and dishes like potato gnocchi and sake-infused salmon; or Thai restaurant **Tamarind House** (1790 Massachusetts Ave., 617-491-9940).

A night out in Porter might consist of after-dinner drinks at **Temple Bar** (1688 Massachusetts Ave., 617-547-5055) or sampling the extensive beer selection at **Cambridge Common** (1667 Massachusetts Ave., 617-547-1288). After that, head downstairs to **The Lizard Lounge** for music, DJs or poetry readings. Or hop over to **Toad** (1920 Massachusetts Ave., 617-497-4950), Porter's awardwinning hole-in-the-wall bar/music venue.

#### **CENTRAL SQUARE**

At the center of Cambridge sits the aptly named Central Square, home to Cambridge's greatest cultural and culinary diversity. At night, Central solidifies its place as Cambridge's ground zero for imaginative cuisine and boisterous nightlife. For the former, try the full Irish breakfast at **The Asgard** (*refer to listing, page 65*), sample samosas at venerable **India Pavilion** (*refer to listing, page 66*), explore the cuisine of Nepal at **Rangzen Tibetan** (24 Pearl St., 617-354-8881) or try **Picante** (*refer to listing, page 66*) for vibrant and flavorful Mexican cuisine.

After dinner, the night's just beginning as Central Square boasts the city's most hopping club scene. **The Middle East** (*refer to listings, page 47*) provides three rooms of live music, tiny **T.T. the Bear's** (10 Brookline St., 617-829-BEAR) is the ultimate intimate rock club and **The Cantab Lounge** (738 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-2685) is a friendly dive bar offering everything from weekly bluegrass nights to soulful, funk-drenched dance parties. For a calmer night out, pull up a stool at a communal table in the minimalist **Middlesex Lounge** (315 Massachusetts Ave., 617-868-MSEX) and maybe meet the hipster of your dreams. **@** 



#### EXPLORING BOSTON SIGHTS SEEING



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BOSTON ATHENAEUM. 10 Beacon St., 617-227-0270. Mon & Wed 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Tue, Thu & Fri 'til 5:30 p.m., Sat 'til 4 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required. One of the oldest and most distinquished private libraries in the United States, the Athenaeum was founded in 1807. For nearly half a century, it was the unchallenged center of intellectual life in Boston, and by 1851 it had become one of the five largest libraries in the country. Special exhibit: beginning Sep 23—George Pope Morris: Defining American Culture.

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 Septemberand the world's smallest suspension bridge.

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THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST. 175 Huntington 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., Wed at noon and 7:30 p.m. Spanish language services: Sun at noon, Wed at 6 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.

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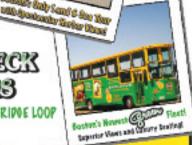
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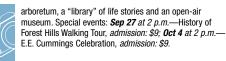
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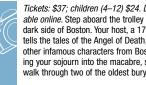
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പ HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. Reservations required. Private tours for groups are 5 available on most days. Tickets: \$43. Sep 22 & 29, Oct 6 & 13 at 5:30 p.m. The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century Er) costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched more than 250 years S ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way. H

NORTH END MARKET TOUR, 64 Cross St., take the "T" to Ξ Havmarket, 617-523-6032. Three-hour tours: Wed at 10 a.m. ധ and 2 p.m., Fri at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sat at 9 and 10 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups S 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.

NORTH END SECRET TOURS, North Square (across from The in Paul Revere House), 617-720-2283, Tours: Fri & Sat 10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: \$30. This two-hour quided walking tour explores some of the hidden courtyards and passageways of the North End, visits the birthplace of Kennedy b matriarch Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy and tells tales of Boston's oldest neighborhood, like the disastrous Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919 that devastated much of the historic city sector.

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. Tours depart daily every 20 minutes from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets: \$36: seniors & students \$33: children (4-12) \$13. With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, USS Constitution Museum and the Trollev Stop Store on the corner of South Charles and Boylston streets, patrons can enjoy a 110-minute, fully narrated sightseeing tour of more than 100 points of interest aboard the orange-and-green, all-weather trolley.

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

SUPER DUCK TOURS, departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS. Tours depart Mon-Fri from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tickets: \$29; military, seniors & students \$25; children (3-11) \$17; children (under 3) free. The Hub's newest amphibious tour company takes visitors on a Boston land and sea adventure. Enjoy a narrated, historical bus tour through the streets of Boston before plunging into Boston Harbor for great scenic views and a "splashing good time."

URBAN ADVENTOURS, 103 Atlantic Ave., 617-233-7595, www.urbanadventours.com. Book online with the promo code 'Panorama,' and receive 10% off the purchase of two or more tickets. Offering guided bicycle tours and bike rentals, Urban AdvenTours gives visitors a range of ways to explore Boston on two wheels. Opt for the basic City View tour.



5WITS: This interactive theme park features Tomb, an adventure game in which participants solve puzzles and overcome obstacles while exploring a pharoah's final resting place. Refer to listing, page 14.

explore historical buildings on the Art and Architecture tour or get some great shots of Boston on the Photography tour.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

PANORAMA WELCOME CENTER AT COPLEY PLACE, Adjacent to the Westin Hotel Skybridge, 617-236-1027. If you lose your copy of *Panorama* magazine while touring Boston, you can stop in at the Welcome Center and replace it, and while you're there, get further information on Boston area attractions from a local authority on "what to do, where to go and what to see."

#### WHALE WATCHES

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES. One Long Wharf. 617-222-4321. Through Sep 27: Mon-Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sep 27-Oct 11: Mon-Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; beginning Oct 12: Mon-Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 12:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35.95-39.95; children (4-12) \$31.95. Cruise on high-speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank, the East Coast's most famous destination for whale watching. Catch sight of humpback, finback and minke whales from the deck or from the comfort of a fully-modernized cabin boasting snack and beverage services.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. Through Oct 12: Mon-Fri at 11:30 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: \$39.95; children (11 and under) \$31.95. Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran Voyager III. Search for a variety of whales, including humpback, finback and minke. Interactive exhibits include microscope stations, electronic navigation, computer whale programs, meteorological instruments and movies.

#### WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park. 617-541-LION. Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m.; beginning Oct 1: daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$13; seniors \$10; children (2–12) \$7; children (under 2) & military personnel free. Home to more than 210 species. many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom and visit zebras, ostriches and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM. Central Wharf. 617-973-5200. Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: \$20.95: seniors (60+) \$18.95: children (3-11) \$12.95: 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. Be sure to check out the popular penguin habitat, the brand-new Marine Mammal Center and visit the adjacent Simons 3D IMAX Theater, the first theater of its kind in the Boston area.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. Mon 10-Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m.; beginning Oct 1: daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$10: seniors \$8: children (2-12) \$6; children (under 2) free. Highlights include Yukon Creek, Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaquars, reindeer, river otters, llamas, black bears and Stone Zoo's newest arrival, a white-cheeked gibbon. Special event: Oct 17 & 18 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.-Boo at the Zoo, featuring a costume contest, creepy crafts, a haunted maze and more.

#### CAMBRIDGE

Due to limited parking, it is best to take the Red Line when traveling to Harvard, Central or Kendall squares. The Cambridge Discovery Booth located at the Harvard Square "T" entrance provides additional information.

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

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

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

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HARVARD SOUARE/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, bookstores, cafes, restaurants and shops.

LONGFELLOW NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 105 Brattle St., 617-876-4491. Wed-Sun 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Park ranger-പ guided tours: 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Admission: \$3; children (under 16) free. This 1759 Georgian 7 mansion was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow from 1837 to 1882 and a central gathering place for writers and [**1**] artists in the 19th century. It also served as George E1 Washington's headquarters during the seige of Boston S in 1775–76 H

#### MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, 580 Mount Auburn St., Ξ Cambridge, 617-547-7105. Daily 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; beginning c b Oct 1: 'til 5 p.m. Closing times may vary. Founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Mount Auburn was S the first landscaped cemetery in the country. Many prominent Americans are buried here, including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Winslow Homer. C The cemetery is also an arboretum, sculpture garden and wildlife sanctuary.

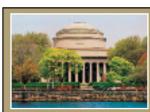
0 TORY ROW (BRATTLE STREET). One of the nation's most beautiful residential streets, Tory Row is the site of Loyalist mansions and their elegant neighbors from every period of 60 American architecture.

#### **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. This oft-overlooked 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.

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

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. Daily 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 vellow stagecoach and tour restorations of period New England homes while marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone age.



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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 with an 18thcentury costumed guide. (Ticket sales of Freedom Trail Foundation tours help preserve the historic sites.) Boston National Historical Park (National Park Service) tours begin at State and Devonshire streets. Please call 617-357-8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org for additional information.



THE STATE HOUSE. Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common. 617-727-3676. Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m., except holidays. Guided tours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 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

PARK STREET CHURCH. Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 4 and 6 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, 617-536-4100. Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This historic cemetery, formerly the 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. A stone inscribed "Mary Goose" (a.k.a. Elizabeth Goose) allegedly marks the grave of Mother Goose.

on land bought from John Hancock. The red brick portion

was designed by legendary architect Charles Bulfinch.



KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. Chapel open Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun 1:30–4 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

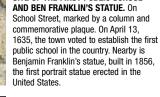
chapel, built in 1754, became the first Unitarian church in America after the Revolution.

## EXPLORING BOSTON FREEDOM TRAIL



PHOTO BY ETHAN B. BACKER BUNKER HILL MONUMENT: The site of this pivotal Revolutionary War battle lies along the Freedom Trail in Charlestown. Refer to listing, page 22.



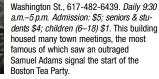


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SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE. School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.







activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.



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



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



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

site of fiery revolutionary debate.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. Daily 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Services: Sun at 9 and 11 a.m., Wed 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.

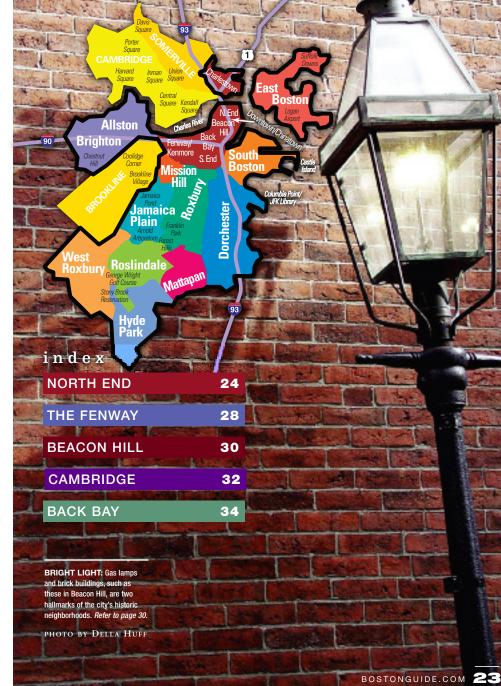
COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND. Hull Street. Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Set out in 1660, Copp's Hill was Boston's second cemetery. Many remarkable people are interred here, including the Mather family of ministers and Edmund Hartt, builder of the USS Constitution.



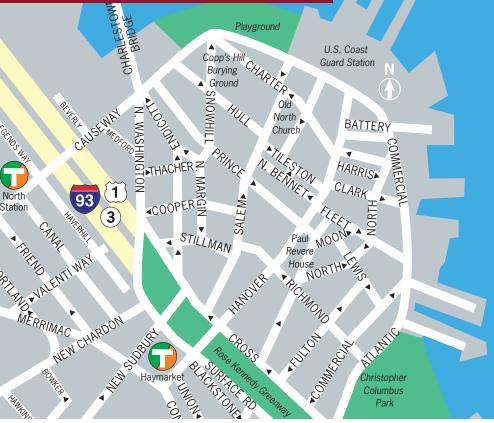
USS CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. Tue-Sun 10 a.m.-5:50 p.m. Tours every half-hour. This 44-gun frigate is the world's oldest commissioned warship, christened "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812 when the cannonballs of a British warship literally bounced off her triple hull.



# EXPLORING BOSTON: neighborhoods



## **NORTH END**





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

#### ATTRACTIONS:

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

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

#### NORTH END SHOPPING

Once known strictly for its assortment of Italian restaurants and bakeries. the North End has leapt boldly into the 21st century as one of the city's up-and-coming retail districts.

#### A MATTER OF FACE

Forgot your mascara? Your aftershave is in Buffalo? Not to worry! Stop by this tiny shop to pick up products from the Art of Shaving, Paula Dorf, Darphin, Bliss and more. 425 Hanover St., 617-742-5874

#### **HIGH GEAR JEWELRY**

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#### **MICHELE TOPOR/** NORTH END MARKET TOUR

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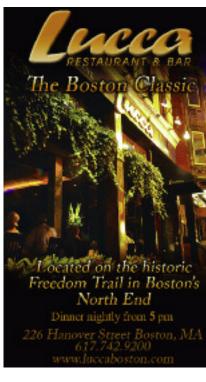


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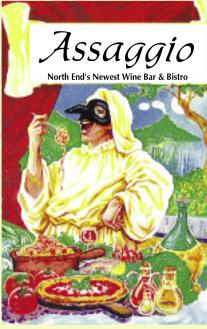
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A SEAT WITH A VIEW: Enjoy classic Italian fare and exceptional atmosphere at North End stalwart Florentine Cafe (above) on Hanover Street.





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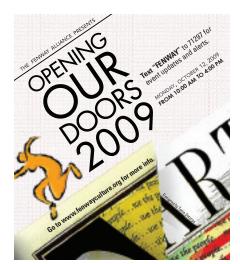
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## THE FENWAY





his 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. @

#### ATTRACTIONS:

• Symphony Hall • Museum of Fine Arts • Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

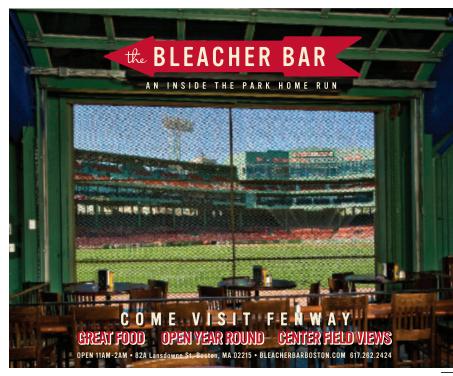
GET THERE ON THE T: Green Line to Kenmore and Fenway, E Line to Symphony, Northeastern and Museum of Fine Arts



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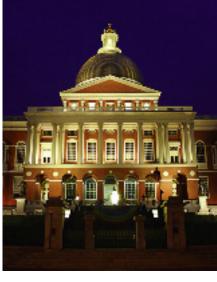
 
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## **BEACON HILL**





GOLDEN OLDIE: Massachusetts' seat of government, the golden-domed State House, sits atop Beacon Hill.



A ROAD TO THE PAST: The narrow, cobblestoned byway of Acorn Street remains one of the most photographed locales on Beacon Hill.

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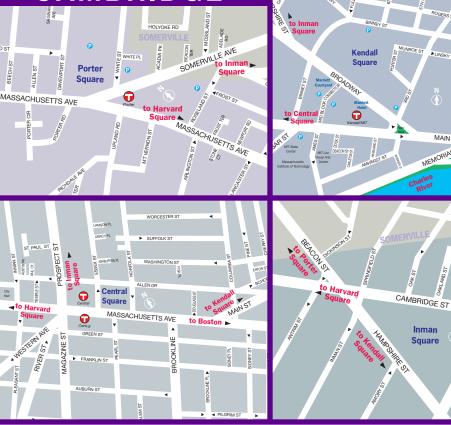
most European cities in the U.S. is evidenced by a visit to this neighborhood. Home to the State House and tucked between the Charles River Esplanade, Boston Common and the Public Garden, Beacon Hill's picturesque cobblestone streets are lined by impeccable brownstones and gas-lit street lamps. To experience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

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#### ATTRACTIONS:

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## CAMBRIDGE



he people of Cambridge would like to inform the world that their fine city is not a neighborhood of Boston. Although it often gets lumped together with Beantown, Cambridge stands alone with all the sustaining qualities of an international city center.

**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 shops, restaurants, coffee shops, bars and clubs that offer something to satisfy every taste (refer to Late Night Tastes 'n Trends map, next page).

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

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Kendall Square, home to MIT and many bio-tech firms, is also host to foreign and independent films at Kendall Square Cinema. Just beyond Harvard Square, Porter

Square is full of eclectic second-hand shops and restaurants, as well as live music at the Lizard Lounge and Toad.

American Repertory Theatre

· Harvard Museum of

Natural History

#### ATTRACTIONS:

- Harvard Yard
- MIT Museum
- Sackler Museum

#### GET THERE ON THE T:

Red Line to Kendall. Central. Harvard and Porter.

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#### ATTRACTIONS:

- Trinity Church
- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower

GET THERE ON THE T: Orange Line to Back Bay; Green Line to Arlington, Copley or Hynes Convention Center



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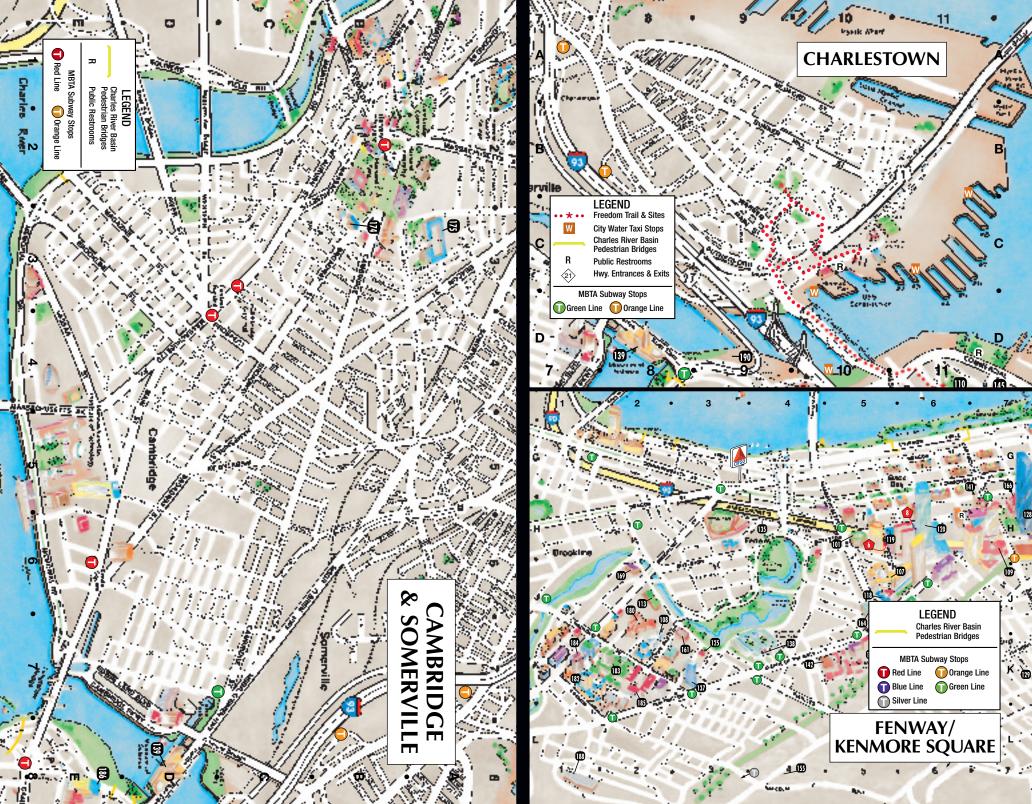
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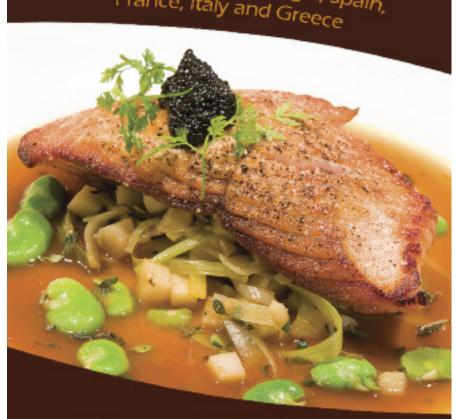
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## Jumpin' Beantown

#### BERKLEE BEANTOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL Columbus Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue September 26 from

noon–6 p.m.

\_\_\_ach year, Boston aims to give jazz hotbeds Chicago and New Orleans a run for its money, as Berklee College of Music hosts the annual Berklee Beantown Jazz Festival. This year, the weeklong event features concerts at

music venues throughout Boston and Cambridge by jazz artists like Kurt Elling and Ahmad Jamal (visit www.beantownjazz.org for a full schedule of events), all leading up to the main event: Boston's largest outdoor music festival, featuring three stages of shows by Berklee students and national names like Donald Harrison and Joe Louis Walker, as well as 80 food and craft vendors, carnival games, face painting and other amusements for the kids. Bring the whole family and bop your way into autumn in Beantown. Refer to listing, page 46. —Emma Snider

## THE HONEYMOON'S OVER

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? Publick Theatre Boston Beginning October 1



Looking for an evening of the-

atre that will make you feel better about the state of your romantic relationship? Then check out Publick Theatre Boston's production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Edward Albee's dark and incisive exploration of what can best be described as "date night in hell." Diego Arciniegas directs Publick's version of the 1963 Tony Award-winning play about aging history professor George and his acerbic wife, Martha, who host hapless youngsters Nick and Honey over the course of a boozy evening in which the older couple vents their rage and dissatisfaction with each other in a lacerating, pitch-perfect depiction of marital strife. Refer to listing, page 51. -Amelia Mason

## Looking Good, Boston!



**BOSTON FASHION WEEK 2009** Various locations September 25–October 2

Fashionistas and style mavens may flock to New York every chance they get, but for one week, the Hub competes with the Big Apple for glam and fabulosity. Boston Fashion Week, a city-wide festival for fashion plates, takes place September 25-October 2, when the city hosts events ranging from the seriously fashion-forward (the Emerging Trends runway show on October 2, the Wearable Art exhibit at Massachusetts College of Art. and fashion shows by designers like Denise Hajjar, Bless By Bless and Sam Mendoza) to the silly. like a free screening of Zoolander at the Boston Public Library on September 21. Lectures on fashion, trunk shows and glittering parties fill out this week of superb style in the Hub. Visit www.bostonfashionweek.com for a full schedule of events.

-Emma Snider



PHOTO BY GENE SCHIAVONE **GISELLE:** Boston Ballet performs the classic 1841 ballet at its new home, the Opera House, through October 11. Refer to listing, page 46.

#### **CLASSICAL**

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-1200, Tickets: \$29-114. unless otherwise noted. Visit www.bso.org for a complete schedule of events. Renowned throughout the world for its distinctive sound, impressive range and virtuosity, the Boston Symphony Orchestra—led by Music Director James Levine-celebrates its 129th year of performing the world's most beloved and stirring classical music. Sep 23 at 6:30 p.m.-The BSO, joined by pianist Evgeny Kissin and harpist Ann Hobson Pilot, kicks off its 2009-2010 season with a program of works by Berlioz, Chopin and Debussy, tickets: \$75-2,500; Sep 26 & 29 at 8 p.m.-The BSO and The Tanglewood Festival Chorus perform Stravinsky's Symphony of Palms and Mozart's Requiem: Oct 8. 10 & 13 at 8 p.m., Oct 9 at 1:30 p.m.-The BSO, joined by guest conductors Vasily Peterenko and Julian Kuerti, performs works by Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich.

FREDERICA VON STADE, Celebrity Series of Boston, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-482-2595. Oct 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$52–87. The world-renowned mezzo-soprano brings her farewell world tour to Boston, performing with special guest Kiri Te Kanawa.

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-3605. Oct 9 at 8 p.m., Oct 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25-87. The Handel and Haydn Society kicks off its season with a collaboration with famed countertenor Andreas Scholl, performing early vocal works by Handel and Vivaldi.

#### COMEDY

THE COMEDY CONNECTION AT THE WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. Sep 25 at 10 p.m.-Kevin Hart, tickets: \$25 & 30; Oct 2 at 7:30 p.m.-Paula Poundstone, tickets: \$22 & 35; Oct 3 at 9:45 p.m.—Andrew Dice Clay, tickets: \$32 & 50; Oct 9 at 7:30 p.m.-Jackie Mason, tickets: \$45 & 60; Oct 10 at 7 and 9:45 p.m.-D.L. Hughley, tickets: \$22 & 32; Oct 16 at 7:30 p.m.-Joan Rivers, tickets: \$30 & 44; Oct 17 at 7 p.m.—Bob Marley, tickets: \$22 & 27.

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG. 1236

Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$8-10. A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. Sep 22 & 29, Oct 6 & 13-Mystery Lounge features professional magicians; Sep 23 & 30, Oct 7 & 14—Rick Jenkins hosts Fresh Faces; Sep 24, Oct 1 & 8-Zach Sherwin and special quests; Sep 25-Renata Tutko hosts Shaun Carter, Dan Crohn, Mike Dorval and others; Sep 27-Sarah Blodgett, Jason Chamberlain, Janet Cormier, Tom Dunlap and others: Oct 3-Rick Jenkins hosts Ahmed Bharoocha, Laura Crawford, Robby RoadSteamer and others: Oct 9-Renata Tutko hosts Peter Bowers. Tim Dillon. Ed Kopesky, J.J. Leslie and others; Oct 11-Shaun Bedgood hosts Rick Canavan, Wes Hazard, Jesse Neil and others.

DANIEL TOSH, Orpheum Theatre, 1 Hamilton Place, 617-931-2000. Oct 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$27.50 & 32.50. The star of Comedy Central's popular internet video clip show "Tosh.0" brings his uproarious brand of stand-up comedy to Boston.

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT. 124 Boviston St., 800-401-2221. Shows Tue-Thu at 8:30 p.m., Fri & Sun at 9 p.m., Sat at 8 and 10:15 p.m. Tickets: \$12-15. Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant across from Boston Common. Sep 21 & 28, Oct 5 & 12-Kevin Knox's Comedy Showcase; Sep 22 & 29, Oct 6 & 13-Jim Lauletta's Comedy Showcase: Sep 23 & 30. Oct 7 & 14-Paul Nardizzi's Wacky Wednesdays; Sep 24, Oct 1, 8 & 15-Beantown Comedy Riot with Mike Whitman; Sep 25 & 26-Jim Lauletta, Mike O'Neill and friends; Sep 27, Oct 4, 11 & 18-Open Mic Night; Oct 2 & 3-Harrison Stebbins, Corey Rodrigues and friends; Oct 9 & 10-Dick Doherty, Danny Kelly and friends; Oct 16 & 17-Kevin Knox, Tyler Boeh and friends.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. Tickets: \$10-20. dinner packages available. Visit www.improvasylum.com for complete show schedules. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime. Some of Boston's top improvisational comics perform uproarious and creative shows at their theater in the heart of Boston's North End. Sep 22 & 29, Oct 6 & 13 at 8 p.m.—House Teams; Sep 23 & 30 at 8 p.m.-Vanity Project; Sep 24, Oct 1, 8 & 15 at 8 p.m., Sep 25, Oct 2, 9 & 16 at 8 and 10 p.m., Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 & 17 at 7 and 9 p.m.-Main Stage Show: Sep 25, Oct 2, 9 & 16—The Midnight Show; Sep 26 at 11 p.m.—Unhinged.

IMPROVBOSTON, 40 Prospect St., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1253. Cover: \$7-16. This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. Sep 23 & 30, Oct 7 & 14 at 8 p.m.-The Comedy Lab; Sep 24, Oct 1, 8 & 15 at 8 p.m.—Bastards Inc.; at 10 p.m.— The 10 Slot; Sep 25, Oct 2, 9 & 16 at 7 p.m.-SketchHaus; at 8 p.m.—This Improvised Life; at 9:30 p.m.—Harold Night; at 10 p.m.—Friday Night Face Off; at 11:30 p.m.—Nightcap; Sep 26, Oct 3, 10 & 17 at 6 p.m.-ImprovBoston's Family

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Show; at 7 p.m.—Mosaic with SouthCity Theatre Company; at 8 and 10 p.m.-ImprovBoston's Mainstage; at 9:30 p.m.-H Improv Grab Bag; at 11:30 p.m.-Nightcap; Sep 27, Oct 4, 11 Z & 18 at 7 p.m.—Open Comedy Jam; Oct 7 at 10 p.m.— Naked Comedy Showcase. 

#### E DANCE

H GISELLE, Boston Ballet, Boston Opera House, 539 Washington Z St., 617-695-6955. Performances: Oct 1 & 8 at 7 p.m., Oct 3 ΕĽ & 10 at 2 and 8 p.m., Oct 4 & 11 at 2 p.m., Oct 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25-132. The world-renowned Boston Ballet kicks off R its 2009-10 season with a stirring production of the 1841 bal-R let featuring a score by Adolphe Adam.

**REMEMBER ME, Parsons Dance with East Village Opera** U Company, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. Performances: Sep 25 & 26 at 8 0 p.m., Sep 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$30-50. This collaboration D between internationally renowned Parsons Dance and the lead P vocalists of the Grammy-nominated rock opera group East Village Opera Company combines contemporary dance, live Φ and recorded rock music and a multimedia design including enriched digital lighting, special effects and projections. نے ا

#### nnd FILM

0 THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9.50: students & matinees \$7.50: seniors & children \$6.50. Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. Special events: Sep 23 at 8 p.m.—Author James Ellroy introduces L.A. Confidential; Sep 24 at 8 and 10 p.m.—Anvil! The Story of Anvil: Sep 29 at 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.-Moulin Rouge; Oct 10 at 11 a.m.-Repulsion; Oct 16 at 5, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.-The Friends of Eddie Covle.

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9.75; members, seniors & children (Mon–Thu) \$6.75 and (Fri-Sun) \$7.75. This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now showing: Beeswax. Special events: Sep 21 at 7 p.m.-Coma; Sep 26 at midnight—Ferris Bueller's Day Off; Sep 24 at 9:30 p.m., Sep 25 at midnight-2009 Indie Erotic Film Festival.

MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9; seniors \$8; children (3-11) \$7. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m; all films free on Sep 25. This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. Now showing: Mystic India; Deep Sea; Antarctica; Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. Screenings Thu–Sun, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$6-9. The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Now showing: Oct 1 at 1:30 p.m., Oct 2 at 4:30 p.m.-Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia; Oct 1 at 7 p.m., Oct 3 at 1:30 p.m.—The Wild Bunch; Oct 15 at 7 p.m.—The Big Lebowski.

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. Sun-Wed 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Thu-Sat 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9.95; seniors & children (3-11) \$7.95. The Simons is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now showing: Under the Sea 3D; Dolphins and Whales 3D; Star Trek.

#### **KIDS CORNER**

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 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 beginning at 11:30 a.m.-Kidstage performances; all day-Japanese House: Write your own haiku; Sep 21, 23, 28 & 30 at 11 a.m.-Playspace: Music and Movement; Sep 22 & 29 at 10:30 a.m.-Playspace: Tasty Tuesdays; Sep 24 at 11 a.m.— The Worminator; Sep 25 at 2 p.m.—Show and Tell; at 6 p.m.—Farm Fridays.

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. Sep 30 at 2:30 p.m.-Alphabet Soup; Oct 2 at 10:15 a.m.-Kids Cinema; Oct 7 & 14 at 2:30 p.m.-Reading Readiness; Oct 16 at 10 a.m.-Infant/Toddler Singalong

CELEBRATE! SERIES. John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, next to UMass Boston, 617-514-1644. Oct 10 at 10:30 a.m. This free performing arts program (for children ages 5 and up) highlighting America's rich cultural diversity presents Behind the Mask's performance of The Woman Who Outshone the Sun, a play about tolerance, forgiveness and the ecosystem, performed in English and Spanish.

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. Sep 23 & 24 at 10:30 a.m.-The Frog Prince; Sep 26 & 27 at 1 and 3 p.m.-Jack and the Beanstalk; Sep 30 & Oct 1 at 10:30 a.m.—Old Favorites; Oct 3 & 4 at 1 and 3 p.m.—Aesop's Fables; Oct 7 & 8 at 10:30 a.m.—Gnip Gnop Circus: Oct 10-12 at 1 and 3 p.m.-A La Carte: In a Fool's Kitchen; Oct 14 & 15 at 10:30 a.m.—A Woodland Cinderella; Oct 17 & 18 at 1 and 3 p.m.-Rumpelstiltskin.

#### LIVE MUSIC

AGGANIS ARENA, Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 617-931-2000. This venue on the BU campus is a stateof-the-art, multipurpose entertainment center with more than 7,200 seats for concerts, sporting events and family shows. Sep 22 at 7:30 p.m.—"So You Think You Can Dance" tour, tickets: \$38.50-56; Oct 13 at 7:30 p.m.-Kelly Clarkson, tickets: \$39.50 & 59.50; Oct 16 at 7:30 p.m.-Zac Brown Band, tickets: \$30.

BERKLEE BEANTOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL, www.beantownjazz.org, 617-747-2261. Sep 18-26. Boston's biggest free, open-air jazz festival unites world-class national and local jazz artists for a weekend of concerts (refer to Berklee Performance Center,

Regattabar and Scullers listings, below), anchored by a daylong festival featuring live music, vendors and children's entertainment Sep 26 from noon-6 p.m., outdoors on Columbus Avenue, featuring three stages of performers, including Equie Castrillo, Jane Bunnett, Joe Louis Walker and others, free.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. Sep 23 at 8 p.m.-Branford Marsalis Quartet, tickets: \$35 & 41; Sep 25 at 7:30 p.m.-Kickin' the Blues with David Sanborn, Kevin Mahogany and Amina Claudine Myers, tickets: \$25-45; Oct 1 at 8 p.m.-Robin Trower, tickets: \$42.50; Oct 3 at 8 p.m.-Rockapella, tickets: \$21-99: Oct 4 at 7:30 p.m.-Paco Pena, tickets: \$30-42; Oct 15 at 7:30 p.m.-Blood, Sweat & Tears, tickets: \$34-50.

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 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. Sep 26 at 8 p.m.—Jim's Big Eqo, tickets: \$22; Sep 27 at 7 p.m.—The Ditty Bops. tickets: \$20: Oct 9 at 8 p.m.—Chad Perrone. tickets: \$15: Oct 10 at 7 p.m.—Edie Carey with Lucy Wainwright Roche, tickets: \$17; Oct 11 at 7 p.m.-Les Sampou, tickets: \$20; Oct 13 at 7 and 10 p.m.-Erin McKeown and Jill Sobule. tickets: \$25: Oct 15 & 16 at 8 p.m.—Mark Erelli, tickets: \$17.

HOUSE OF BLUES. 15 Lansdowne St., 888-693-BLUE. Shows at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. One of the nation's first names in live music returns to Boston with the opening of a brand-new House of Blues. This club. concert hall and restaurant across from Fenway Park welcomes top national acts

from the world of rock, blues, pop and more. Sep 21-Regina Spektor, tickets: \$29.50 & 39.50; Sep 22-Streetlight Manifesto, tickets: \$16.50 & 18; Sep 23-Mat Kearney, tickets: \$20 & 30; Sep 24-Moby with Kelli Scarr, tickets: \$25 & 35; Sep 25-Enanitos Verdes, tickets: \$40 & 50; Sep 26-KMFDM, tickets: \$22; Sep 27 & Oct 4 at 11:30 a.m.—Gospel Brunch, tickets: \$25-45; Sep 27-Porcupine Tree with King's X, tickets: \$22.50-35; Sep 28-Sunny Day Real Estate, tickets: \$22.50-35: Oct 2-Brandi Carlisle. tickets: \$26-35: Oct 7-The Mars Volta, tickets: \$35 & 40; Oct 8-Five Finger Death Punch with Shadows Fall and Otep, tickets: \$20-29; Oct 9—The Bravery, tickets: \$20–29; Oct 10 at 7 p.m.—The Psychedelic Furs with Happy Mondays, tickets: \$24-29.50; Oct 13-The Airborne Toxic Event, tickets: \$18 & 20; Oct 14 at 6:30 p.m.-Hanson and Hellogoodbye, tickets: \$26 & 35; Oct 15 at 7:30 p.m.-Al Green, tickets: \$49 & 59; Oct 16 at 8:30 p.m.—Yonder Mountain String Band, tickets: \$22.50 & 29.50: Oct 17 at 6 p.m.—The Gaslight Anthem, tickets: \$18 & Я 20: Oct 18-The Avett Brothers, tickets: \$25-35.

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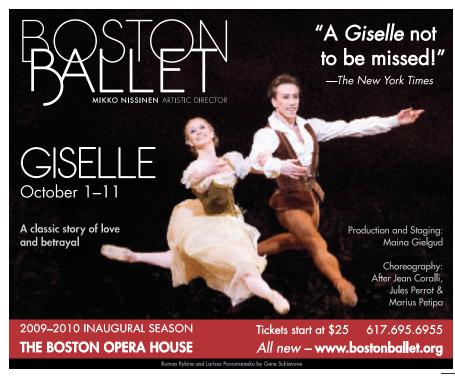
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THE MIDDLE EAST. 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. 617-864-EAST. Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. Z unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule. Whether H Upstairs. Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. Oct 2 & 3-Dinosaur Jr., tickets: \$25; Oct 7-Meshell Ndegeocello, tickets: \$20: Oct 9-11-Built to Spill. tickets: \$25: Oct 17-Electric Six, tickets: \$12.

ORPHEUM THEATRE, 1 Hamilton Place, 617-931-2000, The Orpheum opened in 1852 and was the site of the first Boston



 Symphony Orchestra performances and lectures by Booker T.
 Washington and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Sep 22 at 8 p.m.— Regina Spektor, tickets: \$30; Sep 28 at 7.30 p.m.—Yeah Yeah Yeahs, tickets: \$35; Oct 8 at 8 p.m.—Grizzly Bear, tickets: \$24.50; Oct 15 at 7.30 p.m.—Mika, tickets: \$29.50 & 35; Oct 16 at 8 p.m.—Shaolin Warriors, tickets: \$28-40.
 PARADISE POCK CLUB, 067 Commonwealth Aug. 617 E62

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. All shows 18+ unless Z otherwise noted. Sep 21 at 8 p.m.-...And You Will Know Us [2] by the Trail of Dead. tickets: \$16: Sep 22 at 8 p.m.-Son Volt, tickets: \$25; Sep 23 at 8 p.m.-Soulsavers, featuring 2 Mark Lanegan, tickets: \$15; Sep 24 at 9 p.m.-Assembly of Dust with Emmitt Nershi. tickets: \$16.50: Sep 29 at 7 Ь p.m.—State Radio, tickets: \$20; Sep 30 at 8 p.m.—Butthole Surfers, tickets: \$25; Oct 6 at 8 p.m.-Blues Traveler, tick-C 7 ets: \$25: Oct 7 at 8 p.m.—Bob Mould. tickets: \$20: Oct 8 at 9 p.m.—Manic Street Preachers, tickets: \$20; Oct 9 at 7:30 0 p.m.—Billy Talent, tickets: \$15: Oct 10 at 9 p.m.—The Everyday Visuals. tickets: \$14: Oct 11 at 8 p.m.-Gossip. tickets: \$20; Oct 14 at 7:30 p.m.-Kate Voegele, tickets: \$18; Oct 15 at 9 p.m.-Daniel Johnston, tickets: \$20; Oct Ð 18 at 8 p.m.-Portugal the Man. tickets: \$15. 

**REGATTABAR,** third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. *Sep 22* at 7:30 p.m., *Sep 23* at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Marcia Ball, tickets: \$25; *Sep 24* at 7:30 p.m.—Poi Dog Pondering, tickets: \$16; *Sep 29* at 7:30 p.m.—Benny Reid, tickets: \$15; *Oct 2* at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—The Kevin Harris Project, tickets: \$20; *Oct 8 & 9* at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—The Kurt Rosenwinkel Group, tickets: \$22; *Oct 10* at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Donal Fox, tickets: \$22; *Oct 13* at 7:30 p.m.—Leo Genovese, tickets: \$15; *Oct 15* at 7:30 p.m.—Gretchen Parlato, tickets: \$16; *Oct 16* at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Roomful of Blues, tickets: \$20.

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SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111, Showtimes: Tue-Thu at 8 and 10 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Sun at 7 and 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Combination tickets include dinner and show. Sep 22-Lisa Thorson, \$18, \$56 with dinner; Sep 23—Maggie Scott, tickets: \$25, \$63 with dinner; Sep 24—El Eco, tickets: \$22, \$60 with dinner; Sep 25 & 26—Kurt Elling, \$28, \$73 with dinner; Sep 29—Darryl Harper, tickets: \$20, \$58 with dinner; Sep 30-Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, tickets: \$18, \$56 with dinner; Oct 1-3-Arturo Sandoval. \$35. \$80 with dinner: Oct 7 & 8-Howard Jones, tickets: \$38, \$76 with dinner; Oct 9 & 10-Acoustic Alchemy, tickets: \$28, \$73 with dinner; Oct 13-Syncopation. tickets: \$20. \$58 with dinner: Oct 14-Dave Koz, tickets: \$38, \$76 with dinner; Oct 15-Amanda Carr, \$22, \$60 with dinner; Oct 16 & 17-Earl Klugh, tickets: \$36, \$81 with dinner; Oct 18-Artie Shaw Orchestra, tickets: \$28, \$73 with dinner.

SOMERVILLE THEATER, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-4088. Oct 1 at 8 p.m.—Girlyman, tickets: \$19 & 24; Oct 4 at 8 p.m.—Os Mutantes, tickets: \$27; Oct 9 at 8 p.m.— Mirah, tickets: \$19; Oct 14 at 7:30 p.m.—Stephen Kellogg & The Sixers, tickets: \$25; Oct 15 at 8 p.m.—Mason Jennings, tickets: \$24; Oct 17 at 8 p.m.—Punch Brothers, tickets: \$24;

**TD GARDEN**, 100 Legends Way (Causeway Street), 617-624-1000. The former FleetCenter not only hosts Celtics and Bruins home games, but is the premier indoor concert arena for the city of Boston. **Oct 2** at 8 p.m.—Pink with The Ting Tings, *tickets: \$39.50 & 49.50;* **Oct 5** at 7:30 p.m.—KISS with Buckcherry, *tickets: \$25–127.50.* 

**TOP OF THE HUB**, Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775. Enjoy food, drink and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook. Sep 21 & 28, Oct 5 & 12 at 8 p.m.—Marty Ballou Tric; Sep 22-24, 29 & 30, Oct 1 at 8:30 p.m.—Bob Nieske Tric; Sep 25 & 26, Oct 2 & 3 at 9 p.m.—Vocalist Maggie Galloway with the Bob Nieske Tric; Sep 27, Oct 4, 11 & 18 at noon—Lee Childs Group; Sep 27 at 8 p.m.—Marshall Wood Tric; Oct 6-8, 14 & 15 at 8:30 p.m., Oct 9, 10, 13, 16 & 17 at 9 p.m.—Steve Soares Group.

WANG THEATRE, Citi Performing Arts Center, 270 Tremont St., 617-482-9393. *Oct 7 at 8 p.m.*—Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers present an evening of bluegrass and banjo, *tickets:* \$39–75; *Oct 10 at 8 p.m.*—Celtic Thunder, *tickets:* \$45.50–65.50; *Oct 17 at 8 p.m.*—Aretha Franklin, *tickets:* \$39.50–85.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**BOSTON OPEN STUDIOS.** More than 1,200 Boston artists open their studios to the public, providing a look into the art scene in 12 Boston neighborhoods. *Events are free and open to the public.* **Sep 26 & 27** from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.—Jamaica Plain Artists Open Studios, visit www.jpopenstudios.com or call 617-272-5354; **Oct 3 & 4** from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.—Roxbury Open Studios, visit www.roxburyopenstudios.org or call 617-541-3900; **Oct 10 & 11** from noon–6 p.m.—East Boston Open Studios, visit www.eastbostonartistsgroup.org; **Oct 16** from 4–7 p.m., **Oct 17 & 18** from noon–6 p.m.—Fort Point Arts Community Open Studios, visit www.fortpointarts.org or call 617-423-4299.

**GREAT GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH**, Kresge Oval, 48 Massachusetts Ave., MIT, Cambridge, 617-253-5309. *Preview: Oct 2 from 5–8 p.m.; sale: Oct 3 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.* Each year, the artists of the MIT Glass Lab create more than 1,000 handblown glass pumpkins of all shapes and colors, which are then sold to the general public. Don't miss your chance to marvel at these creative and gorgeous gourds.

HARPOON OCTOBERFEST, Harpoon Brewery, 306 Northern Ave., 617-574-9551, Ext. 3. *Oct 2 from 5:30–11 p.m., Oct 3 from 2–9 p.m. Cover: \$20.* The popular Boston brewery hosts its 20th annual Octoberfest celebration, featuring a wide selection of Harpoon's seasonal beers, German food, chicken dancing, keg bowling and three stages of music, including German oompah bands.

#### HARVARD SQUARE OKTOBERFEST, Harvard Square,

Cambridge, 617-524-3354. **Oct 11** from noon-6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Celebrate the arrival of fall at Harvard Square's 30th annual Oktoberfest event. The day of festivities includes a raucous Honk Parade from Davis Square to Harvard Square; six stages of live musical entertainment; a family festival; an outdoor Beer Garden; and hundreds of booths featuring artisans, crafters and an assortment of international cuisine.

HUB ON WHEELS, on and around City Hall Plaza, www.huborwheels.kintera.org. Sep 26 & 27. Boston hosts the largest weekend cycling celebration on the East Coast, as more than 100 professional male and female cyclists take part in the TD Bank Mayor's Cup—Boston's first pro cycling race in decades, expected to draw more than 20,000 spectators—on *Sep 26*. The next day, local cyclists can get in on the action, participating in Boston's fifth annual Hub on Wheels citywide bike ride. The special weekend also features a two-day lifestyle festival and free Saturday night concert at City Hall Plaza.

**OPENING OUR DOORS DAY,** Fenway Cultural District, 617-437-7544. *Oct 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.* During the Columbus Day holiday, receive *free admission* to area museums—from the Museum of Fine Arts to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—and enjoy *free* performances by BalletRox, Wheelock Family Theatre, students from the New England Conservatory and Berklee College of Music and more.

PHANTOM GOURMET FOOD FESTIVAL, Lansdowne Street (near Fenway Park). Sep 26 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets: \$40 in advance (purchase at www.phantomgourmet.com); \$50 at event. Ages 21+. Hosted by the popular local restaurant review TV show, the Phantom Gourmet Festival unites some of Boston's tastiest restaurants in a day-long event showing off their signature dishes. Sample barbecue, hot dogs, whoopie pies, ice cream, oysters, pizza, candies and more from spots like Fuddruckers, Black Cow, The Upper Crust, Jasper White's Summer Shack, Kowloon, Sunset Grill, Firefly's and many more. Plus, guests can sign up for private parties at clubs along Lansdowme Street such as House of Blues, The Lansdowne, Game On, Bleacher Bar and others.

**RINGLING BROTHERS BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS,** TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-931-2000. *Performances: Oct 14–16 at* 7 p.m., *Oct 17 at* 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., and *Oct 18 at* 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15–130. "The Greatest Show on Earth" returns to Boston with the aptly titled show, *Over the Top*, which unites Ringling Bros. favorites like motorcycle stunt drivers, high-flying aerialists, Chinese acrobats and all sorts of amazing animals.

#### **SPORTS**

BOSTON BRUINS	NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way	<i>ı</i> , 617-624-1000.
<b>Oct 1</b> at 7 p.m.	vs.Washington Capitals
<b>Oct 3</b> at 7 p.m.	vs. Carolina Hurricanes
<b>Oct 8</b> at 7 p.m.	vs. Anaheim Mighty Ducks
<b>Oct 10</b> at 7 p.m.	vs. New York Islanders
<b>Oct 12</b> at 1 p.m.	vs. Colorado Avalanche

#### BOSTON CELTICS NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

TD Garden, 100 Legends	Way, 617-523-3030.
<b>Oct 9</b> at 7:30 p.m.	vs. New York Knicks (pre-season)
Oct 11 at 1 p.m.	vs. New Jersey Nets (pre-season)

BOSTON RED SOX	MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 61	7-482-4S0X.
Sep 28–30 at 7:10 p.m.	vs. Toronto Blue Jays
Oct 1–3 at 7:10 p.m.	vs. Cleveland Indians
Oct 4 at 1:35 p.m.	vs. Cleveland Indians

HEAD OF THE CHARLES REGATTA, Charles River, from the Boston University Boathouse to Herter Park on Soldiers Field Road, 617-868-6200, www.hocr.org. **Oct 17 & 18**. Free and open to the public. The largest rowing competition in the world takes over the Charles River. College crew teams and private shells compete with more than 6,000 other competitors from around the globe. Food stands, university tents and more than 250,000 onlookers line the banks of the Charles.





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800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS. Sep 26 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Seattle Sounders FC Z Oct 10 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Columbus Crew E I Oct 17 at 6 p.m. vs. Chicago Fire

2 WWE PRESENTS A DECADE OF SMACKDOWN, TD Garden, 100 2 Legends Way, 617-931-2000. Sep 29 at 6:45 p.m. Tickets: \$22.50-72.50. Some of professional wrestling's biggest names Ь from the last 10 years convene in Boston for a no-holds-barred C "Smackdown" for the ages. WWE fans won't want to miss it as "The Game," Triple H, Chris Jericho, John Cena and many more 0 throw down at the TD Garden. 

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E BLUE MAN GROUP. Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. Ongoing. Performances: Mon-Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 5 and 8 p.m., Sun at 4 and 7 p.m. un Tickets: \$48 & 62. This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit features three muted, blue-painted performers who spoof both con-0 temporary art and modern technology through wry commentary and bemusing antics. The show has been updated to include new performance pieces, new music and alterations to the sound and lighting design.

THE DONKEY SHOW, American Repertory Theatre, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300, Performances: Sep 23 at 8 p.m., Thu-Sat at 8 p.m., Fri & Sat at 10:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25-75. Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirror balls, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustle gueens tells the story of A Midsummer Night's Dream through great '70s anthems like "We are Family," "I Love the Nightlife," "Car Wash," "Ring My Bell" and "Last Dance."

FENCES, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800. Performances through Oct 11: Tue-Thu at 7:30 p.m., Wed at 7 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20-82.50. August Wilson's 1987 Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning play tells the story of Troy Maxson, a former Negro league baseball player who turned away from a world of unfulfilled promises and denied opportunities, and his son Corv. an emerging football star who sees the world through very different eyes.

JERSEY BOYS, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. Performances through Sep 26: Tue-Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$49-200. The 2006 Tony Award-winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons tells the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history by cranking out such hits as "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Oh, What a Night."

KISS ME, KATE, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-437-7172. Performances through Oct 10: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$29-54. Merriment and mirth collide in the story of an



THE SUPERHEROINE MONOLOGUES: Join Supergirl, Wonder Woman and the gang for this touching and funny look at female costumed crimefighters. Refer to listing, page 51.

acting troupe taking a musical version of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew on the road. Cole Porter's delightful score-including favorites "Brush up Your Shakespeare," "Too Darn Hot" and "So in Love"-provide the backdrop for an amusing love triangle between a theatre actress-turned-movie star, her leading man ex-husband and his latest girlfriend.

A LONG AND WINDING ROAD, Huntington Theatre Company, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. Performances beginning Oct 9: Tue-Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 9 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$25-55. Maureen McGovern's moving musical memoir chronicles the moments that define the Baby Boomer generation, from the hope-filled years of the 1960s, through the dark years of Vietnam and the AIDS crisis, to today. McGovern returns to her roots as a folk singer as she performs classic songs from Bob Dylan. Carole King, The Beatles, James Taylor and many more.

THE SAVANNAH DISPUTATION, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. Performances through Oct 17: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$30-50. In this New England premiere of the hit off-Broadway comedy, a Pentecostal missionary sparks a crisis of faith when she drops in on two Catholic spinsters. To fight back, the sisters enlist the help of their unsuspecting parish priest, setting the stage for a theological showdown about what it means to truly believe.

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: \$40. Boston's hilarious whodunnit where the audience takes a stab at catching the killer. Become an armchair sleuth in the longest-running play in U.S. history.

STOMP, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123, Performances Oct 1-18: Tue-Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 9 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35-60. Explosive, provocative, sophisticated, sexy and utterly unique, this rollicking show is fun for everyone. The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments-matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps-to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms.

THE SUPERHEROINE MONOLOGUES. Company One and Phoenix Theatre Artists, Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. Performances through Sep 26: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Playwrights John Kuntz and Rick Park gather the world's most beloved spandex-clad females on the same stage for the return of this ass-whooping evening of theatre. Touching, funny and always campy, this action-packed parody starts in 1940 and travels through the decades.

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?. Publick Theatre Boston, Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600, Performances beginning Oct 1: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$33-37.50. In Edward Albee's penetrating and harrowing exploration of marital strife, aging history professor George and his razor-tongued wife Martha invite young new professor Nick and his mousey wife Honey for late-night cocktails and parlor conversation, drawing them into the older couple's volcanic battle while exposing dark secrets within their own marriage.

#### TICKETS

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JOHANNA BARUCH, *THE NUMINOUS*, 2009 GALLERIA FLORENTIA: The surreal oil paintings of Johanna Baruch are on display at this Newbury Street gallery through October 15. Refer to listing, page 55.

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**BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM,** Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: S12; children (1–15) & seniors \$9; children* (*under 1) free; 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 exhibit: **beginning in Oct**—Tales from the Land of Gullah. *Refer to Kids Corner in Current Events for special events.* 

#### INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 100 Northern Ave.,

617-478-3100. Sat, Sun, Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: \$15; seniors & 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: On the Sandra and Gerald Fineberg Art Wall: Ugo Rondinone; Momentum 14: Rodney McMillan; ICA Collection: In The Making; Damián Ortega: Do It Yourself; **through Oct 18**— Acting Out: New Social Experiments In Video. Special events: **Sep 26** from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.—Play Date: Acrobatic Sculpture and Moving Drawings; **Sep 26** at 8 p.m., **Sep 27** at 2 p.m.—The Classical Theatre of Harlem presents Waiting for Godot, tickets: \$25; Oct 12 at 8 p.m.—New Music Now: OM, tickets: \$16; Oct 16 at 7:30 p.m., Oct 17 at 8 p.m., Oct 18 at 3 p.m.—Modern dance from choreographer Ronald K. Brown and his company, Evidence, tickets: \$40.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. Tue-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$12; seniors \$10; students \$5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are admitted free. Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including the works of Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special exhibit: through Oct 18-Su-Mei Tse: Floating Memories. Special events: Sep 27 at 1:30 p.m.-Sunday Concert Series: Cellist Narek Hakhnazaryan, tickets: \$23; Oct 4 at 1:30 p.m.-Sunday Concert Series: Violinist Arnold Steinhardt. tickets: \$23: Oct 11 at 1:30 p.m.-Sunday Concert Series: Borromeo String Quartet, tickets: \$23; Oct 15 from 5:30-9:30 p.m.-Gardner After Hours: Remix. tickets: \$12.

#### JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960. www.jfklibrary.org. *Daily 9* a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$12; seniors & students \$10; children (13–17) \$9; children (12 and under) free; library forums free. Free on **Sep 26**. This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: Poetry and Power: The Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy; Moon Shot: JFK and Space Exploration; **through Sep 30**—The Making of a President.

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Fi-Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$10, students, seniors & children (6-18) \$5; children (5 and under) free.* The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner's original home. Special exhibit: The Style and Innovation of the American Automobile. Lawn event: Oct 4 at 10 a.m.— Mercedes Day; Oct 11 at 10 a.m.—Transporterfest/VW Day; Oct 18 at 9 a.m.—Swedish Car Day.

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. Free on Sep 26.* 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 stainedglass globe, opened in 1935, which allows visitors to stand in the center, giving them a unique look at how ideas can inspire individuals and change the world. Special exhibits: Hall of Ideas; Sensational Press, Radical Response; The Mapparium: An Inside View; Peace Flag; All in Harmony: Mary Baker Eddy and Music;

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, 617-552-8100. Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission. Gallery tours held every Sun at 12:30 p.m. This museum is lauded for presenting interdisciplinary exhibits that spark new questions and renowned for its European, Asian and American collections. Special exhibit: First Hand: Civil War Drawings from the Becker Collection.

#### THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, African

Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-0022. www.afroammuseum.org. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission; donations welcome*. 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 exhibits: Black Entrepreneurs of the 18th and 19th Centuries; *beainning Oct 17*—Let Your Motto Be Resistance.

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): \$17; seniors & students \$15; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7-17) \$6.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times; children (6 and under) free. Free on Sep 26. The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, as well as the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: Preserving History, Making History: The Museum of Fine Arts. Boston; RSVP: Jim Lambie; Showa Sophistication: Japan in the 1930s: Viva Mexico: Edward Weston and his Contemporaries; Vida y Drama: Modern Mexican Prints; Contemporary Outlook: Seeing Songs; through Oct 18-A New and Native Beauty: The Art and Craft of Greene & Greene; beginning Oct 18- The Secrets of Tomb 10A: Egypt 2000 BC. Special events: Sep 30-Winesdays in Bravo, tickets: \$25: Oct 12-Fall Open House, free museum admission.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. Sat-Thu 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: \$20; seniors \$18; children (3–11) \$17; children (under 3) free. Free on Sep 26. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: \$9; seniors \$8; children (3–11) \$7. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available. Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium, are featured. Special exhibits: Colossal Fossil: Triceratops Cliff, beginning Oct 4—Wild Music: Sounds and Songs of Liffe. Planetarium shows: Journey to the Edge of Space and Time; The Moon: 40 Years from Apollo; What Happened to Pluto?; beginning Oct 16—The Sky Tonight: Ancient Astronomy. Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Onni Theater schedule.

#### THE MUSEUM OF THE NATIONAL CENTER OF AFRO-

AMERICAN ARTISTS, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617-442-8614. *Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m.; by appointment for groups. Admission: \$4; students & seniors \$3*. Housed in the former Oak Bend Mansion, a neo-Gothic structure built in the early 1870s, this museum holds a slide archive and an extensive collection of African artifacts, prints and drawings. It also hosts national and international traveling exhibits. Special exhibit: Aspelta: A Nubian King's Burial Chamber.



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# THE SPORTS MUSEUM, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission on the hour only, 'til 3 p.m. Hours altered during TD Garden events, call ahead. Admission: \$6; seniors & children (6-17) \$4; children (under 6) 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 and New England's Olympic Heroes.

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

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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. Free on **Sep 26**. Among the museum's 17 galleries is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of over 3,000 glass flower models created between 1886 and 1936. Special exhibits: Dodos, Trilobites and Meteorites; Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule; Evolution; The Language of Color.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston'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 exhibit: On the Media Test Wall—David Van Tieghem: Ear to the Ground.

**THE MIT MUSEUM**, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-5927. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7.50; children, seniors & students \$3, children (under 5) free.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Ongoing exhibits: Mind and Hand: The Making of MIT Scientists and Engineers; Holography: The Light Fantastic; Robots and Beyond: Exploring Artificial Intelligence at MIT; Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson; Learning Lab: The Cell; *beginning Sep 26*— Sampling MIT; *through Sep 27*—Felix Candela: Builder, Engineer, Structural Artist. SACKLER MUSEUM, 485 Broadway, 617-495-9400. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Admission: \$9; seniors \$7; students \$6; children (18 and under) free. Designed by James Stirling, Britain's famous post-modernist architect, the Sackler boasts pieces from Harvard's extensive art collection spanning centuries and encompassing one end of the globe to the other. Special exhibits: Re-View, a collection of highlights from the Harvard Art Museum; The Western Tradition: Art Since the Renaissance.

#### **BEYOND BOSTON**

**BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME**, 1000 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Sun-Thu* 10 *a.m.*–4 *p.m.*, *Fi* & Sat *til* 5 *p.m.* Tickets: \$16.99; seniors \$13.99; children (5–15) \$11.99; (4 & under) free. In 1891, James Naismith developed the game of basketball and its original 13 rules in Springfield, Mass. Now Springfield is home to the Hall of Fame, an edifice that pays homage to the greatest to play and coach the game, like Bill Russell, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Hall of Fame also includes interactive basketball fun for visitors and numerous exhibits.

**CONCORD MUSEUM,** 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$10; seniors & students \$8; children (6–17) \$5; family rates available. Ample free parking on Cambridge Turmpike. Relive Concord's history, from Native American habitation and European settlement to the days of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts and Hawthome. Special exhibit: **through Oct 12**—Setting the President's Table: American Presidential China.

DECORDOVA MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE PARK, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. Tue-Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$12; seniors, students & children (6–12) \$8. 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: **beginning Sep 26**—Lalla Essaydi: Les Femmes du Maroc; Jules Aarons: In the Jewish Neighborhoods, 1946–1976; Platform 1: Andrew Mowbray.

#### GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY, 67 Shore Road,

Winchester, 781-729-1158. *Tue–Thu 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–4 p.m. Admission: \$5; seniors \$2. Free to all on Thu. Free on Sep 26.* Named for the Massachusetts-bom photographer for publications like *Life* and *Time*, the Griffin Museum boasts three galleries dedicated to the promotion and appreciation of photographic art. Special exhibits: A Requeem: Tribute to the spiritual place at Auschwitz; Jessica M. Kaufman: Panopticon; Hand to Hand: Photographs by Zeva Oelbaum.

NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, 781-861-6559. Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sun noon-4:30 p.m. Free admission. Devoted to presenting exhibitions on American history and popular culture as a way of preserving our national heritage. Special exhibits: Sowing the Seeds of Liberty: Lexington and the American Revolution; The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts; The Way We Worked: Photographs from the National Archives; For All Time: Clocks and Watches from the National Heritage Museum; **through Oct 18**—Realizing the Vision: Minute Man National Historical Park Turns 50.

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 new wing with a

190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art, a maritime collection dating back to the museum's earliest days and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India; All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists; Yin Yu Tang, the 16-bedroom home of a prosperous Chinese merchant of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), ticketed separately: \$5; Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; ReVisions: Indian Artists Engaging Traditions; Fish, Silk, Tea, Bamboo: Cultivating an Image of China: Trash Menagerie; Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light; through Oct 4-SurfLand: Photographs by Joni Sternbach; beginning Oct 17-Rare Bird of Fashion: The Irreverent Iris Apfel; Valerie Belin: Made Up.

**SALEM WITCH MUSEUM,** 19<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$8; seniors \$7; children (6–14) \$5.50.* Life-size stage settings and historically accurate narration recreate the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials and executions of 1692. Translations available in Japanese, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Special exhibit: Witches: Evolving Perceptions.

#### GALLERIES

ARDEN GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Arden specializes in contemporary oil paintings and sculpture by nationally and internationally renowned artists, whose styles range from super-realism to abstraction. Special exhibits: through Sep 29—Paul Beliveau: Les Recontres; beginning Oct 1—Linda Lowe: Seeing Things.

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: Sol Lewitt: Locations.

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 Oct 4—Works by Mary Sherman and Ellen Wetmore; beginning Oct 7—Works by Leslie Wilcox and Nancy Selvage.

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 Sep 26—Gallery Artists and Guests: Plus One; Karen Davis: The McCann Family; beginning Sep 30—Gail Martin: The Liberation of Supervoman; Kathy A. Halamka: A Thousand Little Wishes.

CHASE GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-859-7222. *Mon–Sat* 10:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Since 1990, Chase Gallery has been one of the city's top galleries for the exhibition of contemporary artists, both representational and abstract. Special exhibits: *through Sep* 27—A New Perspective; *beginning Oct* 1—Mountains and Oceans: New Paintings by Bernd Haussmann.

**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 United States represents more than 500 living artists and hosts between 15–20 exhibitions each year by contemporary and abstract painters, photographers, sculptors and printmakers. Special exhibits: Judith Solomon: In Perspective; Co/So Artists A to Z; Stuart Dunkel: Stu'z Zoo.

**GALLERIA FLORENTIA**, 79 Newbury St., 617-585-9200. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m. or by appointment*. Galleria Florentia is a gallery and boutique featuring European fine arts including bronze sculptures, Capodimonte porcelain, Persian miniature paintings and Lombardy inlay furnishings epitomizing Old World elegance. Special exhibit: *through Oct 15*—Paintings by Johanna Baruch.

**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.* This acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters.

JUDI ROTENBERG GALLERY, 130 Newbury St., 617-437-1518. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The Judi Rotenberg Gallery is one of the longest-standing independent galleries in Boston and is committed to both established and emerging talent in all media. Special exhibits: *through Oct 10*—Carol Gove: Lineage; Paper Trail v. 6: Patte Loper; *beginning Oct 15*— Works by Rebecca Chamberlain.

LANOUE FINE ART, 160 Newbury St., 617-262-4400. *Mon–Sat* 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m. Featuring contemporary representational and abstract art, Lanoue is committed to exploring diverse media and concepts. Special exhibits: *through Sep*– John Folsom; *beginning Oct*–Autumn Group Show.

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY, 218 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, as well as an outdoor sculpture garden.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835. *Wed & Sun 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 2,200 square foot Mills Gallery each year. Special exhibit: Drawings that Work: Juried by Andrew Raftery.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-975-0600. *Tue, Wed & Fri 10* a.m.-6 p.m., *Thu' til 8 p.m., Sat & Sun noon-5 p.m.* Admission: \$3; students & seniors \$2; children (under 18) free. PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: through Oct 18—Live Auction Preview Exhibition.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat* 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., *Sun* 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. Special exhibit: *beginning Sep* 12—Brother Thomas: Tenomoku Masterworks.

**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: POP Craft. g

#### AROUND THE HUB SHOPPING



SHREVE, CRUMP & LOW: The famed jewelry retailer, a Boston fixture since 1796, offers Boston Duck Tours jewelry and accessories in Sterling silver—including the above key chain—at its Back Bay store on Boylston Street. Refer to listing, page 57.

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ARTMOSPHERE GALLERY, 28½ Prince St., 617-720-4278. artmosphereinternational.com. *Call for hours of operation*. This gallery features beautiful, innovative works from noted Bostonian photographers and painters. Framing services are also offered.

GALLERIA FLORENTIA, 79 Newbury St., 617-585-9200. *Tue–Sat* 11 a.m.–6 p.m., or by appointment. This premier source for original, museum-quality art displays exclusive furnishings from Milan, masterful Murano glass, bronze and stone sculptures, exquisite paintings, chess sets, hand-tooled Tuscan leather and Capodimonte porcelain.

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#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.* The oldest nonprofit 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**

THE HARVARD COOP, 1400 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-499-2000, www.thecoop.com. Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-10 p.m.,

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

J. AUGUST CO., 1320 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-6650. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* Conveniently located opposite Harvard Yard's Holyoke Gate, J. August offers the complete selection of officially licensed Harvard University apparel and other souvenirs, and has been in continuous operation since 1891.

**SOODEE**, 293 Newbury St., 617-236-7888; 170 Newbury St., 617-266-7888. *Mon–Wed 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* These boutiques offer fun pieces of clothing that transport the buyer to a different age and place, with items that are modern, trendy and high fashion alongside others that are timeless and classic. Whether you need a party dress at the last minute, a designer bag at an affordable price or fashionable accessories to impress your friends, you will find it all at Soodee. Show *Panoram* ad (*page 59*) and get 10% off.

#### **COSMETICS**

**THE BEAUTY MARK,** 33 Charles St., 617-720-1555. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* This posh cosmetics boutique on Beacon Hill offers mini spa services, including Boston's best manicures and pedicures, exclusive beauty products and fragrances.

#### **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.

**MACY'S**, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3195. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m.*, *Sun 11 a.m.–9 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.

#### **GIFTS & SOUVENIRS**

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

#### JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MALLS/SHOPPING CENTERS**

**CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA**, 100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge, 617-621-8666. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This three-level mall features department stores such as Sears and Best Buy, as well as more than 100 other stores and specialty shops including the largest Gap in Boston, J. Crew, Old Navy, Borders, Victoria's Secret and more.

**COPLEY PLACE,** Copley Square, 617-369-5000. The magnificent Copley Place features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Gucci and Williams-Sonoma. A variety of restaurants, including Legal Sea Foods, offer shoppers numerous dining options. To receive a free Ultimate Shopping Excursions card, stop by one of the customer service kiosks.

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THE CORNER MALL, corner of Winter and Washington streets. One-stop shopping in Downtown Crossing. You'll find the latest styles at shops like Discovery Imports, Bath & Body Works, Champs, Wet Seal and Aldo Shoes. In addition, the Corner Mall features an international food court to please every palate, including Sakkio Japan and India Entrees.

#### 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 over 75 stores and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor and J. Jill. It is also the launch spot for the city's renowned tourist resource, the Boston Duck Tours.

#### **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.

#### 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 more than 35 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.

#### **SPORTING GOODS**

**BILL RODGERS RUNNING CENTER**, 353 North Market Bldg., Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-723-5612. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 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.

#### **SUNGLASSES**

**SOL OPTICS,** 329 Hanover St., 617-523-3005; seven other locations. *Daily 10 a.m.-9 p.m.* www.x-wear.com. For fashion, sport or recreation, this North End retailer is your sunglass destination. The store carries more than 35 brands and showcases hundreds of styles. Check out the web site to view the complete line of merchandise.

#### WIRELESS PHONES

WARLOX WIRELESS, 800 Boylston St. (Prudential Center), 617-927-7500. *Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 'til 6 p.m.* www.iUhlock.com. This mobile phone headquarters specializes in unlocked GSM phones and carries a wide variety of Bluetooth headsets and hundreds of other wireless accessories.

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**THE CHOCOLATE BAR** Langham Hotel 250 Franklin St. 617-451-1900, Ext. 7125 Saturdays at 11 and 11:30 a.m., 1 and 1:30 p.m.

For 20 years, Boston chocoholics have been exquisitely tempted by the Langham Hotel's Chocolate Bar, an extravagant buffet of chocolate treats offered each Saturday at Café Fleuri. This year, head pastry chef Jed Hackney has taken the Chocolate Bar in a new direction as he unveils Boston's Chocolate Trail, a mouthwatering collection of gourmet creations inspired by our city's neighborhoods. Chocolate connoisseurs can taste the Italian-centric North End in the Zuccotto (a layered pastry cream and sponge cake dish), explore Chinatown with the zesty Five Spice Chocolate Soup and dessert sushi, or swing by Fenway Park to sample homemade crackerjacks and chocolatecovered peanuts. It's an opportunity to experience Boston as you never have before-bite-sized and coated in decadent, delicious chocolate. -Amelia Mason

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Bostonians don't put much stock in the letter "r" ("Paahk the caah"), but we know that when "r" shows up in a month—September, October, etc.—it's prime oyster time. Legal Sea Foods celebrates everyone's favorite mollusk with a series of bivalve-based events this fall. During this "Half-Shell Hedonism," oyster lovers can "Sip, Slurp and Sup" a five-course dinner of oysters paired with wines from the 10,000-bottle wine cellar at Park Square (September 24); enjoy a multi-course oyster and craft beer dinner at the Prudential Center (September 30); or indulge in a traditional New England clambake and raw bar on the tip of the Boston Fish Pier (October 4). Don't miss these chances to satisfy your oyster cravings while they're in peak season. —Amelia Mason

#### PHOOD AND PHUN IN THE PHENWAY

PHANTOM GOURMET FOOD FESTIVAL Lansdowne and Ipswich streets, outside Fenway Park September 26 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

There'll be a whole lot more than peanuts and Cracker Jack to chow

down upon outside Fenway Park on **September 26**—that's when the annual Phantom Gourmet Food Festival turns the streets around the ballyard into the city's biggest buffet. This year's fete features 80 of the top-rated foods seen on the regional TV restaurant review show—everything from pizza and barbecue, to ice cream and whoopee pies, to burgers, fries, seafood and much more. A ticket entitles you to all you can eat, as well as admission to private parties at popular Lansdowne Street bars like Game On!, The Lansdowne, House of Blues and Bleacher Bar. Bring an appetite for good food and good times, and you and the Phantom will hit it off phamously. *Refer to listing, page 49.*—Josh B. Wardrop

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PHOTO BY JONATHAN DAISY **RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE:** Dine in style and luxury indoors or out at this classic eatery located in historic Old City Hall. Refer to listing, page 70.

#### **ALLSTON/BRIGHTON**

Z BIG CITY PIZZA KITCHEN & POOL HALL, 138 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-2020. In this renovated, two-floor bank building, you'll find one-of-a-kind "retro-metro" décor featuring life size murals, as well as 15 champion-size pool tables, 6 foosball tables, 80 beer taps and outrageous 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 over 400 microbrews. Its food entices too, with award-winning steam beer burgers, famous curly fries, buffalo wings and giant nachos. L, D, C, LS, SB. \$

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AZURE, The Lenox Hotel, 61 Exeter St., 617-933-4800. Azure's menu and concept are designed

to be as clear and understated as the color palette itself. Nationally recognized executive chef Robert Fathman, known for his innovation and playful risk-taking in the kitchen, creates contemporary American cuisine with a sophisticated edge and an emphasis on fresh seafood. B. D. \$\$\$

BANGKOK BLUE, 651 Boylston St., next to the famous Old South Church near Copley Square, 617-266-1010. The experienced

chefs at Bangkok Blue prepare authentic Thai food, with each dish individually suited to your taste, from mild to spicy, using fresh, quality ingredients. Low carb programs can be requested. Complement your food with a Thai beer or a glass of wine. Seasonal outdoor seating is available. L Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat & Sun noon-3 p.m.; D daily 5-10 p.m. \$\$

CAPITAL GRILLE, 359 Newbury St., 617-262-8900. Everything you expect in a steakhouse can be found right here at this upscale Newbury Street favorite, from the extraordinary dryaged porterhouse to the homemade cheesecake. A perfect spot for power lunches or special occasions. D. C. LS. \$\$\$\$

CLIO, The Eliot Hotel, 370-A Commonwealth Ave., 617-536-7200. James Beard Award-winning chef Ken Oringer serves up French-American fare with some striking Asian influences in a sleek, sophisticated atmosphere that's styled after a Parisian supper club. Bacon-wrapped foie gras, caramelized swordfish au poivre and ginger-glazed oxtail keep customers coming back for more, D. \$\$\$\$

COTTONWOOD CAFE, 222 Berkeley St., 617-247-2225. Specialties include open-grill steaks, poultry, pasta and vegetarian dishes. Voted "Boston's Best Southwestern Restaurant" and "Boston's Best Margarita," Reservations recommended. Two hours free validated parking. L Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; D Sun-Thu 'til 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. C, LS, VP. www.cottonwoodboston.com. \$\$

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE, 75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810. Enjoy fine steaks, pasta and seafood, or lighter fare in the spacious bar, L Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: D Sun-Tue 5-10 p.m., Wed-Sat 'til 11 p.m. C. VP. www.davios.com. \$\$\$. SEE LOCATOR #2 ON CENTER MAP.

GRILL 23 & BAR. 161 Berkelev St., 617-542-2255. This topnotch, classy eatery offers prime dry-aged beef, imaginative fish and seafood, and an impressive wine list, as well as a clubby vet congenial atmosphere. Lauded for its impressive bar and as a spot for people watching. Inducted into Boston magazine's Hall of Fame for Best Steakhouse. Reservations strongly suggested. D. \$\$\$\$

JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK, 50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500. Top-notch fare such as pan-roasted lobster, awardwinning fried chicken and an impressive raw bar in a casual setting. Boston: Sun-Wed 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til 11 p.m., raw bar Thu-Sat 'til 1 a.m. Cambridge: Mon-Thu 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 3-9 p.m. \$\$\$. SEE LOCATOR #6 ON CENTER MAP.

L'ESPALIER, Mandarin Oriental Boston, 774 Boylston St., 617-262-3023. Situated in the new. luxurious Mandarin

KEY	AVERAGE PRICE OF
BBreakfast	DINNER ENTREES
LLunch	\$ Most less than \$12
DDinner	<b>\$\$</b> \$12–18
BRBrunch	<b>\$\$\$</b> \$19–25
SBSunday Brunch	\$\$\$\$Most more than \$25
CCocktails	Many restaurants offer a wide
LS Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)	range of entrees and prices;
VPValet Parking	therefore, the classifications are
NCCredit Cards Not Accepted	only approximations.
*Entertainment	Refer to Cuisine index, page 78.

Oriental Hotel, this sophisticated French classic helmed by top chef Frank McClelland is a favorite of both power brokers and couples out for a romantic evening. Widely acknowledged by critics and diners alike as one of the finest French restaurants in the nation, and the crème de la crème of acclaimed Boston eateries. 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. These renowned steakhouses are famous for their prime-aged beef including filet mignon and New York strip steak. They also serve a variety of other non-beef entrees, including jumbo lump crab cakes and double rib lamb chops. Mon-Fri 5:30-11 p.m., Sat & Sun 5-10 p.m. \$\$\$\$

\*THE OAK ROOM, Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., 617-267-5300. This sophisticated spot offers a traditional steakhouse menu of prime steaks and chops and fresh seafood. Replete with stately wood paneling, rich draperies and wall ornaments for a comfortable vet elegant feel. The adjoining Oak Bar offers martinis, raw bar and full Oak Room menu. B, L, D daily. \$\$\$\$

SASSO RESTAURANT. 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400. The newest endeavor from the restaurateurs behind popular North End eatery Lucca. Sasso offers contemporary and upscale regional Italian cuisine. Executive chef Anthony Mazzotta serves delicious dishes complemented by an extensive wine list, as well as a menu of lighter fare for the afterhours crowd and C 'til 2 a.m. Reservations accepted. D

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SNAPPY SUSHI. 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530; 420 Highland Ave., Davis Sg., Somerville, 617-625-0400. If your day of shopping has left you craving sushi, this tiny, subterranean sushi bar specializes in freshly prepared maki rolls and fun specials. Affordably priced, Snappy offers Newbury Street shoppers a fast, cheap dining alternative. L & D. \$

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

STEPHANIE'S ON NEWBURY, 190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990. Lauded by The New York Times, chef/owner Stephanie Sokolove's eatery showcases sophisticated cooking and classic comfort food. Casual elegance at its best with a sidewalk cafe, club-like bar and skylit dining space. Mon-Sat 11:30





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\*THE TAJ BOSTON, 15 Arlington St., 617-536-5700. This 1927 landmark offers award-winning contemporary French cuisine. The historic Dining Room is available for special events only. The Cafe: B, L, D, Sat & SB. The Lounge: L, D, C, LS. The Bar: L, D, C, LS. \$\$

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

TURNER FISHERIES, Westin Hotel Copley Place, Stuart and Dartmouth streets, 617-424-7425. Winner of several regional awards, Turner Fisheries is known for its fresh seafood, as well as the decor designed by Peter Niemitz, which features sevenfoot-high French windows, banquettes, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. Private dining rooms accommodate 10–140 guests. VP available on Dartmouth Street. B, L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$

THE UPPER CRUST, 222 Newbury St., 617-262-0096; 20 Charles St., 617-723-9600; 683 Tremont St., 617-927-0090; 49B Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-497-4111; 286 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-4900; 435 Moody St., Waltham, 781-736-0044; 94 Main St., Watertown, 617-923-6060. Traditional Neapolitan-style pizza (thin crust, chunky sauce) in an urban setting. Come sit with friends in the uniquely designed dining room, enjoy a specialty pizza and watch your favorite team on an HDTV screen. If you're on the go, call ahead for take-out (allow 20–25 minutes) or just pop in for a slice. Delivery is available. \$\$

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

#### **BEACON HILL**

ANTONIO'S, 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310. One of Boston's finest Italian restaurants (across from Mass. General Hospital on historic Beacon Hill). Traditional Italian food with nightly specials and complementing wine list. Specials include homemade fusilli, shrimp margarita and chicken/sausage vinegar peppers and potatoes. 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 a tasty selection of traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection, including their awardwinning Bloody Mary and a variety of draft beers. Live entertainment Thu–Sat nights, and officially licensed Cheers merchandise sold on site. L, D, C, LS. \$ **CLINK**, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 617-224-4004. Serving a menu that artfully marries European culinary tradition with contemporary American innovation, Clink features a dining room with vestiges of original jail cells and an open kitchen, while gold leather seats, butcher block tables and granite accents add to the contemporary style. Clink's lobby bar draws urban dwellers and hotel guests to an energetic and social nightlife scene in the heart of Boston. B 6:30–11 a.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D 5–11 p.m. C. \$\$\$

**NO. 9 PARK,** 9 Park St., 617-742-9991. Nationally acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch serves up French and Italian style dishes in a sophisticated bistro atmosphere atop Beacon Hill. Chef Lynch has a subtle hand in the kitchen, turning out inventive renditions of classic Italian and French fare such as 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, and features a nightly three-course \$22 menu and a "Make Your Own Bloody Mary Bar" for SB. Open daily 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. L, D, SB, C. www.scollaysquare.com. \$\$\$

#### **BROOKLINE/CHESTNUT HILL**

**FUGAKYU**, 1280 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-734-1268. One of the largest Japanese restaurants in the area, this popular

eatery features a floating boat sushi bar and tantalizing specialties like the caterpillar maki (eel and avocado) and the house special (salmon, tuna, clam and octopus), as well as tempting tempura and seafood dishes. L, D, LS. \$\$\$

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Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-577-9100. 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. Open 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. www.classicirish.com. \$

BAMBARA, Hotel Marlowe, 25 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, 617-868-4444. Bambara blends sophistication and comfort, with such menu items as grilled cheese and tomato soup alongside spice cured duck breast with a bonny doon rhone blend. Bambara's cuisine celebrates New England's bounty and its seasonal flavors, which can be enjoyed in concert with its fine wine selection. B, L, D, C. \$\$

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HENRIETTA'S TABLE, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5005. Nothing but locally grown and organic produce is used to create a lively, textured menu of reinterpreted New England classics. Private dining room available. B Mon–Fri 6:30–11 a.m., Sat 7–11 a.m., Sun 7–10:30 a.m.; Sat and SB noon–3 p.m.; L Mon–Fri noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5:30–10 p.m. \$

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

INDIA PAVILION, 17 Central Square, Cambridge, 617-547-7463. One of the best traditional Northern Indian cuisine restaurants in the area, India Pavilion has been a Cambridge staple for more than 25 years. A menu of lamb, chicken and vegetarian specialties is complemented by a selection of fine Indian wines and beer. L buffet daily noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5–11 p.m.\$

PICANTE, 735 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-576-6394. This rustic California-Mexican restaurant offers tasty, authentic dishes for the health-conscious. The menu ranges from delicious, char-grilled chicken and flank steak to vegan and vegetarian combinations. The fat-free salsas have no added sugar and everything is cooked to order. L & D Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 11 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–11 p.m. \$

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

SARAH'S MARKET AND CAFE, 200 Concord Ave., Observatory Hill, Cambridge, 617-876-5999. Half grocery store, half sitdown café, this innovative hidden gem delivers on customer service and satisfying, home-style meals that won't break the bank. B. L & D Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 9 p.m. \$

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

**TUPELO**, 1193 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-868-0004. Located in Cambridge's Inman Square, this popular dinner



destination features down-home, New Orleans-influenced Southern comfort food. Reasonable prices, a cheery waitstaff and simple, excellent cooking make for a deeply satisfying excursion Down South. D. \$\$

UPSTAIRS ON THE SQUARE, 91 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this lush urban oasis features everything from gourmet pizza to Colorado rack of lamb. A charming blend of eccentricity and culinary luxury. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$

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

**ZOE'S**, 1105 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-495-0055. 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–Sat 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 'til 9 p.m. \$

#### **CHARLESTOWN**

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

#### DOWNTOWN

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

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

\*CAFÉ FLEURI, Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. Enjoy what *Boston* magazine calls "the best Sunday brunch in Boston," or sample a la carte Mediterranean and American fare, and French desserts—all within a sunlit garden atrium. B Mon–Fri 6:30–11:30 a.m., Sat 7:30–11 a.m.; L daily 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 6–10 p.m., Sun 4–10 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. \$\$

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

CHART HOUSE, 60 Long Wharf, 617-227-1576. The Chart House boasts an impressive menu of fresh seafood, including specialties like the crab, avocado and mango stack appetizer, shrimp



fresca, macadamia crusted mahi-mahi, slow roasted prime rib and its signature dessert—hot chocolate lava cake. Private parties for 30 or more by reservation only. L, D, C, free VP. \$\$\$

\*ELEPHANT & CASTLE, 161 Devonshire St., 617-350-9977. This British pub and restaurant is famous for its fish and chips, great beer selection and the warmth of its hospitality. Also enjoy trivia Tue at 6:30 p.m., live music Fri at 6:30 p.m., Sat karaoke, murder mystery dinner theater and comedy. Banquet space available. B Mon–Sat 6:30–11 a.m., Sun 7 a.m.–noon; L & D daily 'til 11 p.m.; C 'til 1 a.m. \$\$

FAJITAS & 'RITAS, 25 West St., 617-426-1222. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas features fresh, healthy Tex-Mex and barbecue cuisine. The restaurant stresses generous portions, affordable prices, open casual space and prompt, friendly service. Mon & Tue 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Wed & Thu 'til 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m. C, LS. www.fajitasandritas.com. \$\$. SEE LOCATOR #4 ON CENTER MAP.

IVY RESTAURANT, 49 Temple Place, 617-451-1416. hy Restaurant is a warm neighborhood restaurant featuring Italianinspired small plates priced \$6-18 and a unique flat-priced wine list with more than 30 bottles, all priced at \$26. L Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; D Sun-Wed 5-10:30 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11:30 p.m. C, LS, VP. www.ivyrestaurantgroup.com. \$\$

\*THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT, 2 Center Plaza (Cambridge Street), 617-742-5577. 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. Validated parking after 6 p.m. L, D, C. \$\$

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

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

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. The restaurant's interior combines slate, marble, exotic wood and leather, creating a luxurious atmosphere to accompany a hearty meal. All menu items come in appetizer and entree sizes. 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. No butter is used in preparing the cuisine, with heart-healthy olive oils and aromatic herbs instead flavoring classic Provencal dishes



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OCEANA, Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 296 State St., 617-227-3838. 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. www.marriottlongwharf.com. B, L (Mon-Fri), D, SB. \$\$

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

PARKER'S RESTAURANT. Omni Parker House. 60 School St.. 617-725-1600. Executive chef Gerry Tice celebrates nostalgic cuisine with a contemporary flair. The stately dining room reflects the rich culinary heritage that lives on at the birthplace of Boston cream pie and the Parker House roll. B, L, D. \$\$\$\$

RADIUS, 8 High St., 617-426-1234, James Beard Awardwinning 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 helms the kitchen at this new restaurant that celebrates its spectacular harborfront setting by showcasing the best offerings of the sea. Simple, fresh cuisine, contemporary, nautical-influenced design and a vibrant harbor setting combine for the ultimate waterfront dining experience, B. L. D. \$\$\$

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

YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750. Steps from Quincy Market stands America's oldest restaurant, serving Yankee-style seafood, beef and chicken. Famed for its oyster bar where Daniel Webster dined daily. 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. www.unionoysterhouse.com. \$\$\$

#### **EAST BOSTON/AIRPORT**

HARBORSIDE GRILL, Hyatt Harborside, 101 Harborside Drive, 617-568-6060. The Harborside Grill offers panoramic views of the Boston skyline from every seat in the dining room. During the day, the Grill is a welcoming casual location for a bowl of chowder, and in the evening is transformed into a sophisticated seafood restaurant. Open daily 6 a.m.-10 p.m. B, L, D, SB, C, VP. \$\$\$

#### FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

\*DICK'S LAST RESORT, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, 617-267-8080. Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and

shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn't entertaining enough, there's live music every night with no cover. L, D, C. www.dickslastresort.com. \$\$. SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP.

\*HARD ROCK CAFE, 22-24 Clinton St., 617-424-ROCK (7625). Hard Rock Cafe offers classic American cuisine served up with a healthy dose of rock 'n' roll at its new, larger digs. After you eat, check out the largest collection of authentic rock 'n' roll memorabilia around, stop by the Rock Shop for the coolest gifts and enjoy live music from the hottest bands around. L, D, C, LS. \$

#### MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT.

Faneuil Hall Marketplace, North Market, 617-720-5522; Park Plaza Hotel, 34 Columbus Ave., 617-482-3999. Renowned for fresh seafood and lively atmosphere, M & S also offers steak, chicken and pasta dishes. Daily 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. Bar menu Mon-Fri 3:30-6:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 p.m.-midnight. \$\$\$

NORTH 26. Millennium Bostonian Hotel, 26 North St., 617-557-3640. North 26 offers a fresh take on New England cuisine, combining a commitment to fresh, local meats and seafood with a dedication to simple, hearty regional dishes. Drop by for one of three square meals offered daily or visit the bar for after-dinner cocktails and enjoy the homegrown elegance of North 26. B, L, D, C. \$\$\$

WAGAMAMA, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, 617-742-9242: The Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-778-2344; 57 JFK St., Cambridge, 617-499-0930. This interna-

#### tional chain, modeled on the classic Japanese ramen noodle bar, has three locations in the Boston area. Offering affordable prices, speedy service and authentic food, Wagamama is a hip rendition of an old favorite, perfect for the modern globe-trotting food enthusiast. L, D. \$\$

#### **FENWAY/KENMORE SOUARE**

BOSTON BEER WORKS, 61 Brookline Ave., 617-536-2337; 112 Canal St., 617-896-2337. Located directly across from Fenway Park, Boston's largest restaurant/brewery is always packed before and after Sox games, boasting 15 microbrews on tap and an extensive menu of bold American food, including BBQ baby back ribs, classic sandwiches, buckets of fries and a full burger menu. And Celtics and Bruins fans are covered as well at BBW's second Boston location, just steps from TD Garden. Daily 11:30-1 a.m. \$

BRAVO, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-369-3474. Chef Jacqueline Kelly brings her creative touch to an eclectic and contemporary menu. The eatery's bold decor, created by famed restaurant designer Peter Niemitz, meshes with a rotating selection of the MFA's modern masterpieces. L daily 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; D Wed-Fri 5:30-8:30 p.m.; SB 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. \$\$\$

EASTERN STANDARD, Hotel Commonwealth, 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100. This brasserie in the heart of Kenmore Square resembles an old hotel dining room with its decor, but the restaurant attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. Its menu

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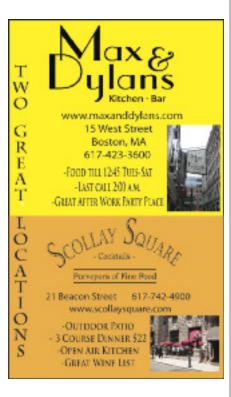
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THE GARDNER CAFÉ, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1088. Chef Peter Crowley offers casual-yet-elegant, French-infused fare with an artistic twist. The seasonal menu changes every few weeks, often inspired by current events at the museum as well as Mrs. Gardner's own recipe books. Warmer weather allows seating amongst the lush vegetation of the museum's Monks Garden. L, SB. \$\$

\*HOUSE OF BLUES, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-960-8358. The popular national chain known for live music and good times also offers delicious cuisine with a Southern influence. Enjoy a full menu of appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas and entrees like the baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes, cajun meatloaf and mushroom gravy and the spicy creole seafood jambalaya in a distinctly rock 'n' roll setting, as well as its famous Gospel SB. L, D, C. \$\$

\*THE LANSDOWNE, 9 Lansdowne St., 617-247-1222. As part of the Fenway nightspot renovation, the newly opened Lansdowne lends an air of sophistication to the area with a spacious bar, swanky wood interior and a comprehensive beer list featuring hard-to-find European imports. The lunch and dinner menu, meanwhile, serves up traditional Irish pub food favorites—from sheperd's pie to a full Irish breakfast all day long. L, D, C, LS. \$\$

TERIYAKI HOUSE, 110 Boylston St., 617-236-1008; 32 West Broadway, South Boston, 617-269-2000. This casual dining establishment near Berklee College of Music—convenient to both the Back Bay and Fernway areas and featuring outdoor seating—specializes in teriyaki and sushi dishes, as well as bubble teas. Visit their South Boston location across from Broadway Station on the MBTA's Red Line. Free delivery available. Boylston Street: Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 2 a.m.; South Boston: daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m. www.teriyakihouse.info. \$

#### **NORTH END**

ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733. 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 and baked in parchment. 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. \$\$

ASSAGGI0, 25–29 Prince St., 617-227-7380. 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, pizza, Italian sandwiches, homernade 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. \$

CAFFE VITTORIA, 296 Hanover St., 617-227-7606. This popular European-style cafe in the North End offers a variety of desserts, cappuccino and espresso. Sun–Thu 8 a.m.–midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 12:30 a.m. NC. \$ **FLORENTINE CAFE**, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents for decades, this historic cafe is one of Boston's culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with tomatoes and seared veal with grilled shrimp in a sherry cream sauce are just two of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon–1 a.m. L, D, C. \$\$\$. SEE LOCATOR #5 ON CENTER MAP.

G'VANNI'S RISTORANTE, 2 Prince St., 617-523-0107. A boutique-style restaurant with eclectic decor located on the Freedom Trail where diners can enjoy fresh pasta dishes or great seafood. Be sure to sample the Veal & Vintage menu, famous for its "Veally Good Deal" of two dinners and a bottle of wine for \$29.99. L & D. www.gvannis.com. \$\$

LUCCA RESTAURANT & BAR, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200. This North End eatery is still racking up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D nightly 5 p.m.–12:15 a.m. C, Valet Parking. \$\$\$. SEE LOCATOR #7 ON CENTER MAP.

MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959. Owner/chef Massimino was formerly head chef of Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel. His eatery's specialties include veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, amongst numerous other delights. L, D, LS, C. Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri–Sun 'til 11 p.m. \$

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

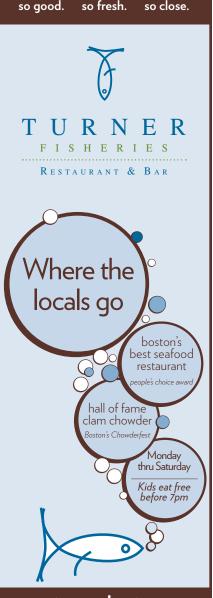
RISTORANTE SARACENO, 286 Hanover St., 617-227-5888. Neapolitan cuisine served in an intimate atmosphere complete with charming, beautifully decorated exposed brick walls. Reservations recommended. L noon–3 p.m.; D 3–10:30 p.m. VP, C. \$\$

SENSING, Fairmont Battery Wharf, 3 Battery Wharf, 617-994-9001. Although just recently opened, Sensing—the first U.S. restaurant by acclaimed French Chef Guy Martin—is garnering abundant amounts of praise. Try the signature "Tasting Plate"—appetizer-sized portions of the unique and delicious dinner options. L, D, Sat and SB. \$\$\$

STANZA DEI SIGARI, 292 Hanover St., 617-227-0295. This classic cigar parlor in the North End serves fine food, cigars and liqueurs. Open daily 5 p.m.–1 a.m. \$

**TERRAMIA RISTORANTE,** 98 Salem St., 617-523-3112. Since opening in 1993, Terramia has aimed to convince North End diners that there was always more to Italian food than red sauce. Specializing in creative interpretations of Italian classics, Terramia offers seasonally based dishes and an extensive wine list in a cozy, rustic atmosphere. D Sun-Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10:30 p.m. \$\$

TRESCA, 233 Hanover St., 617-742-8240. Tresca brings the romantic feel of a Tuscan villa to the North End. Diners can enjoy mouthwatering entrees like boneless breast of duck, veal rib chop and numerous delectable pastas and the cozy bar boasts an extensive list of hard-to-find Italian wines to accentuate any meal. Sun–Wed 5:30–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11 p.m. VP. \$\$\$



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

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

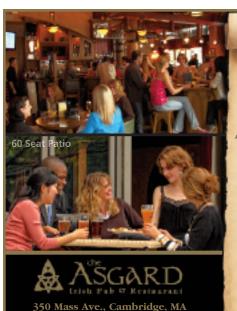
LTK BAR AND KITCHEN, 225 Northern Ave., 617-330-7430. LTK (Legal Test Kitchen) is just that—a test kitchen that ventures into uncharted waters and pushes the boundaries of innovation in both its bar and restaurant menus. With inspired seasonal cocktails, an award-winning wine list and multicultural, non-coursed dining options, LTK offers a cutting-edge yet comfortable environment. L, D, LS, C. \$\$\$ SAUCIETY, Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, 425 Summer St., 617-532-4670. As its name implies, this modern American grill is all about the sauce. Sauciety's dinner menu is weighted toward grilled, seared and pan-roasted meat dishes, served with a diverse choice of sauces—from parmesan foam to whiskey-spiked ketchup to amber ale caramelized onion and beyond. B, L, D, C. \$\$\$

**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**

**B&G OYSTERS,** 550 Tremont St., 617-423-0550. This sophisticated South End raw bar from James Beard Awardwinning chef Barbara Lynch (No. 9 Park) and partner Garrett Harker features bivalves from Wellfleet to the West Coast, as well as signature dishes like the lobster BLT and the Maine lobster roll. L, D, LS, VP. \$\$

BANQ, 1375 Washington St., 617-451-0077. This South End restaurant led by chef Ranveer Brar has garnered national attention for its culinary excellence, fusing classic French and Southeast Asian cuisine in a sleek and unique dining room housed in a former bank building. D Tue & Wed 5:30–10 p.m., Thu–Sun 'til 11p.m. \$\$\$



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LAUREL GRILL & BAR, 142 Berkeley St., 617-424-6711. This contemporary American restaurant specializing in a variety of fresh fish, steak, pasta and vegetarian selections is a relaxing place to enjoy a meal and still feel the buzz of the South End dining experience. L Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; D Mon-Sat 5:30-10 p.m., Sun 5-9 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. www.laurelgrillandbar.com. \$\$

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

MYERS + CHANG, 1145 Washington Street, 617-542-5200. Myers + Chang upends the American conception of Asian food. Inspired by traditional Taiwanese cuisine and Asian street food, chefs Joanne Chang (of Flour Bakery fame) and Matthew Barros offer their personal, often playful, and always novel takes on the classic dishes and flavors of Southeast Asia. A funky, laid-back atmosphere makes the food as fun to eat as it evidently was to create. L, D, C. \$\$

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

#### THEATRE DISTRICT

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**CITYPLACE,** On Stuart Street between Tremont and S. Charles streets in the State Transportation Building (*see center map, H9*). A host of restaurants and fast casual choices from P.F. Chang's to Starbucks, from burgers and specialty pizzas to handcrafted beers, ice cream and more. It's all at CityPlace, a Theatre District destination for a quick bite, a sitdown lunch or a lingering dinner on one of its restaurants' seasonal patios. B, L, D, C. \$-\$\$\$

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\*JACOB WIRTH, 37 Stuart St., 617-338-8586. Opened in 1868, Jacob Wirth is the city's second-oldest restaurant, serving traditional German fare, including wiener schnitzel, sauerbraten and a great selection of German beers. This Theatre District mainstay still resembles an old-time saloon, complete with ancient mahogany bar, weathered floors and weekly piano sing-alongs. L, D, C, LS. \$\$

JER-NE RESTAURANT & BAR. The Ritz-Carlton Boston Common. 12 Avery St., 617-574-7176. This lively hot spot takes center stage in the Theatre District and features signature seasonal surprises as well as "common dishes" for patrons to share. B. L. D. SB. C. LS. \$\$\$\$

LEGAL SEA FOODS, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444: 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-3115: Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; other locations, 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 2009). L & D. www.legalseafoods.com. \$\$\$

THE MELTING POT, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 76 Arlington St., 617-357-7007. The Melting Pot brings a truly unique upscale/casual dining experience to Boston. At this dinneronly restaurant, fondue becomes a memorable and interactive four-course adventure, where patrons can "dip into something different." The eatery also features specialty cocktails and an extensive wine list. Reservations accepted. D Mon-Thu 4-11 p.m., Fri 'til midnight, Sat 3 p.m.-midnight, Sun 'til 10 p.m. C, VP. www.meltingpot.com/boston. \$\$\$

P.F. CHANG'S, 8 Park Plaza, 617-573-0821; Prudential Center, 617-378-9961. Enjoy unforgettable Chinese cuisine, attentive service and delicious desserts all served in a stylish bistro setting. Featuring an award-winning wine list, P.F. Chang's offers an extensive wine-by-the-glass program as well as original cocktails like the Lucky Cat Martini. L, D & LS. Reservations accepted. Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.. Fri & Sat 'til midnight. www.pfchangs.com. \$\$. SEE LOCATOR #8 ON CENTER MAP.

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

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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