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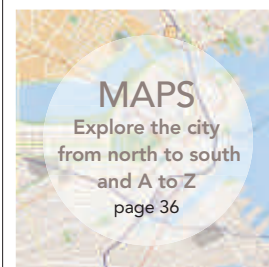
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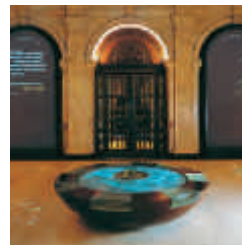
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Essential In Boston

We shot this month's cover at the TD Garden five days after Isaiah Thomas scored a career high 52 points against the Miami Heat. The Celtics point guard and NBA All Star has proven himself a force on the court, despite his 5-foot, 9-inch stature. The affable player took an hour to chat about his passion for basketball and what it's been like living here.

Looking ahead to our April issue, readers can anticipate a relaunch of Where Boston including a new size, new content and fresh appeal. But for now, turn your attention to Mary Baker Eddy Library, where you can get a bit of culture in less than two hours.

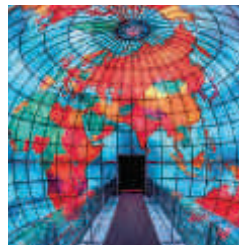
90 MINUTES IN: Mary Baker Eddy Library



Local 19th-century writer, leader, teacher and business-woman Mary Baker Eddy founded the Christian Science religion, The Church of Christ, Scientist, and international newspaper The Christian Science Monitor. Today, her museum and research center offers the public access to her life's work through educational exhibits and displays. Visitors can stop first at the Hall of Ideas, a beautiful room with a cast glass and bronze sculpture by Howard Ben Tré at its center and inspirational quotes flowing out of it and



onto the walls. The Quest Gallery delves into Eddy's life in the 19th century. Computer-based stations, children's games and archival displays featuring photographs and documents shed light on medical, cultural, and religious history in America. The gallery also offers the story behind "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Eddy's main written work and the foundation of her religion. For the final 20 of your 90 minutes at the Mary Baker Eddy Library, visit the incredible Mapparium, tucked inside



the recesses of the building. It is not a room of maps, rather one room that is a three-story, stained glass spherical map of the earth, frozen in time—1936 specifically—the year Chester Lindsay Churchill built it. Newcomers to Boston often don't know it's there, since it can't be seen from outside. Its lighting has been updated with LED fixtures—sounds boring, but really, it's a treat because it allows for brighter and deeper color tones. Visitors can take a guided walkthrough to learn about the world as it was in 1936 and experiment with its quirky acoustics. 200 Massachusetts Ave., 617.450.7000

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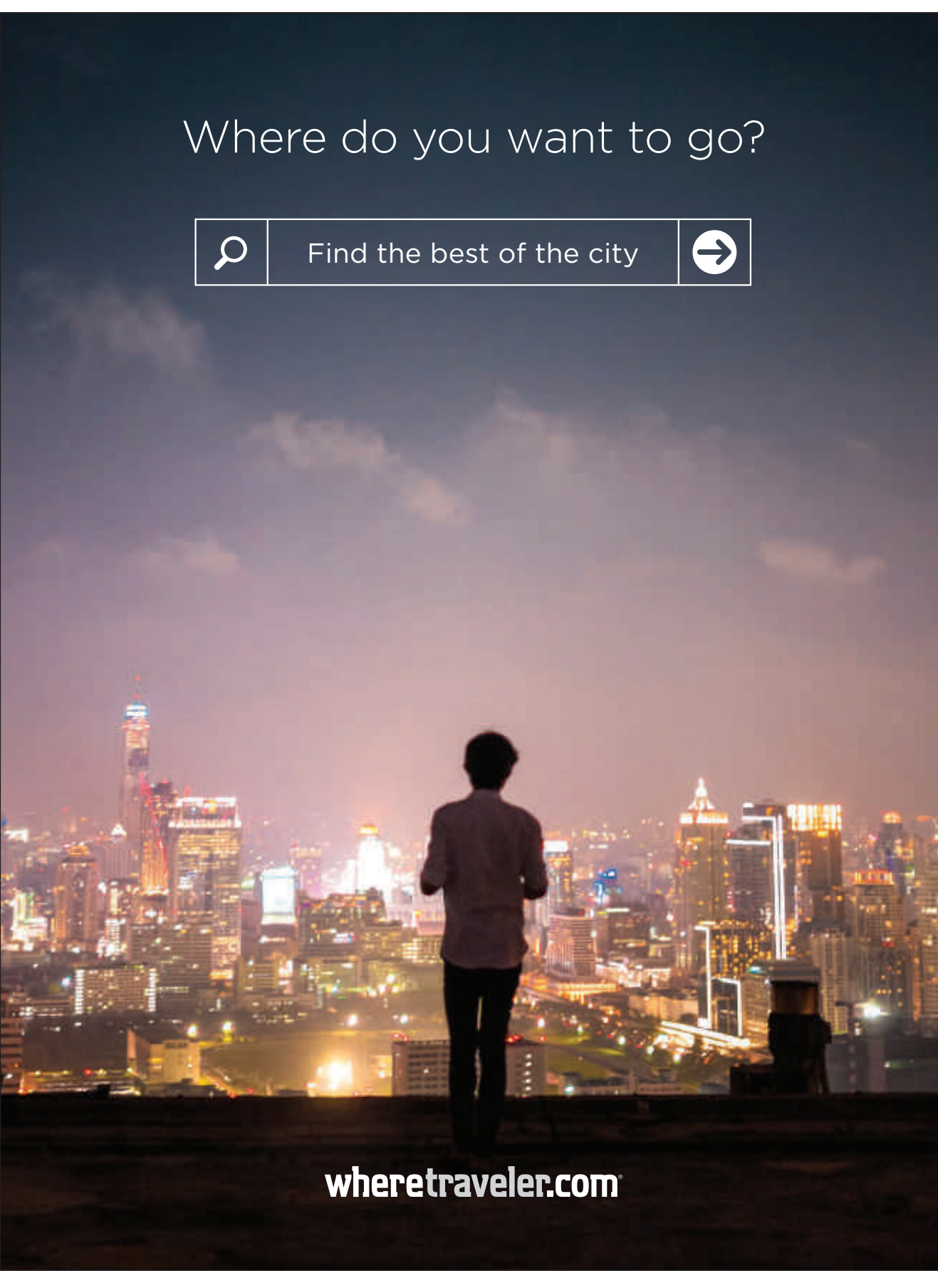
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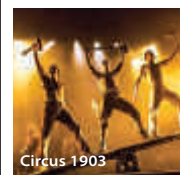
Percussion trio TIGUE headlines *Stave Sessions* on March 24

MARCH 21-25: Stave Sessions

Music buffs lucky enough to be in town during this five-day jam sesh should make plans to attend these evening concerts infused with the innovative, experimental and collaborative stylings of talented, contemporary musicians in the early years of their professional careers. Expect a pop-classical mash-up from yMusic on opening night. Tenor saxophonist Melissa Aldana, Darcy James Argue and his 18-piece big band, percussion trio TIGUE, masters of Moroccan gnawa music Innov Gnawa and Blonde Redhead follow through the week. 160 Massachusetts Ave., 617.747.2261



Colin Hay



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6 Great Things Not to Be Missed

1 HPT 169: CASINO EVIL

> FEB. 4- MARCH 5

Catch the final run of Hasty Pudding Theatricals' 2017 offering, where in it's 1930 in the Nevada desert and a new casino is getting built in a dusty saloon town. \$30-\$40. *Farkas Hall*, 12 Holyoke St., Cambridge, 617.495.5205

2 HARPOON'S ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL > MARCH 3-4

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Let the Golden Age of circus entertain in this revue from the producers of "The Illusionists" and puppeteers from "War Horse." *Wang Theater*, 270 Tremont St., 866.348.9738

5 COLIN HAY > MARCH 17

Far from his Men at Work days, singer-songwriter Hay releases his new solo album "Fierce Mercy" this month and heads out on tour. 8 pm. *Wilbur Theater*, 246 Tremont St., 617.248.9700

6 BOSTON UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL > MARCH 22-26

Going on 19 years, this cinematic collaboration celebrates bizarre and 'insane' film and video. *Brattle Theater*, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617.876.6837

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TOP SPOTS

Boston is a hot spot for early music. Embrace something new (actually, it's quite old) at one of these concerts.

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MARCH 10

BOSTON BAROQUE This Grammy winning petite orchestra and choral ensemble take on Heinrich Biber's complete cycle of *The Mystery Sonatas*. *NEC's Jordan Hall*, 30 Gainsborough St., 617.987.8600

MARCH 17

BLUE HERON Cleveland's Les Délices collaborates with this local vocal group in a pocket version of Guillaume de Machaut's 14th-century narrative poem "Remede de Fortune." *First Church*, 11 Garden St., Cambridge, 617.960.7956

MARCH 25

BOSTON CAMERATA Prayers, songs, sacred texts and chants from the 16th century come to life in historically informed concert "Treasures of Devotion: Spiritual Song in Northern Europe 1500-1540." *Marsh Chapel*, 735 Commonwealth Ave., 617.262.2092

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CITY STYLE

A La Mode

IT'S BEEN A FEW YEARS since we've heard "tweed jackets" and "Boston" mentioned in the same sentence, and to this we respond, "Finally!" It's about time this city moves beyond its reputation for stuffy fashion. Not only have local designers shaped Boston's style scene, they influenced trends across the nation.

BY CHERYL FENTON



» **Bling** Whether it's a rough-hewn cuff or a dainty lariat, jewelry designer **Sophie Hughes Stokes** crafts pieces that demand attention. She skillfully wields an old-school hammer and torch until the rough edges and unique textures fall between rugged and refined, feminine and masculine. Metal bends to her will, and gems are carefully placed.

Stokes' stunning work has been featured in InStyle, Elle, and Harper's Bazaar. But it's also the manner in which she fields her materials that's just as beautiful as the items they create.

As a member of Ethical Metalsmiths, she values social and environmental responsibility. Translation: Stokes takes pride in creating pieces without unnecessary harm to miners or the environment.

She learned her technique at her high school in Maine, and then studied at Mass Art for a BFA in Metalsmithing. Today, her South End atelier Ore is where she does her dirty work.

"I love working with 18k royal yellow gold. It's alloyed to make this really rich, unique color, with cooler undertones than peachy-colored standard yellow, but a bit warmer than green gold," she says. "It moves like butter under my hammer, yet is incredibly durable over time. I imagine it's what Cleopatra's jewelry would have looked like."

For Stokes, sustainable means making jewelry using recycled metals and reclaimed stones whenever possible. "It's little known that 20 tons of Earth have to be moved to mine the gold for a single wedding band," she says. Stokes herself recently got married. "My then-fiancé came to the studio with me, and we forged our bands together." Available: Ore Jewelry, 80 Darmouth St., 617.247.7426



» **Home** Potter **Jill Rosenwald** knows first-hand the beauty of a happy accident.

"Every season we develop new patterns, but we also create them on a whim," she explains of her handcrafted, painted earthenware. When Rosenwald saw a drop of paint from her signature gold rim sliding gracefully off-track, she was inspired. "That dripped stripe made one perfect tear that turned into the amazing pattern called Glam Gold."

Glam Gold is just one of the patterns Rosenwald, whose works have been sold in Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue, creates in her tiny Fort Point studio. Others range from crisp and preppy to organic and tonal, like the new Linus vase collection. Available: Hudson, 12 Union Park St., 617.292.0900



» **Dress** When "athleisure" jumped onto the fashion scene a few years ago, style savvy women said, "yes please." This trend took active wear out of the gym locker and into every day occasions and is now estimated to be worth nearly \$44 billion in the U.S. alone, according to consumer market research firm NPD Group.

One such local designer is **Avra Myers** and her line A Ruby. Alongside her signature pull-on riding pant, crisp white shirt, and moto tank in vegan leather, she launched AV-RA Performance last year. AV-RA features interlock moss, jersey moss, quilted terry and ponte fabrics with UV protection, sweat wicking and bi-way stretch. Not to mention styles are fashion-forward. New for spring is a quilted jersey hoodie vest. Available: A Ruby, Copley Place, 100 Huntington Ave., 617.545.5500

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GAME TIME

Due Respect

Growing up named after one of the greatest NBA players of all-time, one might think Isaiah Thomas' road to glory was pre-destined. His journey from being the last pick in the 2011 NBA draft to one of the league's top players and the face of the Boston Celtics tells a different story. **BY DAVE WEDGE**

Isaiah Thomas is a study in determination, focus and overcoming obstacles.

"I always have motivation. I always play with a chip on my shoulder, just being small," says the 5-foot, 9-inch point guard. "When I was the last pick in the draft, I felt like it was disrespectful. I felt like I outperformed a lot of people drafted ahead of me. I always told myself that all I ever needed was a chance. So whether I was drafted first or last, I'll take advantage of whatever opportunity I get."

Thomas is always the smallest guy on the NBA court, but these days no one underestimates him. He's lit the league on fire this season, torching teams nightly for 25, 30, 35 points, with his sashaying drives, ankle-breaking fakes and deadeye three-point shooting. When he dropped 52 on the Miami Heat in a December win, it was the fourth highest single game scoring performance in franchise history. Only two Celtics have ever scored more: Larry Bird (60, 53) and Kevin McHale (56).

"When I was a little boy, I always dreamed about being in the spotlight and being that guy," he says, sitting at his locker at the TD Garden before practice. "It really hasn't hit me that I've done that. Larry Bird and Kevin McHale, that's legendary stuff right there. [It's what] I've always dreamed of and it's actually happening."

Thomas grew up in a rough section of Tacoma, Washington, called the Hilltop, also home to New England Patriot Lawyer Milloy as well as fellow Celtic guard Avery Bradley.

"Not too many people make it out of there. But I guess it defined me," he says. "Tacoma's a rough, grind-it-out neighborhood and that's the type of player and the type of person that I am."

Thomas, 27, said his parents and his love of basketball were what kept him on the right path and helped him avoid the pull of the dangerous streets.

"I had goals I wanted to reach. I had the right people around me," he says. "I was never a follower. My father always taught

me, 'don't be a follower, be a leader,' so I was never really with the wrong crowd. I wanted to reach the NBA."

In a sense, basketball has always been in his blood. His name was determined after his father, James, a Los Angeles Lakers fan, pledged to name his son after Detroit Pistons Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas if the Lakers didn't win the 1989 championship. Thomas' parents didn't wait for the series, though; they fell in love with the name and dubbed him Isaiah—adding an extra "a" in the Biblical tradition. When Thomas was offered a full scholarship to University of Washington, his parents helped him transfer from Tacoma's Curtis High School to Kent School in Connecticut, a prestigious boarding academy where he could get his grades up.

"It was in the middle of nowhere. I didn't like it when I did it, but it was the best thing for me," he says of Kent. "While it was tough and depressing, [without it] I probably wouldn't be where I am today."

At UW, he won the Pac-10 three times and went to the NCAA tourney three times before he was drafted by the Sacramento Kings. Now in his sixth NBA season, he's an All-Star and is having his best year yet, leading the Celtics in scoring at 29 points per game and quieting critics with Paul Pierce/Larry Bird-like shooting nights. Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James recently sang Thomas' praises, saying, "They got a clear-cut star and that's Isaiah."

These days, Thomas hangs out with NBA stars and celebrities like boxing superstar Floyd Mayweather, but he hasn't forgotten his roots. He goes back to the Hilltop regularly for charity events and giveaways. A father of two young boys—James and Jaiden—he married his wife Kayla, a Tacoma girl, last summer.

And he takes advice from Celtics greats like Bill Russell, Bill Walton and Nate "Tiny" Archibald. "They keep saying, 'Just keep being you. The city, the fans, they're going to fall in love with you because you give it your all every time out.'"



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Isaiah Thomas on ...

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HIS FAVORITE RESTAURANT
My go-to is Strip by Strega or Strega Waterfront. [Owner] Nick [Varano] definitely takes good care of me.

MUST-VISIT SPOTS WITH KIDS
[My kids] love Sky Zone in Hyde Park and nd Legoland [Discovery Center at Assembly Row]. When they're in town, we're always at one of those two places.

HIS FAVORITE PLACE TO SHOP
Barneys New York or Saks Fifth Avenue. I do my own shopping. I don't really go outside of my box. I like to wear black and keep it simple. And I wear a lot of sweats.

HIS FAVORITE SWEATS
Nike

HIS FAVORITE SNEAKERS
For basketball, the new Kobes [from the Kobe Bryant Nike collection]. I also love Jordans. My Jordan 11s [Air Jordan Flight 11 Retro "Space Jam" re-release].

HIS FAVORITE MOVIE
"He Got Game" starring Ray Allen

GOOD MUSIC
My favorite artist is a rapper in Los Angeles named Nipsey Huddle. But you can't go wrong with Jay Z and Drake and those kind of guys. Chance the Rapper. J. Cole—his new album is good. I like Kendrick [Lamar], but he goes too deep for me.

HIS FAVORITE PRO TEAMS
Well, I love the Seattle Seahawks, but my dad brainwashed me into being a [Denver] Broncos fan when I was little. But, I'm falling in love with the Patriots now, being

in Boston. For basketball, I'm a student of the game. No matter what team is playing I like to watch. And for baseball, I like the [Seattle] Mariners, but I'm starting to like the Red Sox.

THE BEST CELTIC EVER
I'll go with Larry Bird. Watching old tapes of Bird, and highlights, and hearing how people always talked about him. He was special. He had that swagger. He knew he was a bad dude.

TOM BRADY
He's arguably the best quarterback ever. He's a great dude. We text all the time. I got to meet him last summer. Usually those type of guys at the top level have some kind of asshole in them. He didn't have that. He was a real genuine guy. He answered every question I asked, and he had questions for me about basketball. He's a good dude.



ON THE TOWN



Old John Hancock building and its spire

Old Faithful

Travelers and locals alike recognize Boston's glass-faced, sky-high John Hancock Tower, now technically named 200 Clarendon. Across the street, its sister building known as the **Old John Hancock** is more diminutive in size but no less legendary. In fact, locals look to it for weather predictions—yep, you read that right. Its spire lights up in various patterns and colors depending on the forecast. If you know the poem, “Steady blue, clear view. Flashing blue, clouds due. Steady red, rain ahead. Flashing red, snow instead,” you know whether or not to carry an umbrella.



The Gardner Museum is a resplendent refuge

RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

Damp and dreary ain't no fun. And yet on days when the weather is far from fair there's lots to do without catching a chill.

BY SARAH BURKE

1 HAVE A LAUGH

Cure your gray mood by busting a gut. Brainy Bostonians know how to joke around. So, when the weather drives you indoors, there's no better opportunity to check out the latest local talent. Entertainers at **Improv Asylum** (216 Hanover St., 617.263.6887) create skits on the spot. If you're looking for seasoned talent, head to **Laugh Boston** (425 Summer St., 617.725.2844), featuring performers each week the likes of Chris Kattan and Bryan Callen.

2 EMBRACE THE MOOD

A rainy day in Boston offers a singularly moody atmosphere. This signature dreary weather has no doubt contributed to the etymological inspiration of some of the regions greatest writers and artists. If you're feeling up to a jaunt with an umbrella, head to **Beacon Hill** to check out the old haunts of some of the city's noted authors:

Sylvia Plath, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry David Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott and Robert Frost.

3 HANG IN A GALLERY

If fine arts are more your style, one of the top collections of visual mastery—not to mention the visual appeal of the building itself—would have to be the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** (25 Evans Way, 617.566.1401) with the style of a Venetian palazzo and a four-story interior courtyard (for a dose of greenery without the precipitation).

4 CATCH A FLICK

When you don't want to stay in, but none of those cliché

blockbuster titles sound appealing, take in a movie at one of the city's alternative theaters. Classic films, art-house titles and foreign cinema are fodder at the **Brattle Theatre** (40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617.876.6837). For true cinephiles, **Harvard Film Archive** (24 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617.495.4700) screens works from every period of film history and offers opportunities to hear from filmmakers directly.

5 PLAY A GAME

Grab a group and get competitive at **Kings Boston** (50 Dalton St., 617.266.2695), which features 16 bowling lanes, Skee-Ball and billiards tables. The sleuths among us can provoke the mind in a puzzle-solving outing to **Escape the Room** (33 West St., 857.256.1174). Themed rooms challenge players to get out in 60 minutes or less.

6 READ A BOOK

A popular Newbury hangout, **Trident Booksellers & Café** (338 Newbury St., 617.267.8688), is part bookstore—with an award-winning magazine section to boot—and part

eatery serving somewhat healthy diner fare and breakfast classics. Those on a budget can head to the **Boston Public Library** (700 Boylston St., 617.536.5400) to peruse the stacks, catch an author talk or view the Sargent Murals.

7 WHET YOUR WHISTLE

Loosen up by tasting your way through Boston's beer culture a la 18 different samples on **Boston Brew Tours** (617.453.8687).



Go bowl!

8 FIND YOUR INNER MUSE

Sip and paint. Sip and paint. **Muse Paintbar** (461 Artisan Way, Somerville), **Paint Corner Art Bar** (31 Belmont St., Cambridge, 781.526.6048) and **The Paint Bar** (248 Newbury St., 617.467.5777) liven up dreary evenings with camaraderie, creativity and a little wine.

9 WORK UP ENDORPHINS

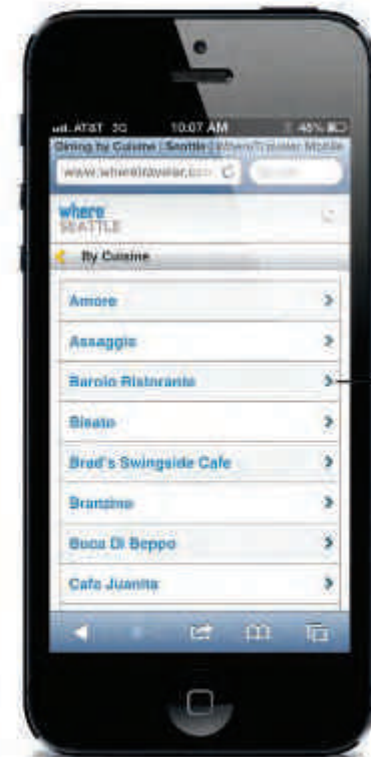
Instead of crawling out of your skin with cabin fever, scale a wall at popular climbing gym **Rock Spot Climbing** (30 Old Colony Ave., 617.269.2084) or work up a good sweat with a hard-core, rockin' spin class at **Recycle Studio** (9 Newbury St. and 18 Union Park St., 617.366.9670).



Whit Stillman at Harvard Film Archive

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A few months back, this hyper global Japanese apparel brand opened a 10,000 square foot Newbury Street location, now offering Back Bay denizens simple, sporty performance. Plus, affordable price tags and ever-changing styles mean you can make Uniqlo a staple stop in every season. 341 Newbury St., 877.486.4756. **Map 5, D4**



Core de Vie

Part fitness center, part boutique, Core de Vie offers patrons the chance to grab their gear and their workout under the same roof, with brands like Crane and Lion that help you look your best in pilates. And for post-workout freshening up, the boutique sells natural skincare line UMI. 40 Charles St., 617.720.0411. **Map 5, G3**



Good

Nestled in Beacon Hill, this shop delights visitors with its exclusive, handcrafted gift items, chic jewelry, accessories and home decor. Whether it's vintage cufflinks you seek or a unique housewarming gift (like a beechwood spoon set or pulled-cotton napkins), Good has it. 133 Charles St., 617.722.9200. **Map 5, G2**

Active Wear/Sporting Goods

EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS—Outdoor enthusiasts rejoice at this local-turned-national sporting goods store that is one of the nation's leading outdoor clothing and equipment retailers. The shop offers backpacks, tents, climbing gear, camping accessories and much more. Open M-F 10 am-9 pm, Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.ems.com 1041 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, 617.254.4250 **Map 1, E2**; One Brattle Square, Cambridge, 617.864.2061. **Map 3, B2**

IBEX—Vermont-based retailer Ibox has its flagship here in Boston. With both men's and women's collections, items are made exclusively of New Zealand merino wool, are water repellent and temperature regulating—so you'll stay perfectly warm whether you're hiking mountains or just strolling around the city. Open M-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.ibex.com 303 Newbury St., 857.277.1932. **Map 5, E4**

MARATHON SPORTS—Recognized for its superior expertise in running, the staff at this runner's paradise can perform a "gait analysis" to find the best-fitting shoes for your feet. Select running and walking sneakers, as well as apparel,

from brands like Mizuno, Brooks, New Balance, Adidas and others. Open M-W and F 10 am-7:30 pm, Th 10 am-8 pm, Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.marathonsports.com 671 Boylston St., 617.267.4774. **Map 5, E4**; 1654 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.354.4161 **Map 3, C1**; 1638 Beacon St., Brookline, 617.735.9373. **Map 1, E2**

NEW BALANCE U.S. GLOBAL FLAGSHIP STORE—At more than 6,500 square feet, this retail design store is more an experience than mere shopping. Heritage displays, a signature made-on-site demo area, giant digital screens, and performance apparel-clad mannequins show what New Balance is all about. Open M-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.newbalance.com 140 Guest St., Brighton 857.316.2130

Apparel: Children

COUCOU—The South End shop is as much a kid at heart as its customers, with a playroom perfect for make believe and lots of activities like toddler yoga on the calendar. But grownups will enjoy the large selection of clothes, toys, books, homewares, craft kits and much more. Open Tu-Sa 10:30 am-6 pm, Su 11 am-5 pm. www.coucou-boston.myshopify.com 24 Union Park St., 617.936.4082.

TADPOLE—This baby boutique has exclusive frocks and products for "little urbanites" that straddle the line between eclectic and mainstream. Find toys, clothing, furniture and other lifestyle items—like Giddy Giddy hair clips and Crispina blankets. Open M-F 10 am-7 pm, Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.shoptadpole.com 58 Clarendon St., 617.778.1788. **Map 5, F5**

THE RED WAGON—This adorable children's shop has an ever changing selection of clothing from designers like Zutano and Lili Gaufrette, as well as Italian, French and American shoes from Primiigi and Aster. Sizes: girls newborn to 6X; boys newborn to 7. Also find imaginative toys and classic books. For "tween-age" girls, check out Pixie Stix upstairs, which features fun apparel in sizes 7-16. Open M-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.theredwagon.com 69 Charles St., 617.523.9402. **Map 5, G3**

Apparel: Men

BALL AND BUCK—This local brand and retailer only sells American-made products for style-conscious men. Offerings are top-quality, fashionable apparel and accessories that don't readily embrace passing trends and do feature a complete Ball and Buck product line, as well as other exclusive brands.

Clean up with a shave at the in-store barbershop Tu-Sa and also check out the local eye wear experience. Open daily 11 am-8 pm. www.ballandbuck.com 144 Newbury St., 617.262.1776. **Map 5, E4**

FRANK & OAK—This Montreal-based creative lifestyle brand for men opened its first U.S. store here in Boston. Smart designs, high quality fabrics and 12 original collections, annually, make for an ongoing freshness of style, and at a price point that won't break the bank. Open M-F 11 am-7 pm, Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.frankand oak.com 220 Newbury St., 617.778.2373.

SAULT NEW ENGLAND—Rustic outdoorsman meets city chic at this men's boutique that offers a mix of small-label designer products and those made locally. Try on a comfy button-down crafted in Fall River by New England Shirt Company, or pick up some skin wash and cream by Vermont's Ursa Major. Open Tu-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 10 am-5 pm. www.saultne.com 577 Tremont St., 857.239.9434. **Map 5, F5**

UNIFORM—Check out the contemporary, cool-but-not-hipster vibe of this South End menswear retailer. It's the kind of place where you can find Gola Quota sneakers, Freitag Dragnet messenger bags, and lifestyle apparel by less pervasive brands like Gant, Relwen and Scotch & Soda. Skin care regimens are not overlooked, with product from The Art of Shaving. Open Tu-W 11 am-7 pm, Th-Sa 11 am-8 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.uniformboston.com 511 Tremont St., 617.247.2360. **Map 5, F5**

Apparel: Women

ASH & ROSE—The planet-conscious mother-daughter team behind this SoWa boutique are all about clothing women in the most ethically sourced and sustainable outfits. The shop offers an array of fair-trade and made-in-the-U.S. products and work with designers who employ at-risk women. Plus, the clothes are of course beautiful with styles full of romance and whimsy. Open M-F 11 am-7 pm, Sa-Su 10 am-5 pm. www.ashandrose.com 460 Harrison Ave., 617.650.5493.

DECEMBER THIEVES—Exclusive and hand-crafted items are the name of the game at Boston-based jewelry designer and artist Lana Barakat's store. Find her own Lazuli line, as well as pieces by other emerging designers, including Peg and Awl bags, apparel from Lurdes Bergada, scarves, body care products and more. Open M-F 11 am-7 pm, Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm (South End closed M-W). www.decemberthieves.com 524 Harrison Ave., 617.375.7879. **Map 5, F5**; 88 Charles St., 617.982.6802.

MARGARET O'LEARY—Based in San Francisco, this clothing company is renowned for its cutting-edge knitwear and California chic aesthetic. Irish-born O'Leary began the business more than two decades ago in her tiny apartment, and it has since evolved from a hand-loomed knit line into a full collection of innovative and casual-chic luxury knitwear. M-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 10 am-6 pm. www.margaretoleary.com 49 Charles St., 617.535.9144.

MAX & RILEY—Susan and Hope Roussilhes call all the shots at their new, family-owned-and-operated women's boutique. Contemporary fashions and accessories by designers including Misha Nonoo, Chan Luu, Rachel Zoe, Jay Godfrey, ZAC Zac Posen, and Myne, among others. Open M-Tu 11 am-6 pm, W-Sa 11 am-7 pm, Su noon-6

pm. www.shopmaxandriley.com 226 Newbury St., 617.236.1431.

PERUVIAN CONNECTION—The vintage-styled Newbury Street store offers signature contemporary womenswear created by designers in-house and then crafted in Peru by native knitters using alpaca fiber, vicuña fiber and Peruvian pima cotton. Open M-W and Sa 10 am-6 pm, Th-F 10 am-7 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.peruvianconnection.com 170 Newbury St., 857.753.4546. **Map 5, E4**

SOFT SURROUNDINGS—This store is a one-stop shop, addressing personal style with apparel, jewelry and shoes, living quarters with gifts and home decor, and beauty regimens with top cosmetic and skin care products from brands like Jane Iredale, Osmotics and Rodial. Open M-F 10 am-9 pm, Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su noon-6 pm. softsurroundings.com 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617.933.0617. **Map 5, E4**

Books/Films/Music

PLANET RECORDS—Twenty-eight years ago, John Damroth opened this new and used record store where you'll find a wide selection of LPs, CDs, DVDs and books. Some of the music selection comes from New England, but the store has it all whether you're looking for classical, country or jazz. Open M-Th 11 am-8 pm, F-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su noon-7 pm. www.planet-records.com 144 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, 617.492.0693. **Map 3, B2**

TRIDENT BOOKSELLERS & CAFE—Since 1984. Hide away for a day in this cozy half-bookstore, half-café with an extensive selection of magazines, unusual and bargain books, and unique specialties including the metaphysical, psychology and philosophy on the shelves here. The café (with tables on two floors) serves "perpetual breakfast," as well as lunch and dinner, including coffee and teas, smoothies, egg dishes, sandwiches, and a notable vegan cashew chili. Open daily 8 am-midnight. www.tridentbookscafe.com 338 Newbury St., 617.267.8688. **Map 5, D4**

Discount/Outlet Stores

ASSEMBLY ROW—This new Somerville shopping destination features the LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH, Converse, Brooks Brothers Factory Store and near-50 premier outlet stores. Delicious dining can be found at Papagayo, Legal on the Mystic and Earl's Kitchen and Bar. Catch a flick at the AMC Assembly Row 12 movie theater with IMAX screen and have fun at other ongoing events. General hours are M-Th 10 am-9 pm, F-Sa 10 am-10 pm, Su 11 am-7 pm. www.assemblyrow.com 340 Canal St., Somerville, 617.440.5565.

T.J. MAXX—Discounts of up to 60-percent apply to brand name and designer apparel found on the rack here—think Max Studio, French Connection and Calvin Klein, to name a few. Open M-Sa 9 am-8:30 pm, Su 11 am-8 pm. www.tjmaxx.com 350 Washington St., 617.695.2424. **Map 5, H4**; 617.225.7983; 617.867.4180.

WRENTHAM VILLAGE PREMIUM OUTLETS—Find discounts of 25 to 65 percent off at this outdoor village-style outlet center 35 miles from Boston. 170 stores include Michael Kors, Salvatore Ferragamo, and Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th. Register online for VIP savings pass. Open M-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su 10 am-6 pm. www.premiumoutlets.com/

wrentham. 1 Premium Outlets Blvd., Wrentham (exit 15 off I-495), 508.384.0600. **Map 1, D2**

Gifts/Crafts

BEAD & FIBER—Part gallery, part craft store, Bead & Fiber offers all types of handmade items from bedazzled scarves to necklaces and earrings. Check out frequently changing, world-inspired craft exhibits, or take a class and learn how to make something exciting of your own. Classes daily. Open Tu and Th-Sa 11 am-6 pm, W 11 am-9 pm, Su 11 am-5 pm. www.beadandfiber.net. 460 Harrison Ave., 617.426.2323. **Map 5, F5**

BLACKSTONE'S OF BEACON HILL—This great little gift store with big Boston spirit has a serious selection of exclusive Hub-themed mementos. Also find distinctive home decor and gift items like Baggallini handbags, Caspari cocktail napkins and hand-painted porcelain by Ann Marie Murray. Books range from cookbooks by local chefs to classics like "Make Way for Ducklings." Open M-W and F-Sa 10 am-6:30 pm, Th 10 am-7 pm, Su 11 am-5 pm. www.blackstonesbeaconhill.com 46 Charles St., 617.227.4646. **Map 5, G3**

CAMBRIDGE ARTISTS COOPERATIVE—Located in the heart of Harvard Square, this artist-owned gallery features two floors of fine American craft work created by 250 professional artists from all over the U.S. Customers can browse jewelry, ceramics, photography, glass, fiber art, metal, wood, paper, sculpture. Open M-W and Sa 10 am-6 pm, Th 10 am-8 pm, F 10 am-7 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.cambridgeartistscoop.com 59A Church St., Cambridge, 617.868.4434. **Map 3, B2**

GIFTED—This South End shop sells the wares of local and U.S.-based artists, with the goal of presenting something made in each of the 50 states. Items range from scented soy Yutjica Candles to Kaya's Closet handmade baby booties to Gifted owner-photographer-potter Marie Corcoran's beaded jewelry. Open M-W 10 am-7 pm, Th-Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. giftedboston.com 2 Dartmouth St., 617.716.9924.

OLIVES & GRACE—This charming, independent shop sells artisan-made perishables and gifts, unique souvenirs and jewelry. A focus is on foodie items, with makers including McCrae's Candies, Lark Fine Foods, Spindler Confections, Evy Tea and Doves & Figs. Frequent weekend tastings and other events. Open M-Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.olivesandgrace.com 623 Tremont St., 617.236.4536. **Map 5, E5**

SHAKE THE TREE—The North End's go-to for stylish contemporary clothing, leather handbags, jewelry crafted by local artisans, gifts, cool home decor and adorable items for babies. The whole place has a "vintage groove" vibe, and often hosts trunk shows and other special events. Open M 11 am-6 pm, Tu-Th 11 am-7 pm, F 11 am-8 pm, Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.shakethetreeboston.com 67 Salem St., 617.742.0484. **Map 5, I3**

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES—This humanitarian and fair-trade retailer aids struggling artisans in developing nations all over the world. Find beautiful jewelry from Mexico and Nepal, vases and frames from Vietnam and Cambodia, stationery from the Philippines, and much more. Product sales help pay for food, education, healthcare and housing for artisans. Open M-Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.tenthousandvillages.com 694 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge,

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617.876.2414. **Map 3, D4;** 226 Harvard St., Brookline, 617.277.7700. **Map 1, E2;** 252 Washington St., 617.372.8743. **Map 5, H3**

Gourmet/Food

BOSTON OLIVE OIL COMPANY—This family owned store seasonally imports and bottles on site more than 60 varieties of the highest quality unfiltered, extra virgin olive oil and finest aged balsamic vinegar. Venture around the vast room to try a few samples or ask for suggestions from the friendly staff. While visiting the store, check out their new exclusive giftline from Tuscany. Open M and W-F 11 am-6 pm, Tu and Su noon-6 pm, Sa 11 am-7 pm. www.bostonoliveoilcompany.com 253 Newbury St., 857.277.0007. **Map 5, E5**

BRICCO PANETTERIA—Hungry for a fresh, crusty loaf made right in Boston? Stop in at this teeny North End bread counter. Selection includes but is not limited to: ciabatta, baguette, boule, batard and raisin loaf. Open daily 8 am-10 pm. www.bricco.com/panetteria 241 Hanover St., Rear, 617.248.9859.

BRICCO'S SALUMERIA & PASTA SHOP—Tucked down an alley near sister restaurant Bricco, this locally owned gourmet grocer features a nice selection of olive oil, balsamic vinegar, imported cheese, fresh baked breads and more. Onsite, a pasta specialist makes a number of varieties of durum wheat semolina pasta and artisan ravioli, by hand, daily. Open daily 10 am-10 pm. www.briccosalumeria.com 11 Board Alley, 617.248.9629. **Map 5, I3**

Leather & Luggage

HELEN'S LEATHER—This family owned Beacon Hill shop is for the wrangler at heart. Cowboy boots from Lucchese, Nocona, Justin, Tony Lama and Frye line an entire wall. An exceptional selection of hats, belts, jackets, bags, western shirts, buckles and leather goods includes makers like Stetson, Scully and Bailey. Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-6 pm. www.helensleather.com 110 Charles St., 617.742.2077. **Map 5, G3**

SERMONETA GLOVES—Born in Rome during the 1960s, this family-owned boutique has spread globally and offers the highest quality, artisan-crafted leather gloves of Italian design. Find styles for men and women made from kid leather, pigskin and suede, sheepskin, satin and cashmere. Open M-W 10 am-6:30 pm, Th-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.sermonetagloves.com 111 Newbury St., 857.284.7788. **Map 5, F4**

Salons/Spas

ALOHA MASSAGE—Since 1997. Relax with customized and specialty massages, from deep tissue and Swedish to traditional Hawaiian Lomi-Lomi. All treatments use natural and organic oils. Available W-F 12:30-6:30 pm, Sa 8 am-1 pm. www.alohamassage.com 45 Newbury St., Suite 333, 978.771.5590. **Map 5, F4**

DRYBAR—Need a wash, dry and style? Look no further because that's exactly what this cut-and-color-free salon offers for \$40 a head. Open M-W 7 am-8 pm, Th-Sa 7 am-10 pm, Su 9 am-7 pm. www.thedrybar.com 234 Clarendon St., 617.449.7287. **Map 5, E4**

LASH L'AMOUR—Show a little love for your lashes at this local boutique beauty care hot spot. Services include everything eyelash and eyebrow-related, from expert extensions to tinting, waxing and hydrifacials. Open M-W 10 am-7 pm, Th-F 9 am-8

pm, Sa 10 am-6 pm. www.lashlamour.com 129 Newbury St., 617.247.1871. **Map 5, F4**

MINILUXE—A spa glow for those on the go, MiniLuxe prides itself on its ultra hygienic hand, foot and skin care, all administered in short order, so don't be afraid to walk in and see if any appointments are available for manicures, pedicures, waxing, eyebrow shaping, mini-facials or makeup application. Open M-Sa 9 am-8 pm, Su 9 am-8 pm. www.miniluxe.com 296 Newbury St., 857.362.7444. **Map 5, D4;** 776 Boylston St., 617.684.2769; 81 Seaport Blvd., 617.963.7591.

Shopping Centers

CAMBRIDGESIDE—This urban shopping center with a waterfront location boasts more than 120 brand-name stores and restaurants, including The Apple Store, Forever 21, Best Buy, Macy's, H&M, T.J. Maxx, American Eagle and AJX Armani Exchange. Enjoy casual dining at The Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's and World of Beer, or grab a bite at the food court. Open M-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su noon-7 pm. www.shopcambridgeside.com 100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge, 617.621.8666. **Map 5, G1**

COPLEY PLACE—The only retail space in Boston that can challenge the posh offerings at this luxury designer mall might be the first block of Newbury Street. Neiman Marcus and Barneys New York anchor Copley Place, supported by luxury brands including Chanel, Bottega Veneta, Dior, David Yurman, Louis Vuitton, Stuart Weitzman and Tom Ford. Open M-Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su noon-6 pm. www.simon.com 100 Huntington Ave., 617.262.6600. **Map 5, E4**

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE—This early American marketplace has been a vendor market since Colonial days, when it stood right at Boston Harbor's original shoreline. Today, find numerous stores, both local independents and national chains, pushcart vendors and historic and modern restaurants. A colonnade inside Quincy Market plays host to dozens of quick food options. Open M-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com Financial District, 617.523.1300. **Map 5, H3**

PRUDENTIAL CENTER—Shopping has just gone upscale at this mall, befitting the vibe of Boston's Back Bay neighborhood where it resides. The complex, adjacent to the Mandarin Oriental and beneath the Prudential Tower, features select, hard-to-find brands including Aritzia, Frette, Johnny Was, and Shinola, not to mention a sleek Tesla store and the landmark Under Armour Boston Brand House. Shoppers looking for a meal can explore a massive range of sit-down and to-go dining options at Eataly Boston; other restaurants include Cheesecake Factory, Dig Inn, Wagamama, 5 Napkin Burger, Bar Boulud and more. Open M-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su 11 am-8 pm. www.prudentialcenter.com 800 Boylston St., 617.236.3100. **Map 5, E4**

Specialty Stores

FARM & FABLE—A must-stop for home cooks, foodies, and anyone who appreciates cool and original items. Owner Abby Ruettgers sells a well-edited selection of antiquarian and new cookbooks, vintage drink sets, hand-molded artisan-made copper cooking pans, handmade recipe cards, and edible gift sets (Vermont maple syrup! Maine-farmed sea salt!), to name a few things. Open Tu-Sa 11 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.farmandfable.com 251 Shawmut Ave., 617.451.1110. **Map 5, F5**

IRISH IMPORTS—As the name suggests, all of the items here are just that—imported from the Emerald Isle. A visit affords traditional home and hearth crafts of Ireland, including Hourihan cashmere and lambswool capes and Kevin & Howlin tweed sport coats, as well as hand-knit sweaters, hand-woven blankets, and "grandfather" shirts. Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.irishimports.com 1737 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.354.2511. **Map 3, C1**

NEWBURY YARNS—This place not only has savvy supplies, but offers lessons for those who are not sure how to knit providing frequent classes and workshops. Find yarns made from materials such as cashmere, silk, wool and cotton. Open M and W 10 am-6 pm, Tu and Th-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.newburyyarns.com 2 Milk St., 617.572.3733. **Map 5, E4**

THE BOSTON SHAKER—If you're serious about the cocktail culture, this Davis Square specialty store will cater to your every whim. From Rhubarb Rush and Rose Water to an unparalleled selection of bitters, plus recipe books, specialty shakers and other tools, you'll be set to mix up the cocktail of your dreams. Open M-Sa 11 am-7 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.thebostonshaker.com 69 Holland St., Somerville, 617.718.2999. **Map 1, E2**

Street Markets

BOSTON PUBLIC MARKET—The smell of hot apple cider cinnamon doughnuts lures passersby in the main entrance of this nonprofit indoor market. The 30,000-square foot space hosts 35 farms, fisheries and other food producers from across the commonwealth. Hopsters Alley is stocked with wine, beer, mead and spirits handcrafted in New England. Open M-Sa 8 am-8 pm, Su 10 am-8 pm. www.bostonpublicmarket.org 100 Hanover St., 617.973.4909.

Toys/Games

AMERICAN GIRL—This is just the place for your little lady to meet these highly sought-after characters, from the historical favorites to My American Girl® dolls to Bitty Baby. Shop for products, have the doll's hair done in the Doll Hair Salon, or grab a bite to eat at the American Girl Bistro. Open M-Th 10 am-8 pm, F-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. www.americangirl.com Natick Collection, 1245 Worcester Road, Natick, 877.247.5223. **Map 1, D2**

WORLD'S ONLY CURIOUS GEORGE STORE—Did you know children's book authors Hans and Margret Rey's lived in Boston for 33 years? Today, their creation—every kid's favorite impish, inquisitive monkey—lives on in the heart of Harvard Square. Find a variety of books, plush toys, exclusive, branded children's apparel, and other memorabilia. Open M-Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su 10 am-6 pm. www.the curiousgeorgestore.com 1 JFK St., Cambridge, 617.547.4500. **Map 3, B2**

Wine, Beer & Spirits

BAUER WINE & SPIRITS—Below street level on Newbury Street, this little liquor store has been around since 1960 and is not only well-stocked with some amazing deals, but the resident wine experts are usually available to answer any vexing questions. Free deliveries in Boston with \$100 orders. Open M-Sa 10 am-11 pm, Su noon-8 pm. www.bauerwines.com 330 Newbury St., 617.262.0363. **Map 5, D4**

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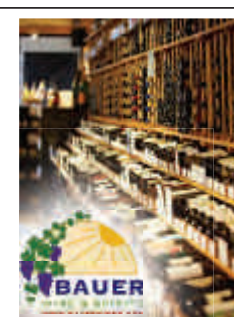


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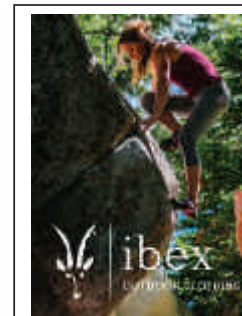
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Childs Gallery

In a retrospective exhibition of abstract expressionism, the graphic works of Ruth Eckstein are on display through March 18. Eckstein's success is punctuated by her ability to overcome the prohibitive nature of this male-dominated genre and forges a new path for inclusion in the field. 169 Newbury St., 617.266.1108. Map 5, F4



Pucker Gallery

Capturing the beauty of nature in all its glory, Alexandra de Steiguer's photographs in "A Debt to Nature Due," until March 12, are evocative and a timely reminder of our humble existence on this planet. The black and white images of the Isles of Shoals shows a deep esteem for the natural world. 304 Newbury St., 857.225.5683. Map 5, E4



808 Gallery

Serving as a response to the current political narrative, "Occupancies" displays intimate works of new and established artists using the physical body as the means of communicating agency and a resistance to injustice. This melding of art and activism is on display through March 26. 808 Commonwealth Ave., 617.353.3329. Map 5, B3

Antiques Shops

AUTREFOIS ANTIQUES—This family-owned antiques shop has a trove of items gathered from estate sales across New England, so expect to find such treasures as a French armoire, an 18th-century buffet, stone baluster lamps, silverleaf mirrors, fluted columns and more. Autrefois also imports antiques from France, Italy and other parts of Europe. Open Tu-Sa 11 am-4 pm. www.autrefoisantiques.com. 130 Harvard St., Brookline, 617.566.0113. Map 1, E2

DEVONIA ANTIQUES FOR DINING—Devonia carefully stocks English porcelain and American and European stemware from the Gilded Age, crafted by premier artisans like Minton, Baccarat, Steuben and Royal Worcester. Clients can also browse hand-painted cabinet plates, dinnerware and complete services and more. There is also a large collection of Bohemian glass. Open M and Sa 11 am-5 pm, Th-F 10 am-4 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.devonia-antiques.com. 15 Charles St., 617.765.2396. Map 5, G3

EASY CHAIRS ANTIQUES—In business for more than 30 years, Easy Chairs Antiques shop carries a wide range of fine, aged furniture, rugs and decorative accessories, including silver, rugs, china, art and, even, jewelry. Open M-Tu by appointment, W-Sa 10 am-4 pm. www.leejosephauctions.com. 375 Huron Ave., Cambridge, 617.491.2131. Map 1, E2

ELEGANT FINDINGS ANTIQUES—Fine European porcelain and china are the big draw here, featuring antique, hand-painted china from the far

reaches of the globe, including makers like Meissen, Limoges, Paris Porcelain, Dresden, Royal Crown Derby and Belleek. Also find furniture and decorative accessories like curio cabinets, chairs, cylinder desks, paintings, plaques and sculptures. Open M and Th-Sa noon-5 pm. www.elegantfindingsantiques.com. 89 Charles St., 617.973.4844. Map 5, G3

EUROPEAN COUNTRY ANTIQUES—Owner Ed Stuart has been a direct importer of antique country furniture from England, Ireland and France, for a decade. His shop features beautiful dining tables, sideboards, desks, bookcases, dressers and other pieces, including accessories like antique French wine jugs. Open Tu-Sa 11 am-6 pm, Su 11 am-5 pm. www.ecountryantiques.com. 146 Huron Ave., Cambridge, 617.876.7485. Map 3, B1

THE BARN AT 17—Located just outside Boston in Somerville, the staff here enjoys working hands-on with designers and individuals to find just the right items. Inventory ranges from late 18th-century to mid-1950s and includes both formal and informal pieces. Open M-F 10 am-6 pm, Sa 10 am-5 pm. www.thebarnat17.com. 17 Murdock St., Somerville, 617.625.5204. Map 1, E1

UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS ANTIQUES & ACCESSORIES—A succession of rooms, each with its own charms, features items that change with the season. Find furniture from across three centuries of styles from Federal to Art Deco, as well as home

accessories, stemware, vintage items and more. Also find contemporary art by John Young, Shelly Eager and Robert Douglas Hunter. Open Su-F 11 am-6 pm, Sa 10 am-6 pm. www.upstairsdownstairsboston.com. 93 Charles St., 617.367.1950. Map 5, G3

Art Galleries

808 GALLERY—Presented by Boston University's School of Visual Arts, 808 Gallery features works by graduate students, as well as contemporary works by Boston-area artists. This month: "Occupancies," Feb. 3-March 26. Open Tu-F 11 am-5 pm, Th 11 am-8 pm, Sa-Su 1-5 pm. www.bu.edu/cfa/visual-arts/galleries/808. 808 Commonwealth Ave., 617.358.0922. Map 5, B3

ABIGAIL OGILVY GALLERY—According to Owner and Curator Abigail Ogilvy the gallery is meant "to work for the long term development of each artists' career, while acting as an accessible public space in which the exhibitions become an open platform for the audience to view and share their opinions." And it certainly achieves its mission, with captivating and intellectually stimulating pieces. Upcoming: "Fuse," Feb. 3-April 1. Open W-Sa 11 am-6 pm, Su 11 am-4 pm. www.abigailogilvy.com. 460 Harrison Ave., Suite C7, 617.820.5173.

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY—In operation for more than 25 years, this gallery focuses on minimal and conceptually based work from international artists, including Sol LeWitt, Julian Opie and Saul

Steinberg, as well as many based in Boston. This month: "Varying the Chorus," works by Sylvia Plimack Mangold, Brice Marden, Michael Mazur and Paul Winstanley, Jan. 28-March 11; "Times/Changes," works by Giulio Paolini, Liliana Porter and Paolo Ventura, Jan. 28-March 11; "Darkling," March 18-April 22. Open Tu-Sa 10 am-5:30 pm. www.barbarakrawgalleries.com. 10 Newbury St., 617.262.4490. Map 5, F4

BSA SPACE—Boston Society of Architects' posh waterfront gallery offers exhibitions that focus on architecture, construction and design. This month: "Road to Revolution: A 30-Day Journey Across Cuba," Feb. 23-July 23. Admission: \$5 donation. Open M-F 10 am-6 pm, Sa-Su 10 am-5 pm. www.bsaspace.org. 290 Congress St., 617.951.1433. Map 5, H4

CARPENTER CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS/SERT GALLERY AND MAIN GALLERY—Famed French architect Le Corbusier chose to design his only North American building as a receptacle for visual art. The Sert Gallery features contemporary art, while the Main Gallery hosts exhibitions that support Harvard curriculum. This month: "Pacing," through April 16. Open W-Su noon-7 pm. ccva.fas.harvard.edu. 24 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617.495.3251. Map 3, C1

COPLEY SOCIETY OF ART—America's oldest nonprofit art association, Co|So shows more than 500 living member artists who range in ability from student to world-renowned. This month: "Sparkle," Feb. 1-May 31; "Co|So Artists: Shaken and Stripped," Feb. 23-April 6. Open Tu-Sa 11 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.copleysociety.org. 158 Newbury St., 617.536.5049. Map 5, E4

GALERIA CUBANA—Experience the creative, colorful works of Cuban artists living and working in Cuba. Find contemporary pieces in oil or acrylic, prints, drawings, watercolors and mixed media works created at various levels, including highly trained, self-taught and street artists. Open Th-F noon-6 pm, Sa-Su 11 am-6 pm. www.lagaleriacubana.com. 460 Harrison Ave., 617.292.2822. Map 5, F5

GALLERY 344—Cambridge Arts Council supports the work of local, national and international artists and explores the relationship between visual art and civic dialogue. It has commissioned 170 works around the city of Cambridge. This month: "Protected Trees," Jan. 23-April 7. Open M 8:30 am-8 pm, Tu-Th 8:30 am-5 pm, F 8:30 am-noon. www.cambridgema.gov/arts/publicart/gallery344. 344 Broadway, second floor, 617.349.4380. Map 3, E3

GALLERY NAGA—Located in the neo-Gothic Church of the Covenant, this gallery is primarily focused on work from many highly regarded, living New England painters. Also find pieces by contemporary photographers, printmakers and sculptors. This month: "Piscataqua Paintings," by Rick Fox; "Landmarks," Masako Kimaya Feb. 3-25. Open Tu-Sa 10 am-5 pm. www.gallerynaga.com. 67 Newbury St., 617.267.9060. Map 5, F4

GARNER CENTER OF PHOTOGRAPHY—New England School of Photography's exhibition gallery promotes appreciation and celebration of contemporary photography. This month: "Yonkeros," by Jaime Permut, Feb. 13-March 17; "Intimate View: Juried Group Show," March 20-April 21. Open M-Th 9 am-5 pm, Sa 10 am-4 pm. www.nesop.com/garner_center.asp. 537 Commonwealth Ave., 617.437.1868. Map 5, C3

GOLD GALLERY—Photography, painting and mixed media are what's on display at this contemporary art project founded by Adam Gold in the South End. Gallery artists include Jeff Cohen, Christie Scheele, David Gyscek, Miriam Shentzer and Louise LeBourgeois. Open M-Tu by appointment only, W-F noon-6 pm, Sa-Su noon-4 pm. www.augallery.com. 460C Harrison Ave., 857.239.8972.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY—Globally recognized for its collection of 10,000 original vintage posters ranging from the 1890s to the postwar era. It also boasts the world's largest collection of Italian posters, a series of 20th-century Swiss posters and one of the world's finest arrays of Soviet posters. Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-6 pm. www.internationalposter.com. 205 Newbury St., 617.375.0076. Map 5, E4

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY—A contemporary gallery featuring indoor and outdoor sculpture, paintings and three-dimensional work by more than 90 international and American artists. Mediums vary widely and include glass, ceramic, metal, stone and wood. Open Tu-Sa 10:30 am-5:30 pm, Su 11 am-4 pm. www.lattitudegallery.com. 460C Harrison Ave., 617.927.4400. Map 5, E4

M. FINE ARTS GALERIE—This new gallery in the SoWa arts district features international contemporary artists, including Beth Carter, Marc Chalmé, Michel Delacroix and Xavier Rodés, many of whom are only represented in the U.S. here. Open Tu-Sa 10:30 am-5:30 pm. www.mfinearts.com. 61 Thayer St., 617.450.0700. Map 5, G5

MARTHA RICHARDSON FINE ART—Carries 19th-20th century European and American art, predominantly drawings and paintings from artists J. Ambrose Prichard, Alexander Brook, Harry Aiken Vincent and Chauncey Ryder. Open Tu-F 11 am-5 pm, Sa by appointment only. www.martharichardsonfineart.com. 38 Newbury St., 617.266.3321. F4

MARTIN LAWRENCE GALLERIES—Celebrating 40 years of fine art. Featuring the largest collection of works in the U.S. by Picasso, Chagall, Warhol, Murakami, Erté, Hallam and Kostabi, among others. Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm. www.martinlawrence.com. 77 Newbury St., 617.369.4800. Map 5, F4

PANOPTICON GALLERY—Boston-based Panopticon Gallery is one of the oldest fine art photography galleries in the country. It specializes in contemporary, modern and vintage photography from established and emerging photographers. This month: "Roger Farrington: Celebrity in Boston," Jan. 28-April 10. Open Tu-Sa 9 am-3 pm. www.panopticongallery.com. 502 Commonwealth Ave., 617.267.8929. Map 5, C3

RAFIUS FANE GALLERY—Contemporary works in multiple media, like paintings, sculptures and photography, are always on display here. Upcoming: Jean Blackburn, March 3-April 24. Open W-F 1-5 pm, Sa-Su 11 am-4 pm. www.rafiusfanegallery.com. 460C Harrison Ave., Suite C24, 508.843.2184.

SLOAN MERRILL GALLERY—This gallery promotes living, traditionally trained representational painters who work only in oils, and who have a distinctive personal approach. This Month: Gregory Prestegord, Feb. 17-March 12. Open Su-M noon-5 pm, Tu-Th 10 am-6 pm, F-Sa 10 am-8 pm. www.sloanemerrillgallery.com. 75 Charles St., 617.227.1775. Map 5, G3

SOPRAFINA GALLERY—Founded in 2001 by Frank Roselli, Soprafina is committed to exhibiting contemporary fine art, sculpture and photography by artists like Peggy Badenhaus, Anne Krinsky, Michael Palmer and others. Open W-Sa noon-5:00 pm. www.soprafina.com. 55 Thayer St., 617.728.0770. Map 5, F5

TRUSTMAN ART GALLERY—This gallery, located at Simmons College, shows the work of professional artists as well as a yearly exhibition of student pieces. Exhibits speak to monthly themes. This month: "Lauren Gillette: Scarlet Thread," March 14-April 13. Open M-F 10 am-4:30 pm. Free admission. www.simmons.edu/trustman. Main College Building, Fourth Floor, 300 The Fenway, 617.521.2268. Map 5, B5

TUFTS UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY—Tufts University Art Gallery mounts exhibitions and programs that illuminate new global perspectives on art and on art discourse throughout its 7,000-square foot galleries and media wall. Don't miss Shepard Fairey's mural outside the Tufts Campus Center. Exhibits include: Coded Couture, through May 21. Suggested donation \$3. Open Tu-W and F-Su 11 am-5 pm, Th 11 am-8 pm. www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery/. Aidekman Arts Center, 40 Talbot Ave., Medford, 617.627.3518. State E1

Art Walks/Open Studios

SOWA ARTISTS GUILD—Visitors encounter a world rife with art here at this flagship building where more than 60 professional working studios and 15 galleries occupy space. With most open to the public, these studios offer a glimpse at contemporary local artists working in all types of mediums. Artists' hours vary, but sign in lobby indicates open spaces. Special free "First Friday" event on the first Friday of each month, 5-9 pm. www.sowaartists.com. 450 Harrison Ave. Map 5, F5

SOWA FIRST FRIDAY—At the center of the SoWa Arts District, on the first Friday evening of every month more than 80 SoWa Artist Guild artists open their studios to the public en masse, making their 450 Harrison building a contemporary art lover's dream destination. The fun may also include live music or tango dancing. 5-9 pm. Free. Parking available. www.sowaartists.com. 450 Harrison Ave., Map 5, F5

Public Art

GRAFFITI ALLEY—Pedestrians may stumble upon this tucked-away alley in the heart of Central Square. Its fundamental purpose is to connect Mass. Ave. with a public parking lot, but it's a lot of fun to look at. Especially since the street art is always on the change. www.cambridge.com/blog/2016/10/graffiti-alley-in-cambridge. Graffiti Alley, 565-567 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge.

MIT PUBLIC ART COLLECTION—Lauded tech school MIT also has an artistic side. Beginning with a major commission in 1961, the school's campus has become a hotbed of creative works in all media by major artists like Sol LeWitt, Pablo Picasso, Sarah Sze and Frank Stella. The university is also known for its artful architecture; take, for example, the Frank Gehry designed Stata Center. Group tours available, and interactive maps online for download. www.listart.mit.edu/collections/public-art-collection. 77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.452.3586. Map 5, D2

(FROM LEFT) RUTH ECKSTEIN; "WEBROCK"; COURTESY CHILD'S GALLERY; ALEXANDRA DE STEIGUER; "SHOALS—ROCKS AND WATER 35"; 2015/COURTESY PUCKER GALLERY; BOSTON; ©CHITRA GANESH; "PROTEST FANTASY"; 2015/COURTESY OF THE ARTIST AND GALLERY WENDI NORRIS; SAN FRANCISCO

➔ **SOWA** (South of Washington Street) has been ranked as one of the best art districts in the nation by USA Today. No wonder its First Friday Open Studios are so popular (and free!).



Entertainment | March



Dropkick Murphys

The infectious Boston Irish-folk-punk rockers return to their native stomping ground over St. Patrick's Day weekend. While the holiday throw down happens—and sells out—annually, this year promises tracks off their brand new album “11 Short Stories Of Pain & Glory.” Shows hit the House of Blues March 15-17 and Agganis Arena March

18. The Interrupters (L.A.-based ska punk band) and Blood or Whiskey (Celtic punk rock stars from Ireland) open depending on the night. There's also a show March 19, venue to be announced. House of Blues, 15 Lansdowne St., 888.693.2583. Map 5, C4 Agganis Arena, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 617.358.7000. Map 5, A2



Finish Line

Boch Center and Boston Theater Company team up to present “Finish Line: A Documentary Play About the 2013 Boston Marathon,” directed by Joey Frangieh, March 15-26. The docu-play focuses on the marathon bombings, spotlighting the city's resilience and determination to heal. Shubert Theater, 265 Tremont St., 866.348.9738. Map 5, G4

Bars

ARTBAR—Boasting a serious collection of contemporary art and stunning views of Boston, this gathering spot curates its wine list and creates specialty cocktails based on famous masterworks. Its beautiful patio overlooking the Charles River includes fire pits to keep you warm and cozy and sharable snack options like the S'mores Skillet. The menu has seasonal and regional appeal with dishes like roasted native striped bass; bar menu features \$5 apps. Open daily 6:30 am-11 pm. www.artbar-cambridge.com. 40 Edwin Land Blvd., Cambridge, 617.806.4122. Map 5, F2

CITY TAP HOUSE—The latest watering hole to hit the Seaport District has 40 beers on tap and 40 bottled varieties, plus, three on nitro. The elevated pub fare is all the more reason to stop by, with wood-fired pizzas and hand-made burgers, which can be enjoyed in front of one of 11 HDTVs. Open M-Th 5-10 pm, F-Sa 5-11 pm, Su 5-10 pm. www.boston.citytap.com. 10 Boston Wharf Road, 617.904.2748.

HOPS N SCOTCH—This Brookline gastropub-bar welcomes imbibers to indulge in its 80-plus beers and 100-plus varieties of brown spirits, from bourbon and whiskey to the titular scotch. On the menu, find some 10 burgers and sandwiches, seafood entrees and crazy-good apps like griddled beer bread with pimento cheese and a Southern soft-boiled scotch egg. Open M-Tu 5 pm-midnight, W-Th 5 pm-1 am, F 3 pm-2 am, Sa 11 am-2 am, Su 10 am-midnight.

www.hopsnscotchbar.com. 1306 Beacon St., Brookline, 617.232.8808.

MEADHALL—The Kendall Square hangout befits its neighborhood, offering 110 draft lines fresh with craft beer. Hungry? Try the Belgian-influenced food made with ingredients sourced from family farms. Open M-Sa 11:30 am-1 am, Su 3 pm-midnight. www.themeadhall.com. 4 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, 617.714.4658.

WINK & NOD—Wink & Nod's talented team of bartenders have created a uniquely collaborative cocktail program featuring one-of-a-kind takes on classic recipes from the Golden Age of Cocktails to the Tiki Wave. Served in distinctive glassware, each is prepared using top-shelf spirits, fresh juices, and a flavorful array of house-made syrups and liqueurs. Culinary program changes every six months, but it's consistently great. Open M-Sa 5 pm-2 am. www.winkandnod.com. 3 Appleton St., 617.482.0117. Map 5, F5

Bars: Irish

BULL MCCABE'S PUB—Located in Union Square, this lively place bears an Irish spirit, friendly faces and a nice beer list of local craft, domestic and import drafts, bottles and cans. It's also known for its live music offerings (six nights a week) from local bands that run the gamut of interest from funk and reggae to traditional Irish. Trivia night M. Open M-F 3 pm-1 am, Sa-Su 11-1 am. www.bullmccabesboston.com. 366A Somerville Ave., Somerville, 617.440.6045. \$ Map 3, F1

M.J. O'CONNOR'S—This charming watering hole is a great gathering spot after work and is a dark den filled with wooden elements, hand-painted murals and stone hearths that create an inviting experience. Pints wash down Irish and American pub-grub style comfort food like buffalo mac and cheese, seared salmon and fried potatoes of every incarnation. Open daily 11:30-2 am. www.mjconnors.com. 27 Columbus Ave., 617.482.2255. Map 5, F4; 425 Summer St., 617.443.0800. Map 5, I6

THE PLOUGH & STARS—This hip and hipster Irish bar has always been a Cambridge favorite and is known for having excellent live music from rockabilly to jazz. Menu offers a wide range of bistro-style fare, from Louisiana-style gumbo to tacos of the day. Open M-W 11:30-1 am, Th-F 11:30-2 am, Sa 10-2 am, Su 10-1 am. www.ploughandstars.com. 912 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, 617.576.0032. Map 3, D3

THE WHISKEY PRIEST—This Seaport District pub is aptly named, as it carries over 100 whiskeys from around the world. And with a menu ranging from traditional Irish fare to contemporary American comfort food, a roof deck, and 32 beers on draft, it's no wonder that the line is known to stretch out the door on warm evenings. Live music on weekends. Open M-F 11:30-2 am, Sa-Su 10-2 am.

There's a lot more going on this March. Visit us online: wheretraveler.com

THE STATE HOUSE has the General Hooker Entrance—but it's not a special way in for local ladies of the evening. It's actually named after Civil War General Joseph Hooker.

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WAXY'S, MODERN IRISH BAR & KITCHEN—Chef Randi Rose brings a taste of Ireland stateside with creative dishes like Irish cider-seared Salmon, Smithwick's ale-battered redfish, and locally sourced, grassfed beef burgers. For a unique libation, head to the bar, where Beverage Director James O'Brien is putting a fresh spin on classics with house-made fruit syrups and fresh-squeezed juices. Enjoy your meal and cocktail in a beautiful setting that has been designed using European-sourced materials such as Italian tiles and artwork from Irish artist Nicky Hooper. Open M-F 11-1 am, Sa-Su 10-1 am. www.waxys.com. 617.651.8323.

Bars: Sports

CHAMPIONS—This sleek and chic hang out is located right in the Back Bay and offers a more sophisticated clientele a place to stop in and watch a game. Three dozen beers on tap, plus a grill menu of specialties like crispy Point Judith calamari, waffle cheese fries, shrimp lettuce wraps and a whole number of burgers and dogs. Open Su-Th 6:30-1 am, F-Sa 6:30-2 am. www.championsboston.com. 110 Huntington Ave., 617.927.5304. Map 5, E4

CITYSIDE BAR & GRILLE—Head to happy hour at this lively Cleveland Circle mainstay where the game is always on. Cocktails are big with the college-aged patrons who frequent here, and the bar manager is an expert at mixing up a good one. The menu offers appetizers like nachos, crab cakes and spinach and artichoke dip, as well as salads, pizza and pub fare. Open M-F 11:30-2 am, Sa-Su 10:30-2 am. www.citysidebar.com. 1960 Beacon St., 617.566.1002.

MCGREEVY'S—Opened by Ken Casey of the The Dropkick Murphys in 2008, this Irish pub-sports-saloon is a boisterous place with an interesting history. Red Sox baseball bats adorn the bar and snapshots hang on the walls, highlighting Boston's baseball heritage. Also find a tasty menu of pub favorites, and, of course, you can catch a game. Open M-F 11 am-2 am, Sa-Su 10 am-2 am. www.mcgreevysboston.com. 911 Boylston St., 617.262.0911. Map 5, D4

THE FOURS BOSTON—Decked in sports memorabilia (like Don Mattingly's signed bat), this place is a tradition for sports fans and athletes, and, near the Garden, is a great place to stop pre- or post-game. Grab a drink and catch a match on one of the bar's 40 TVs. Hearty American food, kitchen open until midnight. Open M-Sa 11 am-midnight, Su 11 am-10 pm. www.thefours.com. 166 Canal St., 617.720.4455. Map 5, H2

Billiards/Bowling

FLAT TOP JOHNNY'S—This billiard room and bar in the heart of Kendall Square is where locals queue up to play at pinball, darts or one of 12 red-felt billiard tables. There's a great selection of local draft beers to enjoy and, on the menu, try burgers, dogs and appetizers. Open daily 11:45-1 am. www.flattopjohnnys.com. 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, 617.494.9565. Map 5, E1

KINGS LANES, LOUNGE AND BILLIARDS—At this swanky gaming hall and lounge, you can rack 'em and shoot 'em on vintage Brunswick Gold Crown billiard tables or test your talent at one of the 16 AMF bowling lanes, shuffleboard or skee ball. Players who want to feast can nosh on American

food with a Southwestern bite. Menu until 1:45 am. Bowling rates: \$5.50-7 per person per game; shoe rental \$4. Billiards and shuffleboard: \$10-14 per hour. Open M-W 3 pm-1 am, Th-F 11 am-1 am, Sa 11 am-2 am, Su noon-11 pm; 21+ after 6 pm. <https://kingsbowlamerica.com/boston/>. 50 Dalton St., 617.266.2695. Map 5, D4

Comedy/Improv

COMEDYSPORTZ—In the spirit of “Whose Line is it Anyway?” this fast-paced improv comedy performance is played as a sport, complete with teams, a referee, fouls and with audience participation. Each show is different, but all are family friendly. Shows F at 8 pm; tickets: \$10-15. www.comedysportzboston.com. The Riot Theater, 146A South St., Jamaica Plain, 617.321.7006.

LAUGH BOSTON—This standup comedy venture features different performers every week. Upcoming: Bryan Callen, March 2-4; Heather McDonald, March 17-18; Steve Byrne, March 23-25. Show times: W-Th at 8 pm, F-Sa at 7:30 pm and 10 pm. Ticket prices vary per show: \$15-25. www.laughboston.com. 425 Summer St., 617.725.2844. Map 5, I6

LIVE AT THE WILBUR THEATRE—Marlon Brando launched his career from this stage, and now, many comedians and musicians perform here live. This month includes: Chris Fleming, March 9 at 7:30 pm; Tom Segura, March 11 at 7:30 pm and 9:45 pm and March 12 at 7 pm; Brad Williams, March 18 at 9:45 pm; Ron White, March 24-25 (show times vary); Sebastian Maniscalco, March 31-April 2 (show times vary). Full schedule online. Ticket prices vary. www.thewilbur.com. 246 Tremont St., 617.248.9700. Map 5, G4

Concerts

MUSIC AT THE WILBUR—Marlon Brando launched his career from the stage of the Wilbur Theatre, while starring in a production of “A Streetcar Named Desire.” Now, musicians perform live here. This month: Madeleine Peyroux & Rickie Lee Jones, March 2 at 8 pm; Ethan Bortnick, March 5 at 7 pm; Colin Hay, March 17 at 8 pm; Under the Streetlamp, March 23 at 8 pm; Lisa Fischer, March 26 at 7 pm; The Zombies, March 28 at 8 pm; One Night of Queen, March 30 at 8 pm. Ticket prices vary. www.thewilbur.com. 246 Tremont St. Tickets: 617.248.9700. Map 5, G4

TD GARDEN—Home of the Boston Celtics and the Boston Bruins sports teams, the Garden also hosts big name musical talent at select concerts. This month: Ariana Grande, March 3 at 7:30 pm; Game of Thrones, March 6 at 8 pm. www.tdgarden.com. TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 800.745.3000. Map 5, H2

THE ORPHEUM THEATRE—This intimate stage is known for its small scale and large sound. This month: The Worship Tour: We are Here, March 2 at 8 pm; Regina Spektor, March 8 at 8 pm; Dawes, March 11 at 8 pm. Full schedule online. Ticket prices vary. www.crossroadspresents.com. 1 Hamilton Place. Tickets: 617.482.0106 or Map 5, H3

Films/Movie Theaters

ARTSEMERTON FILM SERIES—Associated with Emerson College, this local arts group presents retrospective series, matinees, family films and more. This month: Green Room, March 4-5. Full schedule online. Tickets: \$18. www.artsemerton.org. Bright



Family Screening Room, Paramount Center, 559 Washington St., 617.824.8400. **Map 5, G4**

IRISH FILM FESTIVAL—This annual, Boston-based festival celebrates important, groundbreaking contemporary feature films, documentaries and shorts created by native Irish and those of Irish heritage. **March 23-26**. Full schedule online. Tickets: \$8-10. www.irishfilmfestival.com. Somerville Theater, 55 Davis Square, Somerville. **Map 1, E2**

LGBT Clubs

DBAR—Slightly south of downtown, dbar offers a restaurant and nightclub in one. At dinner, try Chris Coombs' seasonally changing menu. Later on, stop in for dancing and drinks (there's an extensive martini list), and regular events such as Show Tune Tuesday (9 pm) and Pop Rocks Friday (10 pm). Open M-Sa 5:30 pm-2 am, Su 11-2 am. www.dbar-boston.com. 1236 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, 617.265.4490. **Map 1, E2**

PARADISE—Sculpted male go-go dancers, high energy DJs, and gay adult films are all on the bill at this hedonistic hot spot near MIT that caters to a largely male, but varied crowd. Drinks are cheap and Sunday boasts special cocktails with exotic flavors. Open Su-W 9 pm-1 am, Th 9 pm-2 am, F-Sa 7 pm-2 am. www.paradisecambridge.com. 180 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.868.3000. **Map 5, D1**

Lectures/Readings

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHOR TALKS & LECTURES SERIES—America's first publicly supported municipal library offers a number of literary and history events. This month: Joseph Luzzi: From Twain to Toni Morrison: A Literary Journey through America, **March 2**; Nicole Galland: The Play's the Thing: Shakespeare on Stage, **March 6**; Kate Clifford Larson: Harriet Tubman, Mary Surratt and Rosemary Kennedy, **March 16**; Reginald Dwayne Betts: An Evening of Poetry, **March 22**; Noam Maggor, author of "Brahmin Capitalism: Frontiers of Wealth and Populism in America's First Gilded Age," **March 28** at 6:30 pm. Lectures at 6 pm unless otherwise noted. www.bpl.org. 700 Boylston St., 617.536.5400. **Map 5, E4**

BROOKLINE BOOKSMITH WRITERS AND READERS SERIES—This local bookstore offers a fantastic lineup of national and local writers on tour. Upcoming: Gish Jen, "The Girl at the Baggage Claim" and Yiyun Li, "Dear Friend, From My Life I Write to You in Your Life," **both March 1**; Melissa Febos, "Abandon Me," **March 6**; Lisa Feldman Barrett, "How Emotions are Made: The Secret Life of the Brain," **March 9**; Dan Chaon, "Ill Will," **March 14**; Lisa See, "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane," **March 28**. Full schedule online. Events at store are free and at 7 pm, unless noted; events at Coolidge Corner Theater are \$5, line starts at 5:30 pm. www.brooklinebooksmith.com. 279 Harvard St., Brookline, 617.566.6660. **Map 1, E2**

Live Music Clubs

HOUSE OF BLUES—This landmark concert hall on Lansdowne Street can accommodate up to 2,400 fans. This month includes: Excision, **March 2** at 7 pm; Sting, **March 8** at 7 pm; Passenger, **March 10** at 7 pm; Dropkick Murphys, **March 15-17**; Simple Plan, **March 24** at 6 pm; Richard Ashcroft, **March 29** at 7 pm. Full schedule online. www.houseofblues.com/boston. 15 Lansdowne St., 888.693.2583 **Map 5, C4**

MIDDLE EAST & ZUZU RESTAURANT & NIGHT-CLUB—From national acts and local alternative bands to jazz, funk, reggae, blues, and even belly dancing, this legendary nightclub features all types of music in four distinct spaces: Upstairs, Downstairs, Corner and ZuZu. At least one show per night; full schedule online. Box office open daily 12-7 pm. www.mideastoffers.com/me. 472/480 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.864.3278 or **Map 3, E4**

THE SINCLAIR—This is the first restaurant-music club experience from indie promotion company The Bowery Presents. On one side of the Sinclair, diners dig into excellent food and fantastic cocktails whether or not they have a ticket to the evening concert. In a second portion of the club, a mid-size stage presents a great lineup of cutting-edge live performers. Full schedule online. www.sinclaircambridge.com. 52 Church St., Cambridge, 617.547.5200. **Map 3, B2**

Music/Dance Performances

A FAR CRY—This Grammy-nominated, contemporary chamber orchestra puts a new spin on classical music, one that's rife with musical variety. This month: "West of the Pecos," **March 17** at 8 pm at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall. Tickets: \$20-65. www.afarcry.org. NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St..

BOSTON BALLET—Since 1963, Boston's premier professional dance company presents fully-staged classical and contemporary works. Upcoming: "Artifact," **Feb. 23-March 5**; "Kilian/Wings of Wax," **March 23-April 2**. Shows: Th-F at 7:30 pm, Sa at 1 pm and 7:30 pm, Su at 1 pm; but call for added shows. Tickets: \$35-149. www.bostonballet.org. Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617.695.6955. **Map 5, G4**

BOSTON BAROQUE—The first permanent Baroque orchestra established in the U.S., this arrangement of period instruments brings classical works to Boston audiences and regularly collaborates with the ensemble's professional chorus as well as solo instrumentalists and vocalists from around the globe. This month: "The Mystery Sonatas," featuring soloist Christina Day Martinson, **March 10**. Tickets: \$30-90. www.bostonbaroque.org. Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617.987.8600.

BOSTON LYRIC OPERA—Catch a fully staged opera that spotlights some serious emerging talent. The repertoire of this renowned resident company

ranges from world premiere works to classics by Puccini, Britten and Mozart. This month: "The Rake's Progress," **March 12-19**. Tickets: \$30-223. www.blo.org. 219 Tremont St.,

BOSTON OPERA COLLABORATIVE—Artistic director David Gram and this artist-founded company offers classic operas performed by professionals-in-training. This month: Conrad Susa's "The Dangerous Liaisons," **March 24-April 1**. Show times: F-Sa and M at 7:30 pm, Su at 3 pm. Tickets: \$25-40. www.bostonoperacollaborative.org. Longy School of Music of Bard College, 27 Garden St, Cambridge,; Boston Opera Collaborative, 617.517.5883.

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Maestro Andris Nelsons leads this acclaimed orchestra. This month: Andris Nelson conducts BSO at Carnegie Hall, **March 1-2**; Sakari Oramo conducts Sibelius and Busoni featuring pianist Kirill Gerstein, **March 10-11**; François-Xavier Roth conducts Berlioz, Pintscher and Beethoven featuring cellist Alisa Weilerstein, **March 23-25**. Full schedule online. Show times: Tu, Th and Sa at 8 pm, F at 1:30 pm and 8 pm, unless noted. Tickets: \$30-145, \$9 rush tickets for Tu, Th, and F afternoon performances. www.bso.org. Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 888.266.1200. **Map 5, D5**

BOSTON YOUTH SYMPHONY—Affiliated with Boston University and led by Music Director Federico Correse, this 120-member orchestral ensemble is comprised of talented middle and high school students who perform the works of well-known composers.

This month: BYSO on Parade, **March 12**. Tickets: \$10-30. www.bysoweb.org. Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617.266.1200. **Map 5, D5**

CELEBRITY SERIES OF BOSTON—Star performers from around the globe make special appearances in Boston. Jordan Hall: Philharmonia Quartett Berlin, **March 3** at 8 pm; Paul Lewis, **March 26** at 3 pm. Sanders Theatre: Vijay Iyer Sextet, **March 9** at 8 pm; Release the Hounds, **March 17** at 8 pm; Sanam Marvi, **March 26** at 7:30 pm. Symphony Hall: Kudo, **March 19** at 5 pm. Full schedule online. Ticket prices vary. www.celebrityseries.org. Tickets: 617.482.6661.; NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St. **Map 5, D5**; Sanders Theater, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge, **Map 3, B2**; Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave. **Map 5, C5**

CHAMELEON ARTS ENSEMBLE—The versatile group of young chamber musicians combines classical pieces with contemporary and rarely heard works to create dynamic and varied performances. This month: "Shadows of Their Voices," **March 4-5**; "Chameleon Up Close Recital Series," **March 26**. Tickets: \$23-43. www.chameleonarts.org. 11 Garden St.,; 170 Beacon St.,

JOSE MATEO BALLET THEATRE—Led by innovative ballet choreographer José Mateo, this contemporary ballet company and school brings new works to audiences. Upcoming: "Love's Pull," **Feb. 17-March 5**; "Taking Flight," **March 24-April 9**. Show times: Th-Sa at 8 pm, Su at 4 pm. Tickets:



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\$42. www.ballettheatre.org. Sanctuary Theater, 400 Harvard St., Cambridge, 617.354.7467. **Map 3, C3**

JUVENTAS NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE—Contemporary classical works by living composers under age 35 comprise the repertoire of this seven-core member group that is in residency at Boston Conservatory. Hear pieces styled traditionally as well as others that use modern instruments and technique, from lyrical melodies to futuristic soundscapes. This Month: "Fusion Project: Music in Flight," **March 22-23**. Tickets: \$15-75. www.juventasmusic.com. Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St. **Map 5, F5**

LONGWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Musicians from Boston's medical, academic and scientific communities come together to form this orchestra led by Jonathan McPhee. This month: Bach, Handel and Stravinsky, **March 11** at 8 pm. Tickets: \$13-40. www.longwoodsymphony.org. NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617.667.1527. **Map 5, D5**

MASTERWORKS CHORALE—This Lexington-based chorus sings major works from a repertoire that includes Bach, Beethoven and Mendelssohn, conducted by Music Director Steven Karidoyanes and performed with orchestra. This month: "Dona Nobis Pacem," **March 5** at 3 pm at the Sanders Theatre. Tickets: \$25-45. www.masterworkschorale.org. Sanders Theater, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617.496.2222. **Map 3, C1**

NEW ENGLAND PHILHARMONIC—NEP is a joint group of professional and amateur musicians in residency at Simmons College. Led by Music Director Richard Pittman, the orchestral ensemble presents the work of world premiere and classic composers. This month: "A Child of Our Time," **March 4** at the Tsai Performance Center. Tickets: \$5-25. www.nephilharmonic.org. Tsai Performance Center, 685 Commonwealth Ave., 617.353.8725. **Map 5, B3**

ODYSSEY OPERA—This new, Boston-based opera company led by artistic director Gil Rose offers adventurous, powerful presentations, from historic masterpieces to contemporary new works, all performed by world-class artists. This month: "The Importance of Being Earnest," **March 17-18**. Tickets: \$25-200. www.odysseyopera.org. 527 Tremont St., 617.933.8600.

THE BOSTON CHORAL ENSEMBLE—Artistic Director Andrew Shenton leads this auditioned, mixed-voice choir that has a varied repertoire of great classic works and 20th century classics, and often covers composers such as Britten, Distler, Howells, Josquin, Schutz, Tallis and Victoria. Upcoming: "Kaleidoscope: Changes in Pattern and Color," **March 25**. Tickets: \$9-18. www.bostonchoral.org. 11 Garden St.,

THE SPECTRUM SINGERS—This pro bono amateur choral ensemble led by founder and music director John Ehrlich performs adventuresome and compelling programming. This month: Britannia Rules!, **March 18** at 8 pm. Tickets: \$15-45. www.spectrumsingers.org. First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St., Cambridge, 617.492.8902. **Map 3, B1**

WORLD MUSIC/CRASH ARTS—A series showcasing musical, theatrical and dance talent from "the far and near corners of the globe." Sinclair: Agnes Obel, **March 8**; Mbongwana Star, **March 10**. Somerville Theatre: Alloy Orchestra, **March 18-19**. Berkeley: Elaine Elias, **March 25**. Full schedule online. www.worldmusic.org. Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave. **Map 5, D4**; The Sinclair,

52 Church St., Cambridge; Somerville Theater, 55 Davis Square, Somerville; Davis Square Theater, 255 Elm St., Somerville; Tickets and information: 617.876.4275.

Nightclubs/Lounges

BIJOU NIGHTCLUB & LOUNGE—Bijou was the country's first playhouse to use electricity—and the system was installed by Thomas Edison himself. Today, Bijou is one of the city's newest nightclubs and its interior is ultra modern with colorful low lights, sleek leather benches and a hopping dance floor. DJs nightly. Open Tu-Su 10:30 am-2 am. www.bijouboston.com. 51 Stuart St., 617.357.4565. **Map 5, G4**

EMERALD LOUNGE—Sleek, mirrored and laden with silver tones, the Emerald Lounge might be a creation out of Oz. The nightclub is adjacent to The Revere hotel and offers 6,000 square feet of sexy mingling space as well as a dramatic green onyx bar. The craft cocktail program includes such libations as the Sicilian Southside with Bombay sapphire, lemongello, fresh mint and bitters. Open W-Sa 5 pm-2 am. www.emeraldnightlife.com. 200 Stuart St., 617.457.2626. **Map 5, G4**

NOIR—Sexy and intriguing, this is just the place to grab a martini and spend the evening with a date, or maybe meet someone there. Bar offers alluring classic, signature and seasonal cocktails and a brief but quite delicious menu of snacks and light fare. Open daily 4:30 pm-2 am. www.noir-bar.com. The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., 617.661.8010. **Map 3, B2**

Special Events

BOSTON FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW—Green thumbs delight in this grand show that boasts major floral exhibits, a garden marketplace, demonstrations, lectures, competitions, garden teas and more. This year's theme is "Superheroes of the Garden," **March 22-26**. Open W-Th 10 am-8 pm, F-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su 10 am-6 pm. Tickets: \$10-20. www.bostonflowershow.com. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., 781.273.5533. **Map 5, I5**

NATIONAL GOLF EXPO—Fairway enthusiasts enjoy golf-related exhibits, displays and demos, an indoor range, putting and chip shot challenges, club fittings, giveaways, and instruction by PGA pros. **March 3-5**. Open F noon-7 pm, Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 10 am-5 pm. Tickets: \$10-12. www.golfexpoboston.com. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., 617.385.4900. **Map 5, I5**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE—Nearly 1 million people head over to South Boston for this uninhibited celebration, now in its 116th year, that enthusiastically commemorates Boston's Irish heritage as well as Evacuation Day (when the British left Boston in 1776). **March 19** at 1 pm. www.southbostonparade.org. Broadway to Andrew Square, South Boston. **Map 5, G6**

Sporting Events

BOSTON BRUINS—Boston's hockey heroes roar onto the ice. Home games this month: New York Rangers, **March 2**; New Jersey Devils, **March 4**; Detroit Red Wings, **March 8** at 8 pm; Philadelphia Flyers, **March 11** at 1 pm; Ottawa Senators, **March 21**; Tampa Bay Lightning, **March 23**. Games at 7 pm, unless noted. Tickets: \$20-431. www.bostonbru-

ins.com. TD Garden, 100 Legends Way. Tickets: 617.624.2327. **Map 5, H2**

BOSTON CELTICS—One of the NBA's most legendary teams, the Cs shoot hoops at the Garden. This month: Cleveland Cavaliers, **March 1** at 8 pm; Chicago Bulls, **March 12** at 3:30 pm; Minnesota Timberwolves, **March 15** at 2 pm; Washington Wizards, **March 20**; Indiana Pacers, **March 22**; Phoenix Suns, **March 24**; Miami Heat, **March 26** at 6 pm; Milwaukee Bucks, **March 29**; Orlando Magic, **March 31**. Games are at 7:30 pm, unless noted. Tickets: \$14.75-231.95. www.nba.com/celtics. TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 866.423.5849. **Map 5, H2**

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS—This troupe of court jesters may be 86 years old this year, but they're not slowing down. Among the usual basketball antics of slam dunking and behind-the-back-passing, get ready to be wowed by the four-point, mid-court shot. **March 5** at 1 pm and **March 11** at 7 pm. Tickets: \$15-139. www.harlemglobetrotters.com. TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 800.745.3000. **Map 3, H2**

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Major League Soccer's New England Revolution hosts its home matches at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro. Home games this month: Orlando City, **March 11** at 2 pm; Minnesota United, **March 25** at 2 pm. Tickets: \$24-66. www.revolutionsoccer.net. Gillette Stadium, 1 Patriot Place, Foxboro, 877.438.7387 or 800.745.3000. **Map 1, E2**

Theater

AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER—In association with Harvard University and led by artistic director Diane Paulus, the A.R.T. is a professional nonprofit that has won many awards, including a Pulitzer Prize and a number of Tony Awards. This month at the Loeb: "The Night of the Iguana," **Feb. 18-March 18**. Shows: Tu-F at 7:30 pm, Sa at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Su at 2 pm. Tickets: \$25-85. www.americanrepertorytheater.org. Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617.547.8300. **Map 3, B1**

ARTSEMERSON—Emerson College presents a season that features legendary and pioneering artists and arts companies in the disciplines of theater, film and music from around the globe. This month at the Emerson/Paramount Center: "Octavia E. Butler's Parable of the Shower," **March 23-26**. Tickets and show times vary. www.artsemerson.org. Emerson/Paramount Center, 559 Washington St., 617.824.8400. **Map 5, G4**

BAD HABIT PRODUCTIONS—This small-scale local arts organization offers innovative, imaginative theater. This month: "The Real Inspector Hound," **March 18-April 2**. Show times: Th at 7:30 pm, F-Sa at 8 pm, Su at 2 pm. Tickets: \$23. www.badhabitproductions.org. Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., 617.933.8600.

BLUE MAN GROUP—In this wildly popular, freshly remastered phenomenon, three blue men delve into percussion, music, science and vaudeville without speaking, for one unique, multisensory entertaining experience. Family-friendly Saturday morning performances. Shows: W-F at 7:30 pm, Sa at 2 pm, 5 pm and 8 pm, Su at 2 pm; frequently added shows, please call. Tickets: \$60-\$117. www.bluemanager.com/boston. Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 800.982.2787. **Map 5, G4**

BOSTON PLAYWRIGHTS' THEATRE—Boston Playwrights' Theater, founded in 1981 by Nobel



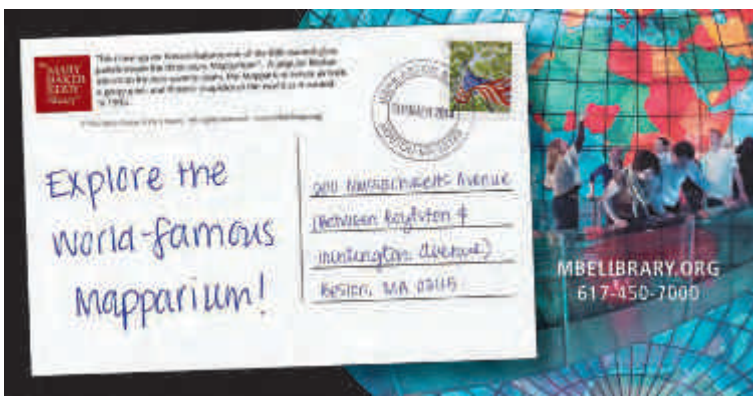
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Laureate Derek Walcott, is locally known as the city's home of new plays. This month: "Franklin," about the 1845 expedition to the Arctic to find the Northwest Passage, **March 23-April 2**. Show times: Th at 7:30 pm, F-Sa at 8 pm, Su at 2 pm. Tickets: \$10-30. www.bostonplaywrights.org. Boston Playwrights' Theatre, 949 Commonwealth Ave., 866.811.4111. **Map 5, A2**

BROADWAY IN BOSTON—Broadway in Boston presents the official touring productions of hit Broadway plays and musicals. This month at the Opera House: "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night," **March 7-19**. Show times: Tu-Th 7:30 pm, F 8 pm, Sa 2 pm and 8 pm, Su 1 pm and 6:30 pm. www.broadwayinboston.com. Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St. 866.523.7469. **Map 5, G4**

CENTRAL SQUARE THEATER—CST serves as the permanent home of small local nonprofit theater organizations The Nora Theater Company and Underground Railway Theater, and they collaborate on most shows. Upcoming shows: "Precious Little," **March 2-26**. Tickets: \$15-55. www.centralsquaretheater.org. 450 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.576.9278. **Map 5, C1**

NEW REPERTORY THEATRE—This premier local theater company presents contemporary and classic works that speak to our time. This month: "Brecht on Brecht," by Bertolt Brecht, **Feb. 4-March 5**; "Golda's Balcony," by William Gibson, **March 25-April 16**. Show times: Th at 7:30 pm, F at 8 pm, Sa at 3 pm and 8 pm, Su at 2 pm. Tickets: \$19-42. www.newrep.org. Charles Mosesian Theater, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, 617.923.7060. **Map 1, E2**

SHEAR MADNESS—Fresh, funny and set in a hair salon, this "whodunit" lets the audience match wits with the suspects to catch the killer in this hilarious murder mystery. Now seen in various cities across the world, Boston's production is the original and is celebrating its 37th year. Show times: Tu-F at 8 pm, Sa at 5 pm and 8 pm, Su at 3 pm and 7 pm; call for added shows. Tickets: \$54. www.shearmadness.com. Stage II at The Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617.426.5225. **Map 5, G4**

ZEITGEIST STAGE—True to its name, award-winning fringe theater company Zeitgeist Stage presents adventurous, contemporary works from Broadway and off-Broadway that are staged in a 90-seat black box-style space. This month: "Exit Strategy," through **March 11**. Show times: W-Th at 7:30 pm, F at 8 pm, Sa at 3 pm and 8 pm, Su at 3 pm. Tickets: \$30. www.zeitgeiststage.com. Boston Center for the Arts Plaza Theater, 539 Tremont St., 617.598.8836. **Map 5, F5**

Tickets

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Boston Massacre Reenactment & Commemoration

Downtown Boston leaps through time on March 4 as reenactors portray the story of the historic events leading up to the Boston Massacre, which is later performed at night during this 247th commemoration. Old State House, 206 Washington St., 617.720.1713. Map 5, H3



deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

The titular artist, subject of "Edward Steichen: Twentieth-Century Photographer," varied his subjects in Pictorialist images as well as commercial works—capturing celebrities and socialites, still life and cityscapes. Through March 19. 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781.259.8355. Map 1, E2



New England Aquarium

The giant Pacific octopus has a newly expanded home at the aquarium where he and fellow Pacific Northwest species can stretch their tentacles. Catch creatures great and small (think red octopuses, sea jellies and cuttlefish) as they glide, pulse and float around their new habitat. 1 Central Wharf, 617.973.5200. Map 5, I3

Admission/Discount Passes

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City Sights

AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE—The oldest black church edifice still standing in the U.S. has often been referred to as the black Faneuil Hall. Built in 1806 almost exclusively with black labor, it served as a forum for the Abolitionist movement. Frederick Douglass gave his famous antislavery speech

at the site in 1860. Today, it is owned by the Museum of African American History. Tours M-Sa 10 am-4 pm on the hour. Admission: \$5. www.maah.org/site/14.htm. 46 Joy St. 617.725.0022. Map 5, G3

CAPTAIN JACKSON'S HISTORIC CHOCOLATE SHOP—History buffs with a sweet tooth can stop into this interactive living history exhibition located on the Old North Church's campus. The store interprets the history of chocolate, focusing on how it was made and consumed in Colonial America. As for its name, Captain Newark Jackson was the neighborhood's premier chocolatier during the 18th century. Demonstrations abundant and tasting encouraged! March 6-April 16 and November, open F-Su 11 am-5 pm. www.oldnorth.com 21 Unity St. 617.523.4848 Map 5, I3

JOHN ADAMS COURTHOUSE—Close by the Massachusetts State House, this grand and historic, 19th-century building operates today as the home base for Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and contains the oldest law library in the U.S. Visitors can take a tour or attend a court session, which are completely open to the public. Legal history displays are on exhibit in the Great Hall, including "John Adams: Architect of American Government" and "Sacco and Vanzetti: Justice on Trial." Open M-F 9 am-5 pm. www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/courthouses. 1 Pemberton Square, 617.557.1000. Map 5, H3

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IN THE 1840S funding for the construction of the Bunker Hill Monument was raised by "Mary Had a Little Lamb" author Sarah Hale. She sold homemade jelly.



LOUISBURG SQUARE—Pronounced "Lewis-berg," this somewhat difficult to find, affluent Beacon Hill address has long been home to some of Boston's richest and most famous residents—Louisa May Alcott, Henry James, the Vanderbilts, the Kennedys and Senator John Kerry among them. Today, many of the Greek Revival row houses, erected in the 1830s, remain single family homes and surround a private, gated green. Between Pinckney and Mount Vernon streets. Map 5, G3

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM—Explore the world's waters from the Amazon rain forest to Pacific reefs to the Gulf of Maine, and the creatures living there. Come see the Giant Ocean Tank, a Caribbean coral reef environment boasting 2,000 sea creatures! Other main exhibits include a shark and ray touch tank and a sea lion and seal center. Admission: \$18.95-26.95, free under age 3. Open M-F 9 am-5 pm, Sa-Su 9 am-6 pm. NEAq's IMAX Theater screens films daily; tickets: \$7.95-9.95. www.neaq.org. 1 Central Wharf, 617.973.5200. Map 5, I4

NEWBURY STREET—Newbury Street is a hot destination for shoppers. Part posh (the lower end of Newbury features luxury brand boutiques from Chanel to Valentino) and part hip (the upper end of Newbury boasts independently owned shops and international flagships stores) the specialties here are as varied as the designer duds, leather goods, olive oils, graphic tees, and handbags. Newbury is also a popular destination for eating and people watching. Newbury Street

at Arlington Street. Map 5, F4; Newbury Street at Massachusetts Avenue. Map 5, D4

SOWA—Deep in the South End lives SoWa, a portion of the colorful, historic Boston neighborhood that is, quite literally, "south" of Washington Street. Its high concentration of galleries, working artist studios and design spaces built into restored mill buildings make it a hot spot for creative types searching out crafts, contemporary and experimental art. Frequent, regular events, like First Fridays (collective open studios on the first Friday of each month) and SoWa Sundays (a gathering of open-air markets, from May through October) are widely attended, and they're free. www.sowaboston.com 450-500 Harrison Ave.

THE NEW ENGLAND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL—A deeply metaphoric landmark, six luminous, translucent glass towers stand in testament to the weight of oppression. Evocative of a menorah, the monument recalls the six main Nazi death camp chimneys. Its towers are etched with 6 million numbers, providing a haunting reminder of the Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Outdoors, open daily. www.nehm.org. Union Street near Faneuil Hall, 617.457.8755. H3

THE SARGENT MURALS AT THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY—Tucked into a third-floor chamber within the massive Boston Public Library is a stunning gilded display of creativity and talent, exhibited by an important local 19th-century artist. John Singer Sargent's "Triumph of Religion" mural cycle took

him nearly 30 years to complete and depicts points of Judaeo-Christian religious history on painted canvas and relief. Maps and information available. Free. Open M-Th 9 am-9 pm, F-Sa 9 am-5 pm, Su 1-5 pm. www.sargentmurals.bpl.org. 700 Boylston St., 617.536.5400. Map 5, E4

Museums

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM—Kick off a visit to this youngster-friendly museum by scaling the giant, three-story New Balance rope climb. Kids engage in interactive and educational displays; exhibits include "Arthur and Friends," "PlaySpace," "Our Green Trail" and the Japanese House. And don't forget the fun New Balance Foundation Climb featuring three stories of safe climbing and exploring. Open Sa-Th 10 am-5 pm, F 10 am-9 pm. Admission: \$16, free younger than age 1. www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org. 308 Congress St., 617.426.6500. Map 5, I5

BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS & MUSEUM—This center provides a unique, immersive experience set during a historic time period (1773-1775). Live actors, tea-tossing reenactments, high-tech interactive exhibits, a film and three authentically restored tea ships tell the full story of the Boston Tea Party and its immediate aftermath. Guided tours run every 30 minutes, daily 10 am-4 pm. Tickets: \$15-25 (discount if booked online), free ages under 4. www.bostonteapartyship.com 306 Congress St., 617.338.1773. Map 5, H5

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HARVARD ART MUSEUMS—Harvard Art Museums comprise three institutions—Fogg, Busch-Reisinger and Arthur M. Sackler museums—plus four research centers and possesses some of the nation's foremost art collections, with holdings of Western art dating from antiquity, Islamic and Asian art, and European and American art since 1900. Exhibits include: "Drawing: The Invention of a Modern Medium," **Through May 7**. Open daily 10 am-5 pm. Admission: \$10-15. www.harvardartmuseums.org. 32 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617.495.9400. **Map 3, C2**

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—Part of Harvard University's Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, this natural history museum offers a look at fascinating objects, including meteorites, 1,500 mammal and bird specimens, and the dazzling "Glass Flowers"—a collection of 3,000 incredible handcrafted models of flowering plants. Special exhibits include: "Islands: Evolving in Isolation," **until March 30**. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. Admission: \$8-12. www.hmn.harvard.edu. 26 Oxford St., Cambridge, 617.495.3045. **Map 3, C1**

THE INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART/BOSTON—This landmark fosters contemporary artists working in multidisciplinary forms. Permanent collections include 21st-century sculpture, painting, video, photography and drawing. Exhibits include: "Gillian Wearing," **through Jan. 2018**. Also features lectures, family programs, dance and music performances, and film. Open Tu-W and Sa-Su 10 am-5 pm, Th-F 10 am-9 pm. Admission: \$10-15, free ages 17 and under and to all Th 5-9 pm. www.icaboston.org. 25 Harbor Shore Drive, 617.478.3100. **Map 5, I5**

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM—Originally modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palazzo with a four-story interior courtyard garden and a modern wing in 2012, this museum gem showcases Isabella Stewart Gardner's vast collection of more than 2,500 fine and decorative art objects, paintings, tapestries and furnishings with a venue for contemporary artists and concerts. Exhibits include: "Ambreem Butt: I Need a Hero," **through June**. Open Studios for Visitors, Sa 11 am-4 pm. Admission: \$5-15, free under age 18, on your birthday and if your name is "Isabella." Open W and F-M 11 am-5 pm, Th 11 am-9 pm. www.gardnermuseum.org. 25 Evans Way, 617.566.1401. **Map 5, B5**

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM—Dedicated to JFK and the legacy of Camelot, spotlighting such subjects as JFK as a child, the 1960 campaign, Vietnam, the Peace Corps, and civil rights. In 2015, renovations feature remastered historic film footage and a number of interactive displays. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. Admission: \$10-14, free ages 12 and under. www.jfklibrary.org. Columbia Point, 617.514.1600 or 866.JFK.1960. Free shuttle service from the JFK/UMass T stop. **Map 1, E2**

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY—Explore the achievements of Mary Baker Eddy, a 19th-century writer, leader, teacher and businesswoman who founded the Christian Science religion, The Church of Christ, Scientist, and international newspaper The Christian Science Monitor. Within this museum that holds her research and artifacts, visit the Mapparium, a three-story painted-glass globe you can walk through. Admission: \$4-6, free under age 6. Open Tu-Su 10 am-4 pm. www.marybakereddylibrary.org. 200 Massachusetts Ave., 617.450.7000. **Map 5, D4**

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART—Although this 1927 Roman Renaissance Revival-style building at Bos-

ton College isn't new, its use as home to the McMullen Museum certainly is. New features include a third-floor open-plan sculpture gallery. Collections include Old Master and American paintings; sacred Italian paintings from the 1500s; classical Flemish tapestries from the 1500s; and many works by LaFarge and William Trost Richards. Exhibits include: "Rafael Soriano: The Artist as Mystic," **Jan. 30-June 4**. Free tours Su at 2 pm. Free admission. Open M-Tu and F 10 am-5 pm, W-Th 10 am-8 pm, Sa-Su noon-5 pm. www.bc.edu/artmuseum. 2101 Commonwealth Ave., 617.552.8587.

MIT MUSEUM—This microcosm of technological, engineering and scientific strides attracts visitors from around the world. Exhibitions change frequently, and focus on subjects like emerging technologies, holograms, gestural sculptures, and artifacts from the Polaroid Collection. Exhibits include: "Images of Discovery: Communicating Science through Photography," **through Aug. 31**. Open daily 10 am-5 pm. Admission: \$5-10. web.mit.edu/museum. 265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.253.5927. **Map 5, D1**

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY—New England's largest African-American history museum is dedicated to the preservation, conservation and accurate interpretation of the contributions of African Americans. Exhibits offer the stories of leaders, activists and citizens of this region who have impacted history from the Colonial period through the 19th century. Exhibits this month: "Picturing Frederick Douglass: The Most Photographed American of the 19th Century." Open M-Sa 10 am-4 pm. Admission: \$3-5. www.maah.org. 46 Joy St., 617.725.0022. **Map 5, G3**

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON—The MFA's encyclopedic collection culls some of the world's finest treasures, including international and contemporary art, instruments, photographs and textiles. Upcoming: "Memory Unearthed: The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross," **March 25-July 30**. Also, free guided tours, films, gallery talks and activities. Open Sa-Tu 10 am-4:45 pm, W-F 10 am-10 pm. Admission: \$23-25, \$10 ages 7-17, free under age 6; also free W after 4 pm, and, for ages 7-17 on M-F after 3 pm and Sa-Su all day. www.mfa.org. 465 Huntington Ave., 617.267.9300. **Map 5, C5**

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE—The Museum of Science is a compelling technology and science-based destination. Permanent exhibits study the weather, mathematics, bird species, dinosaurs, space and the human body, among other "minds-on" topics. Make sure to visit the Theater of Electricity. Bonus experiences include the Butterfly Garden, the Planetarium, the 4-D Theater and the Mugar Omni Theater. Admission: exhibit halls, \$20-25; bonus experiences, \$10 each or \$5-6 with exhibit hall admission. Open Sa-Th 9 am-5 pm, F 9 am-9 pm. **July-August** open Sa-Th 9 am-7 pm, F 9 am-9 pm. www.mos.org. Science Park, 617.723.2500. **Map 5, G1**

NATIONAL CENTER OF AFRO-AMERICAN ARTISTS—Founded by Elma Lewis, NCAAA celebrates the long heritage of visual arts created around the world by Black artists and showcases African, Afro-Latin, Afro-Caribbean and African-American collections. Examine works in all mediums from painting, photography and graphics to sculpture and decorative arts. Exhibits include: "Aspelta: A Nubian King's Burial Chamber," "Black Gods Live: Work of Stephen Hamilton." Admission: \$4-5. Open Tu-Su 1-5 pm. www.ncaaa.org. 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617.442.8614. **Map 1, E2**

PAUL S. RUSSELL, MD MUSEUM OF MEDICAL HISTORY AND INNOVATION—This medical museum tells the rich story of Massachusetts General Hospital's two centuries of history. Learn about the hospital's important contributions to the medical field and see how these discoveries and advancements have shaped the present, and how the hospital continues to shape the future of medicine. Open M-F 9 am-5 pm. Free admission. www.massgeneral.org/museum. Massachusetts General Hospital, 2 North Grove St., 617.724.8009.

THE PEABODY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOLOGY—Part of Harvard University's Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, this is one of the oldest museums of its kind, offering collections of human cultural history from Africa, ancient Europe, North America, Mesoamerica, Oceania and South America. Exhibits include: "Arts of War: Artistry in Weapons Across Cultures," **until Oct. 18**; "Day of the Dead," **all month**. Great programming and lecture series. Admission: \$8-12, free ages 3 and under, includes admission to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. www.peabody.harvard.edu. 11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, 617.496.1027. **Map 3, D1**

Museums: Greater Boston

CONCORD MUSEUM—Concord's rich history is examined here through artifacts (including the famed 1775 Revere lantern!), photographs, period room settings (like Emerson's Study) and presentations. Exhibits include: "Walden: Four Views," **Feb. 10-Aug. 20**. Admission: \$5-10. Open M-Sa 11 am-4 pm, Su 1-4 pm. www.concordmuseum.org. 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978.369.9763. **Map 1, D1**

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM—Collections include American art and architecture, American decorative art, maritime art and culture, Native American art, Asian, Asian export, African, Oceanic and contemporary art, photography and the fascinating Yin Yu Tang house. Exhibits include: "Shoes: Pleasure and Pain," **through March 12**; "Lunar Attraction," **through Sept. 4**. Great hands-on activities, tours, concerts, classes and family programs. Open Tu-Su 10 am-5 pm. Admission: Adults \$20, seniors \$17, students (with ID) \$12; Free for youth (under 16) and Salem residents (with ID). www.pem.org. 161 Essex St., Salem, 866.745.1876. **Map 1, E1**

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM—This popular museum brings the Witch Trials of 1692 to life, recreating the drama of accusers and accused, court proceedings and the execution of 20 victims. On exhibit: "Witches: Evolving Perceptions." Multilingual translations available. Admission: \$8-11, free under age 6. Open daily 10 am-5 pm. Closed first three weeks of January. www.salemwitchmuseum.com. 19 1/2 Washington Square North, Salem, 978.744.1692. **Map 1, E1**

Observatories & Lookout Points

COIT OBSERVATORY—Named for Boston University's first professor of astronomy, Coit Observatory features a number of refracting and reflecting telescopes and hosts regular Public Open Nights with members of BU's astronomy department. W at 8:30 pm (7:30 pm, fall and winter), weather permitting. Call hotline no earlier than two hours prior to event; event canceled if sky is not clear. Access by stairwell on fifth floor next to Room 520. www.bu.edu/astronomy/events/public-open-night-at-the-observatory. 725 Commonwealth Ave., 617.353.2630. **Map 5, B4**

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SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER—Located on the 50th floor of the Prudential Center, Skywalk features striking, 360-degree views of Boston and beyond. Exhibits include the Dreams of Freedom Immigration Museum and "Wings Over Boston," an aerial video tour. Find state-of-the-art audio tours. Open daily 10 am-8 pm, though the site often closes for private functions. Admission: \$13-16. www.skywalkboston.com. 800 Boylston St., 50th floor, 617.859.0648. **Map 5, D4**

The Freedom Trail

BOSTON COMMON—America's oldest public park and part of the Emerald Necklace, the 50-acre Boston Common was set aside in 1634 as a military "traying" ground and pastureland, and it has always been a gathering place for residents who convene for rallies or recreation. You'll find a cemetery, ball fields, a carousel and, depending on the season, a wading pool or skating rink. www.thefreedomtrail.org. Between Beacon, Charles, Tremont, Boylston and Park streets. 617.635.4505. **Map 5, G4**

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT—One of Boston's most iconic sights is, ironically, a misnomer: the Bunker Hill Monument actually sits atop Breed's Hill, where the American Revolution's Battle of Bunker Hill took place in 1775. The ill-equipped colonists were ultimately defeated in battle, but caused considerable damage to British forces. The towering, 221-foot obelisk is a reminder of these patriots' bravery. Climb to the top for terrific views (free). Open daily 9 am-5 pm, last climb at 4:30 pm. www.nps.gov/bost/historyculture/bhm.htm. Monument Square, Charlestown, 617.242.5641. **Map 5, I1**

COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND—Founded 1659. Former North End residents are buried at Copp's Hill, a site that now is considered on the outskirts of the North End was, in the late 17th century, in the heart of Boston. It is the resting place of infamous Puritan ministers Increase and Cotton Mather, as well as 1,000 free African Americans. During the Revolution, British soldiers set up camp here, training cannons on Charlestown and using headstones for target practice. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. www.thefreedomtrail.org. Snowhill and Hull streets. **Map 5, I2**

FANEUIL HALL—Successful Boston merchant Peter Faneuil had this building constructed in 1742 and gave it to the city of Boston. It attracted local activists, and became known for being the breeding ground of the American Revolution, and thus called "The Cradle of Liberty." Three centuries later, Faneuil Hall remains a symbol of freedom and houses a visitor information center, the Great Hall and an armory museum. Free admission. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. www.nps.gov. Financial District, 617.523.1300. **Map 5, H3**

GRANARY BURYING GROUND—Established in 1660 and so named because adjoining Park Street Church stored grain in the early 18th century. While Granary Burying Ground features 2,345 grave-stones and tombs, it is estimated that 8,000 people are interred here, including many early American Patriots like Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, James Otis and Paul Revere. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. www.thefreedomtrail.org. Tremont Street opposite Bromfield Street, 617.635.4505. **Map 5, H3**

KING'S CHAPEL—The congregation, organized in 1686, built this chapel in 1688-1689 on a graveyard. It was rebuilt from 1749-1754 and still stands here today. Many now-famous people worshipped here, including George Washington, Royal Governor Hutchinson and Oliver Wendell Holmes. For a unique spin on history, take the Bell and Bones Tour, which visits the building's 200-year-old crypt, \$5-7. Self-guided tours also available (suggested donation \$2). Open F-M for guided tours, but schedule varies in off-season; call ahead. www.kings-chapel.org. 58 Tremont St., 617.523.1749. **Map 5, H3**

OLD NORTH CHURCH—Built in 1723, Old North is Boston's oldest church building. While it played a pivotal role at the onset of the American Revolution, it is interesting to note that at the time the church was highly Loyalist. Its bells, which still ring, are the oldest church bells in North America. Learn more on in-depth "Behind the Scenes" tours that visit the steeple and the crypt, offered daily (\$4-6). Admission: free, but \$3 suggested donation to support historic site. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. www.old-north.com. 193 Salem St., 617.858.8231. **Map 5, I2**

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE—Built in 1729 as a Puritan meetinghouse, this site is well known as the place of mass protest gatherings that led to the Boston Tea Party. As Colonial Boston's largest building, other significant events happened here too and can be examined through exhibits. Famous former congregants include Samuel Adams and Benjamin Franklin. Great programs, special events, lectures, concerts and more; full schedule online. Admission: \$1-\$6. Open daily 9:30 am-5 pm. www.osmh.org. 310 Washington St., 617.482.6439. **Map 5, H4**

OLD STATE HOUSE & BOSTON MASSACRE SITE—Built in 1713, the Old State House is 300 years old, making it one of Boston's oldest remaining buildings. Before the Revolution, it served as the seat of Royal government, and after, it became the Commonwealth's first State House. In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place here. Get a unique look at early American history, as each visitor receives a real-life character card upon admittance, which influences their exploration of the site. Tours include 30-minute Boston Massacre tours, and 20-minute tours of the Council Chamber and second floor. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. Admission: \$8.50-\$10. Youth (6-18) free. www.bostonhistory.org. 206 Washington St., 617.720.1713. **Map 5, H4**

Whale Watches/River & Harbor Cruises

ODYSSEY CRUISES—Jackets recommended at dinner, otherwise slacks and collared shirts required. The three-deck Odyssey luxury yacht features leisurely sails around Boston Harbor and plated meals boasting the cuisine of executive chef Michael Almond. After dinner, dance to music by live bands. Regular cruises include: lunch, dinner, and brunch, and Sunday night twilight dinner cruise. Specially themed holiday sails. Visit website for full schedule. Tickets: from \$58. www.odyssey-cruises.com/boston Departs from Rowes Wharf, 866.429.9283. **Map 5, I4**

Dining | March



Fat Hen
ITALIAN Located in La Brasa's former market space, this upscale creator of pasta and all things *delizioso* features a swanky atmosphere and a wine list of organic varieties that compliment such dishes as the lamb with black garlic or lumache with rabbit sausage and broccoli rabe. 126 Broadway, Somerville, 617.764.1612. Map 4, F3



Energize
VEGETARIAN The name says it all: The salads, smoothies and juices at this health oasis give patrons a dose of vigor using only fresh, wholesome ingredients. The Healthy Heaven smoothie mixes hemp milk, banana, apple, dates, ginger, maca and almond butter. 618 Washington St., Brighton, 617.903.3053. Map 1, E2



Lion's Tale
AMERICAN Dropkick Murphys front-man Ken Casey brings this sleek, new endeavor to Ink Block, featuring elevated cuisine designed to be paired with a curated cocktail menu. The chic aesthetic of the interior comes courtesy of HGTV star and Milton native Taniya Nayak. 354 Harrison Ave., 857.239.9267. Map 5, G5

Back Bay

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE—Italian. Grand and sophisticated, this restaurant is amenable to dates, business dinners, or even a simple glass of wine at the bar. Lengthy menu features regional dishes from northern Italy, as well as grilled meat a la carte; entrees run the gamut from lamb loin chops to tagliatelle Bolognese. We recommend starting with Davio's signature Philly cheesesteak spring rolls. Gluten-free menu available. L (M-F), D (daily). www.davios.com. 75 Arlington St., 617.357.4810. \$\$\$ Map 5, F4; 236 Patriot Place, Foxboro 508.339.4810. Map 1, E2

EATALY—Italian. The Turin import, by way of New York City, is an Italian-themed market-restaurant hybrid of every foodie's dreams. It gives Boston's iconic North End neighborhood a serious run for its money with a number of sit-down restaurants featuring Neapolitan-style pizza, hand-crafted pasta and the Barbara Lynch-formulated Il Pesci. Counters offer handmade mozzarella, fresh-caught fish and fresh-baked breads, imported gourmet sauces and wine. Dine in, take out, eat as you wander. Open M-F 7 am-11 pm, Sa-Su 9 am-11 pm. www.eataly.com/us_en/stores/boston. Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617.807.7300.

PORTO—Mediterranean. Acclaimed chef Jody Adams brings her new restaurant to Back Bay denizens looking to wrap their tastebuds around modern Mediterranean-style New England seafood. From the open kitchen, expect oysters,

whole-roasted fish, steamed mussels and seasonal vegetables. L and D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). www.porto-boston.com. Ring Road, 617.536.1234. Map 5, E4

SALTIE GIRL—Seafood. Seafood gets treated like a celebrity at this new Back Bay hot spot. Chef Kyle McClelland's talents run from fried lobster and waffles to conserved sardines on Nordic rye, but the menu itself includes smoked fish, crudo, cocktails, toasts, sandwiches and entrees. L and D (Tu-Su), brunch (Sa-Su). www.saltiegirl.com. 281 Dartmouth St., 617.267.0691. Map 5, F4

TAPEO RESTAURANT & TAPAS BAR—Small Plates-Tapas. Colorful tiles and a Spanish vibe set the tone for a sensuous and authentic dining experience. Menu features tapas frías y calientes, and we suggest visiting with an empty stomach because selecting only a few of these delicious small plates will be a challenge! Innovative main dishes and hot stone grilling are great for heartier appetites or to share with a few people. L (Sa-Su), D (daily). www.tapeo.com. 266 Newbury St., 617.267.4799. \$-\$\$\$ Map 5, E4

Beacon Hill

LALA ROKH—Middle Eastern. In Persian "lala rokh" means "tulip cheeks," the equivalent of our "rosy cheeks." The Persian empire changed over the centuries, and its culture was influenced by other ones, which is reflected in its food. Azita and

Babak Bina's eastern Mediterranean menu boasts entrees with Indian, Turkish and Armenian elements that include ghormeh sabzi and basmati rice dishes. L (M-F), D (daily). www.lalarokh.com. 97 Mt. Vernon St., 617.720.5511. \$\$ Map 5, G3

MA MAISON—French. Francophiles in Beacon Hill flock to this cozy, corner restaurant in the neighborhood. Legendary Maitre Cuisinier Jacky Robert mans the kitchen preparing such authentic bistro fare as mussels and shallots in white wine, pan-seared ray wing with caper butter and calf's liver with caramelized onions. Diners shouldn't overlook a specialty of the house: Uncle Lucien's Country Pate. L and D (M-Sa). www.mamaisonboston.com. 272 Cambridge St., 617.725.8855.

NO. 9 PARK—French. Located steps from the State House on a cozy street at the edge of Beacon Hill and Downtown, No. 9 Park is the original outpost of Boston culinary titan Barbara Lynch. Continually praised by foodie magazines, No. 9 Park's refined kitchen offers a menu of classic country fare from southern France and Italy, but Lynch really shines in her signature dishes. Chef's tasting menu available. D (daily). www.no9park.com. 9 Park St., 617.742.9991. \$\$\$ Map 5, G3

Cambridge/Central Square

CRAIGIE ON MAIN—French. Chef Tony Maws' much talked about eatery is a spacious locale in the heart of Central Square. Maws is known for using sustain-

able, organic and locally farmed ingredients in his cuisine, which shows French technique and offers strong flavors. Adventurous diners must check out the nightly "Chef's Tasting" menu. D (Tu-Su), brunch (Su). www.craigieonmain.com. 853 Main St., Cambridge, 617.497.5511. \$\$\$ Map 3, E4

LITTLE DONKEY—Small Plates-Tapas. James Beard Award-winning chefs Ken Oringer and Jamie Bissonette open this new restaurant that focuses on their global travels through diverse and unique (truly!) small plates, a raw bar, rotating charcuterie and eclectic cocktails. B and L (M-F), dinner (daily), Br (Sa-Su). www.littledonkeybos.com. 505 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.945.1008. Map 5, D1

Cambridge/Harvard Square

NIGHT MARKET—Asian. This basement-level restaurant and bar is perfect for late-night study parties or those looking for Asian street-fare inspired dishes. Chef Jason Tom brings exceptional taste and affordability together in every dish, from daikon fries to hainan chicken. The graffiti-covered walls and community atmosphere provide the perfect backdrop to your culinary escape. It's sure to be a transportive and delicious experience. D (Tu-Su). www.nightmkt.com. 857.285.6948.

PARK—American. This subterranean space is an eclectic, rustic-meets-luxe hangout. Visitors have four distinct spaces to choose from, including a handsome tavern and funky dining area (filled with vintage curios) featuring fireside seating. The menu

is full of nostalgic classics, creative items you want to gobble up immediately and a daily meat pie. The intriguing cocktail list features small-batch spirits, artisanal bitters and house-made infusions, syrups, sodas and tonics. D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). www.parkcambridge.com. 59 J.F.K. St., Cambridge, 617.491.9851. \$\$ Map 3, B2

PARSNIP RESTAURANT & LOUNGE—Global. Quiet and refined, this new Harvard Square dining room occupies the space once run by Upstairs on the Square. Chef Peter Quinion serves modern European dishes that use fresh local ingredients and change with the season. Sunday brunch provides elevated dining options to start your morning right, like potato griddle cake with cured salmon and guacamole or French toast brioche with fruit compote. D (Tu-Sa), brunch (Su). www.parsniprestaurant.com. 91 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617.714.3206. Map 3, B2

Cambridge/Kendall Square

CAFÉ ARTSCIENCE—. No surprise this place in within the bounds of MIT. Café ArtScience explores innovations within the culinary world and shows off products being developed onsite. Inhale a cocktail or a flavor cloud; then munch on chef Patrick Campbell's refined, innovative cuisine. L (Tu-F), D (M-Sa). www.laboratoirecambridge.com. 650 E. Kendall St., Cambridge, 857.999.2193.

COMMONWEALTH—American. Chef and Owner Nookie Postal serves up fresh ingredients

family-style, things like cucumber gazpacho with watermelon and mint, grilled rainbow trout with lemon and chive, and lobster fettuccine. The adjacent market offers everything from lattes to sandwiches. L and D (M-Sa). www.commonwealth-cambridge.com. 11 Broad Canal Way, Cambridge, 617.945.7030.

THE SMOKE SHOP—Barbecue. Andy Husbands, chef-proprietor of Tremont 647, opens new digs focused entirely on the art of slow-cooked barbecue. Patrons lick their lips over the Texas-style brisket, glazed barbecue chicken, the Burnt Ends sandwich and seriously good sides like butter-smoked mushrooms. L and D (daily). 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, 617.577.7427.

Chinatown

NEW SHANGHAI—Chinese. New Shanghai's great reputation can mean a long line. Highly-skilled Shanghaiese chefs man the kitchen that offers Shanghai-style cuisine, as well as Szechuan and Americanized entrees like scallion beef with onion or crispy fried duck. But, what's not to miss are the specialty Shanghai-style cold dishes like seaweed peanuts, jellyfish with radish, smoked fish or the Eight Treasure hot paste. L and D (daily). www.bostonnewshanghai.com. 21 Hudson St., 617.338.6688. \$\$\$ Map 5, G4

SHOJO—Pan-Asian. Neon lights and bold decor are the first indications that Shojō isn't quite like its vastly old-world, Chinatown compatriots. Find

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OLD NORTH CHURCH was loyal to the Crown during the American Revolution. An irony since its lanterns we used to signal to Paul Revere that the Redcoats approached by sea.

modern Asian cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients on the menu, with a focus on small plates and Asian charcuterie. At the bar, check out tiki drinks, specialty sakes, and rare Asian wines. L (Th-Sa), D (M-Sa). www.shojoboston.com. 9A Tyler St., 617.423.7888. **Map 5, G5**

Downtown

FAJITAS & RITAS—Southwestern. Established in 1989, Fajitas & Ritas is an easygoing restaurant and bar, featuring fresh, healthy southwestern barbecue and Texan fare at bargain prices. An all-around fun place to eat, drink and hang out, the walls are decorated with colorful murals and the bar boasts some of Boston's best—and sturdiest—margaritas. L and D (daily). www.fajitasandritas.com. 25 West St., 617.426.1222. **\$ Map 5, G4**

GINGER MAN—American. This craft-beer oasis has 90 tap lines to choose from and offers exceptional comfort food options like poutine, mac and cheese, pork belly sliders and pretzels. The restaurant and bar offers close proximity to many attractions such as Faneuil Hall and the New England Aquarium. L and D (daily). www.gingerman-bos.com. 148 State St., 617.936.4241.

MAST—Mediterranean. Feel transported to the Mediterranean at this rustic restaurant by enjoying one of their Neopolitan-inspired dishes or sipping a craft cocktail. It's the perfect al fresco dining spot for warmer days on the beautiful, sun-soaked patio. On the menu, Southern European delights such as orechiette baresi, caprese salad, parmigiana di melanzane and fiori di zucca. L (M-F), D (daily). www.mastboston.com. 45 Province St., 617.936.3800.

YVONNE'S—Global. Occupying the former space of legendary Locke-Ober (where the Ward 8 cocktail was invented, incidentally), Yvonne's boasts a similar supper club experience with a more contemporary approach than its predecessor—it's actually named after Locke-Ober's members' only club. Dining among the sophisticated crowd is meant to be social and shared; plates run the gamut from stone-fired dressed pitas to grain salads and tuna crudo. D (daily). www.yvonesboston.com. 2 Winter Place, 617.267.0047.

Financial District/Waterfront

LEGAL SEA FOODS—Seafood. Legal Sea Foods has served only the freshest ocean fare for 60 years. Discover award-winning chowder, pristine oysters, succulent Maine lobster, and more than 40 varieties of delicious fish and shellfish. Excellent wine list. Hours vary by location. www.legalseafoods.com. 100 Huntington Ave., 617.266.7775. **Map 5, E4; 255 State St., 617.742.5300. Map 5, I3; 26 Park Plaza, Theater District, 617.426.4444. Map 5, G4; 20 University Road, Cambridge, 617.491.9400. Map 3, B2; 5 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, 617.864.3400. Map 5, E2**

TOWNSMAN—American. Matt Jennings' brasserie-inspired place employs a whole hog style of cooking and the menu presents sophisticated takes on down-home cooking rooted in New England. Things like deviled eggs with crispy chicken skins, chicken-fried sweetbreads and hazelnut-fed pork and apple vinegar. Cocktail connoisseurs appreciate the dry martini service, a throwback to how a classic gin martini should be served. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). www.townsmanboston.com. 120 Kingston St., 617.993.0750.

UNION OYSTER HOUSE—Seafood. Opened in 1826, Union Oyster House is a National Historic Landmark and the nation's oldest continuously operating restaurant. Fresh seafood is the main attraction and always has been, and the menu is heavy-handed on shellfish and oysters, fried and broiled fish, baked, boiled and broiled lobster and local Yankee favorites. L and D (daily). www.unionoysterhouse.com. 41 Union St., 617.227.2750. **\$\$ Map 5, H3**

Food & Wine Events

BOSTON WINE EXPO—Food & Wine Events. Explore the world of malbec, riesling, pinot noir and more from vintners around the globe at this popular annual consumer wine event, celebrating its 26th year in 2017. In addition to sampling pours from more than 200 wineries from across the globe, visitors can take an expert-led seminar or two. **Feb. 18-19, 1-5 pm.** Tickets: \$28-210. www.wineexpoboston.com. Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., 877.946.3976. **Map 5, I5**

BOSTON WINE FESTIVAL—Food & Wine Events. Chef Daniel Bruce and the Boston Harbor Hotel offer three months of vino-inspired events, tastings, seminars and meals. This month includes: Paul Hobbs Winery Dinner, **Feb. 3** at 7 pm; Valentine's Dinner Dance, **Feb. 11** at 7 pm; Valentine Jazz Brunch, **Feb. 12** at 10 am; Cakebread Cellars Dinner, **Feb. 16** at 7 pm; Tom Eddy Winery Dinner, **Feb. 24** at 7 pm. Full schedule online. Tickets: \$85-450. www.bostonwinefestival.net. 70 Rowes Wharf, 617.330.9355. **Map 5, I4**

CHOCOLATE BAR AT THE LANGHAM, BOSTON—Food & Wine Events. Indulge in The Langham's famous Chocolate Bar, which features a massive spread of 100 different types of chocolate-laden desserts crafted by pastry chef Ryan Pike. Treats run the gamut from chocolate-cherry-pistachio gateau to a chocolate cylinder stuffed with smoked chocolate praline cream. **Sept. 10-June 23.** Seatings: Sa at 11 am-1:30 pm. Tickets: \$42, \$32 ages 5-12. Reservations recommended. www.langham-hotels.com. 250 Franklin St., 617.451.1900 **Map 5, H4**

Kenmore Square/Fenway

EASTERN STANDARD KITCHEN & DRINKS—American. Proprietor Garrett Harker's open dining room is loud, but that's only fitting for this convivial atmosphere. Menu specialties include European and New England classics courtesy of Patrick Campbell, and the bar offers creative cocktails that are a must-try. The outdoor patio is a hot destination in all seasons. B, L, D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). www.easternstandardboston.com. 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617.532.9100. **\$\$\$ Map 5, C3**

SALONIKI—Greek. Jody Adams opened her newest local restaurant this spring. At first glance, it seems a far cry from her signature Rialto and waterfront Trade, and while it is certainly more casual, the food and flavors are just as good. Let's call this Greek to-go: patrons can build their own pita wrap choosing from a variety of proteins and sauces, or they can select from classic recipes. Salads, soups and a couple sweets make up the rest of the menu. Vibe is cool and fits right in with the new Fenway. L and D (daily). www.salonikigreek.com. 4 Kilmarcock St., 617.266.0001.; 181 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617.714.5151.

TIGER MAMA—Southeast Asian-Thai-Vietnamese. Lauded chef Tiffani Faison takes on Southeast

Asia with this new spot that explores flavors and culinary traditions from Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia. To be sure, preparations—some 50 of them—are Faison's creative interpretations of traditional dishes. Patrons can combat the spice at the bar with a variety of shaved ice cocktails. D (daily). www.tigmamaboston.com. 1363 Boylston St., 617.425.6262.

Leather District

LES ZYGOMATES—Wine Café. This wine bar and bistro brings a taste of Paris with a menu that changes weekly, but often includes dishes such as beef cheek bourguignonne with potato puree and the seared jumbo sea scallops with celery root mousseline. Great raw bar offers Malpeque and Kumamoto oysters, ceviche, lobster tail and more. Award-winning wine list. Live music nightly. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). www.winebar129.com. 129 South St., 617.542.5108. **\$\$\$ Map 5, H4**

O YA—Japanese. Located in a century-old fire station, Tim Cushman's upscale O Ya is Boston's coolest place for modern Japanese cuisine. The izakaya-style menu offers elegant dishes with interesting and innovative ingredient combinations and flavors; diners can also indulge in the omakase chef's tasting menu. Sake list is extensive and unparalleled in this city. D (Tu-Sa). www.oyarestaurantboston.com. 9 East St., 617.654.9900. **\$\$\$\$ Map 5, H5**

North End

CRUDO—Japanese. With its prime location on Salem Street and its 3,000 square feet of dining space across two levels, this North End restaurant has been a standout in the largely Italian neighborhood. Chef Kenichi Iwaoka serves Japanese-Pan Asian dishes for sharing, including rock shrimp tempura and innovative sushi and sashimi offerings. Don't forget about the sake cocktails. L and D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). www.crudoboston.com. 78 Salem St., Boston, 617.367.6500. **Map 5, I2**

PARLA—Italian. This isn't your typical "Little Italy" joint. Here, find a modern speakeasy vibe served up with inspired, contemporary takes on Italian cooking such as saltimbocca di pollo (chicken breast with prosciutto, buffalo mozzarella and crispy polenta) and crispy fried pork belly with black pepper aioli. D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). www.parlaboston.com. 230 Hanover St., 617.367.2824. **Map 5, I3**

THE BLACKSTONE GRILL—American. Built in 1822, the Blackstone Grill's digs were modeled after design work by Charles Bulfinch and is located in one of Boston's oldest sections. The grill pub offers seafood dishes like shrimp scampi and the fisherman's platter, and a good burger. L and D (daily). www.theblackstonegrill.com. 15 Union St., 857.265.3480. **\$\$ Map 5, H3**

Seaport District/Fort Point

COMMITTEE—Mediterranean. Members at the flavor table of this Fort Point neighborhood eatery include Greece, Lebanon, Turkey and North Africa, causing diners to quibble over shares of eastern Mediterranean-style small plates that run the gamut from grape leaf dolmades to marinated lamb with tzatziki. Definitely don't miss the Greek yogurt pancakes at brunch. L (M-F), D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). www.committeeboston.com. 50 Northern Ave., 617.737.5051.

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South End

BANYAN BAR & REFUGE—Pan-Asian. This "modern Asian gastropub" in the South End dig into a menu made up largely of sharing plates, including housemade pork wontons, spicy beef tartare hand rolls, lobster on a toasted house bun with miso honey butter, and grilled head-on shrimp. The bar features sake, wine and specialty cocktails with southeast Asian flair. D (daily), brunch (Sa-Su). www.banyanboston.com. 553 Tremont St., 617.556.4211.

BAR MEZZANA—Italian. Sophisticated and contemporary coastal Italian cuisine cooked by chef Colin Lynch (former student of Barbara Lynch) is what you'll dine on here. Handmade pasta, deliciously fresh crudo, and traditional Italian cocktails are all part of the mix. D (daily), brunch (Su). www.barmezzana.com. 360 Harrison Ave., 617.530.1770.

KAVA NEO-TAVERNA—Greek. From imported feta cheese to hard-to-find Greek wines, this Greek eatery is full of Mediterranean classics and charm. Menu items include Greek fries with olive oil and oregano, lamb meatballs, grilled octopus with lemon, and stuffed cabbage with rice, beef and herbs. The small plates compliment the convivial atmosphere and rustic decor. L (Sa-Su), D (daily). www.kavaneotaverna.com. 315 Shawmut Ave, 617.356.1100.

MYERS+CHANG—Chinese. This colorful eatery boasts an indie diner vibe and a soundtrack ranging from The Beach Boys to Jimi Hendrix. The kitchen takes inspiration from China, Taiwan and Thailand—preparations are modern takes on authentic recipes. Try the Asian-braised soft tacos, the tigers tears lunch salad and the signature Mama Chang's pork dumplings. Special menus: gluten-free, shellfish-free, vegetarian and nut-free. L (M-F), D (daily), dim sum brunch (Sa, Su). www.myersandchang.com. 1145 Washington St., 617.542.5200. **\$\$ Map 5, F5**

Theater District/Bay Village

BISTRO DU MIDI—French. Fine French restaurant Bistro du Midi's stunning views of the Public Garden complement artful, modern Provençal cuisine. The downstairs bar is more casual—a great spot for lunch and a glass of wine in nice weather. L (daily, bar only), D (daily), brunch (Sa, Su); bar snacks available weekdays 4-6 pm. www.bistrodumidi.com. 272 Boylston St., 617.426.7878. **\$\$\$ Map 5, G4**

THE BRISTOL—American. This casual yet ultimately elegant fine dining restaurant is the place for sophisticates to see and be seen. Diners focus their appetites on traditional New England comfort food before setting their sights on the great view of the Public Garden, situated right across Boylston Street. B, L and D (daily), brunch (Su). www.fourseasons.com. Four Seasons Hotel, 200 Boylston St., 617.351.2037. **\$\$\$\$ Map 5, G4**

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Revolutionary Women Tour
The Freedom Trail hosts this special tour in celebration of Women's History Month. Participants learn about women who took part in the American Revolution and others who followed suit with triumphs for freedom and equality in later years, ladies like Anne Hutchinson, Mary Dyer, Abigail Adams and Harriet Tubman. Ninety-minute tours are hosted every Saturday and Sunday in March, departing at 12:45 from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center, 139 Tremont St., 617.357.8300. **Map 5, G3**

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Co-working Spaces

DISTRICT HALL—The contemporary Seaport spot was envisioned by the City of Boston as a gathering space for innovators and ideas people. A large and open room features shared workspace, classrooms, assembly space, flexible-use pods and writable surfaces everywhere, including on the walls. District Hall also boasts its own dedicated coffee bar Brew and full-service restaurant Gather. Rates: \$50-\$300 per hour. Open M-F 6:30-2 am, Sa-Su 9-2 am. www.districthallboston.org 75 Northern Ave., 617.982.3213.

OFICIO—Founders Charlie Weisman and Nima Yadollahpour created this Boston-based shared workspace offering aspiring entrepreneurs and creative types a place to focus and collaborate with others. Amenities include high-speed wifi, mailing services, design workshops with a 3-D printer and access to Adobe Creative Suite, private phone and meeting areas, and, best of all, coffee and snacks. Day pass: \$30; additional membership opportunities start at \$69. Open M-F 8 am-7 pm. www.oficio.com 30 Newbury St., 857.239.9843; 129 Newbury St., 857.239.9424.

Trailer Information Centers

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BUREAU—The GBCVB has two locations stocked with visitor guides, maps, and brochures from local businesses and more. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. www.bostonusa.com Boston Common Visitor

Information Center, 139 Tremont St. **Map 5, G4**; Prudential Center Visitor Information Desk, 800 Boylston St. **Map 5, E4**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR

CENTER—Historic Faneuil Hall serves as the National Park Service's central point of information for Boston National Historical Park and the Boston African American National Historic Site. The revered Freedom Trail destination features high-tech, interactive exhibits, a bookstore and select local vendors. Visitors who ascend to the second floor's Great Hall can learn more during the 20-minute "Cradle of Liberty" Faneuil Hall Talk, offered every half hour. NPS ranger-led walking tours launch from here daily. Tours are free, but tickets are limited. Open daily 9 am-6 pm. www.nps.gov/bost. Faneuil Hall, 617.242.5642. **Map 5, H3**

THE SHATTUCK EMERALD NECKLACE VISITOR

CENTER—The Old Stony Brook Gatehouse in the Back Bay Fens is the stop for information about Boston's Emerald Necklace chain of parks created by Frederick Law Olmsted during the 19th century. Get maps, informative pamphlets and directions to the parks. Open M-F 9 am-5 pm, Sa-Su 11 am-4 pm. www.emeraldnecklace.org. 125 The Fenway, 617.522.2700. **Map 5, C5**

Tours

BOSTON BREW TOURS—"Beer is a passion," says home brewer Chad Brodsky, and that is certainly

the sentiment of those who take this informative, five-hour adventure that starts at Local Samuel Adams and Harpoon breweries and visits other popular spots, which could include Mead Hall for a beer-paired lunch and tour of its 100 tap-plus kegging room, Cambridge Beer Company, Mystic Brewery and more. Tours depart daily; reservations required. www.bostonbrewtours.com 617.453.8687.

BOSTON DUCK TOURS—Boston's original 80-minute amphibious tour is narrated by "conDUCKtors" well versed in local lore and combines a land tour with a splash in the Charles River. Tours depart Pru and Museum of Science every 30 minutes daily from 9 am to one hour before sunset, and New England Aquarium daily from noon, all running until one hour before sunset. Tours offered in 10 languages, from English to Korean, Cantonese, German, Italian and Brazilian Portuguese. **Begins March 21.** Tickets: \$10.50-39.50. www.bostonducktours.com The Shops at Prudential Center, 53 Huntington Ave. **Map 5, E4**; Museum of Science, Science Park. **Map 5, G1**; 617.267.3825.

BOSTON FOODIE TOURS—Get the dish on Boston's food scene on these half-day walking tours of one to three miles that are tailored to a specific theme or neighborhood. You'll visit markets and restaurants, and see and taste the best eats at each. Tour options include Beacon Hill and Back Bay, the North End and the Emerging Market District. Departure times vary; see website for full schedule.

Tickets start at \$65-85. www.bostonfoodietours.com 617.461.5772

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ART & ARCHITECTURE

TOURS—Did you know that America's first free municipal library doubles as a museum and a fascinating example of early 20th century architecture? The BPL's guided tours take visitors beyond the bookshelves of the 1895 McKim building to examine marble, murals, sculpture and other works by John Singer Sargent, Daniel Chester French, Pierre Puvis de Chavannes and Edwin Austin Abbey. Best yet, these tours are free. Departs Dartmouth Street lobby M 2:30 pm, Tu and Th 6 pm, W and F-Sa 11 am, Su 2 pm. www.bpl.org. 700 Boylston St., 617.536.5400. **Map 5, E4**

CHINATOWN MARKET TOURS—Michele Topor invites visitors into this enclave on a 3.5-hour culinary tour that makes authentic Asian food markets and restaurants approachable. Learn about food traditions and history like the origin of Chinese moon cakes and bubble tea, select exotic ingredients, gain cooking secrets about things like Cantonese roasted meats, and savor benchmark flavors. Dim sum lunch included. Tours Th and Sa, 9:30 am-1 pm. Tickets: \$75. www.bostonfoodtours.com Chinatown. Reservations required: 855.249.1163. Information: **Map 5, H4**

CITY WINE TOURS—Oenophiles rejoice in these expert-led, two-hour jaunts dedicated to wine. Walk, sip and eat your way through one of a few select Hub neighborhoods. Each tour makes three stops, and participants learn the fundamentals of tasting, pairing and buying wine. Departs South End and Harvard Square Sa at 3 pm, North End Sa at 2 pm and 3 pm, Back Bay Sa-Su at 3 pm. Tickets: \$66. www.citywinetours.com Reservations required: 855.455.8747.

FENWAY PARK TOURS—Explore America's favorite ballpark. These 60-minute tours include a visit to the Press Box, State Street Pavilion Box and the Green Monster, but areas are always subject to availability. Departs daily 10 am-5 pm on the hour; stops three hours before home game time. Tickets: \$12-18. boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/tour.jsp Tickets are sold at the Gate D Ticket Booth, Yawkey Way at Van Ness Street, 617.226.6666. **Map 5, C4**

FREEDOM TRAIL'S HISTORIC PUB CRAWL—You've never quite done a bar crawl like this one! Your guide, dressed in the full regalia of the 18th century, brings you to four of Boston's most historic pubs, teaching a few things about how these were inspirational to the Sons of Liberty. Beer tasting and traditional New England bites at each stop. Tours: Tu at 5:30 pm. Reservations required. Tickets: \$43. 21+ with ID. www.thefreedomtrail.org. Tour begins at the ArtsBoston booth at Faneuil Hall. 617.357.8300. **Map 5, H3**

MOBSTERS AND LOBSTERS—Take a tour of Boston's underbelly and learn about infamous mobsters and their local hangouts and hear of their sinister crimes. Then, enjoy a traditional lobster dinner as only New England can provide. There's even an option for wine tasting at Boston's only winery. Tickets \$50-105; tours run 6:30-9 pm and can be booked online. www.mobstersandlobsters.com various locations, 781.964.2472.

NEW ENGLAND BREWERY TOURS—This daylong chauffeured adventure is designed to give beer lovers an intense—but quick—study of the local hops scene. Visit three breweries like Samuel

Adams, Harpoon, Blue Hills Brewery or Jack's Abbey for tastings; day also includes a four-course, beer-paired meal. Departs Tu-Sa at 10 am. Tickets: \$140. www.newenglandbrewerytours.com New England Brewery Tours information, 617.539.6055; 306 Northern Ave.; 1020 Turnpike St., Canton.; 30 Germania St.; 100 Clinton St., Framingham.; 12 Resnik Rd., Plymouth..

TAZA CHOCOLATE FACTORY TOURS—Famous for its small-batch, handcrafted "bean-to-bar" artisan chocolate, this factory makes chocolate by hand using authentic Oaxacan stone mills. Visitors can take a tour of the location, sample chocolates and check out the shop. Tours daily, but schedule varies often; must make an advance reservation online. Tickets: \$6. www.tazachocolate.com 561 Windsor St., Somerville, 617.284.2232. **Map 3, G2**

TOURS OF SYMPHONY HALL—The majestic concert hall is home to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops, and it is one of only three acoustically perfect venues in the world. Learn about the building's architecture and the history of the orchestra while you tour the balcony, backstage area and more. Tours W at 4 pm and second Sa of every month at 2 pm. Free. Meet in the lobby. www.bso.org. 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617.266.1492. **Map 5, D5**

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WGBH STUDIO TOURS—WGBH, a front-runner in the broadcast field that entertains millions with arts and culture programming, offers 45-minute tours of the digital TV and radio studio, including the site of the award-winning international news program "The World," the performance center and theater, and more, depending on the day's schedule. Tours every W at 11 am, and first and third Sa of the month at 3 pm. Free. www.wgbh.org/about/public_tours.cfm. 1 Guest St., Allston, 617.300.4211. **Map 1, E2**

YE OLDE TAVERN TOURS—This walking tour is perfect for history buffs who enjoy sipping suds, too. Spend an afternoon learning offbeat facts about the pre-Revolutionary era from your PhD-educated guide. Along the way, stop by 10 historical landmarks and three fabled taverns, where pints of ale fuel conversation that covers public whippings, cross-dressing soldiers and Samuel Adams' personal hygiene. Departs W-Su at 2 pm. Extended tour options and private tours available. Tickets: \$52-55, must be 21+. www.yeoldetavern-tours.com Boston Common.

Transportation: Northeast Regional

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Bay Station, Dartmouth Street. **Map 5, F4**; South Station, Atlantic Avenue. 800.USA.Rail. **Map 5, H4**

CONCORD COACH—Convenient bus service from Maine and New Hampshire to Boston's South Station and Logan International Airport. Services cities including Portland, Bangor, Midcoast Maine, Concord, Berlin, Conway, Littleton and Plymouth, New Hampshire. Reservations not necessary. Tickets: \$27-77. www.concordcoachlines.com 800.639.3317; South Station, H4; Logan International Airport. **State D2**

Transportation: Public & City

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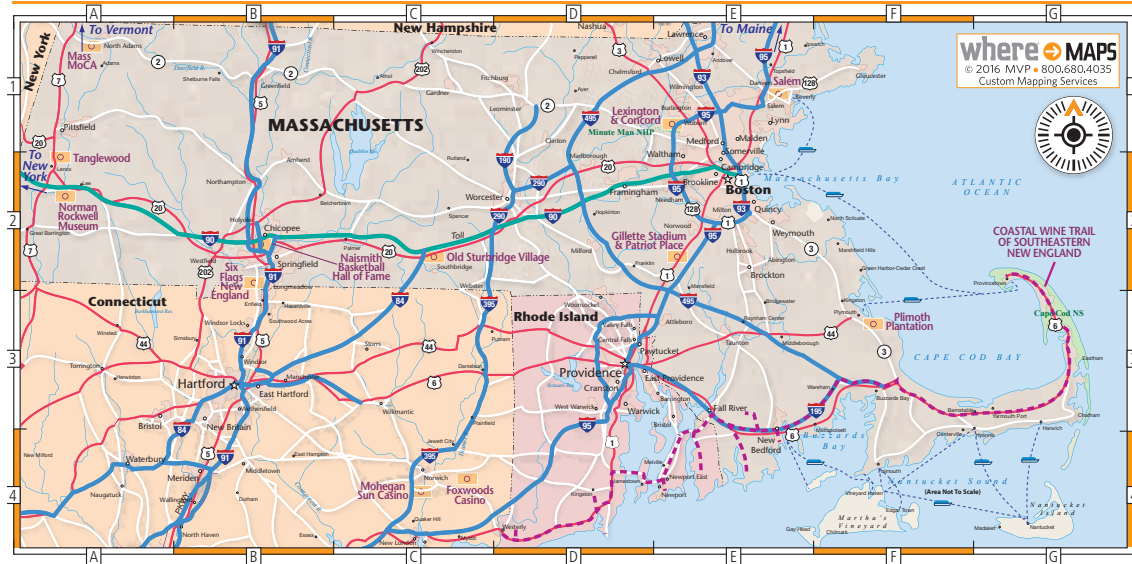
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MBTA BUS—The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority offers bus services to complement its subway system. Bus routes run throughout Boston proper, Greater Boston and suburbs. Operates from 5:15-12:30 am. Fares: \$1.60-6.80. www.mbta.com Citywide. 617.222.3200.

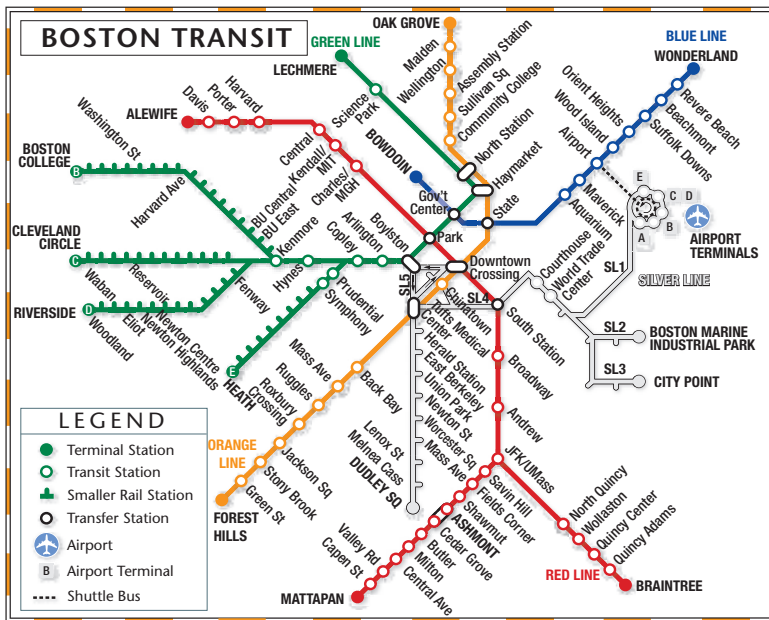
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MAP 1 MASSACHUSETTS AND REGION



MAP 2 MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY



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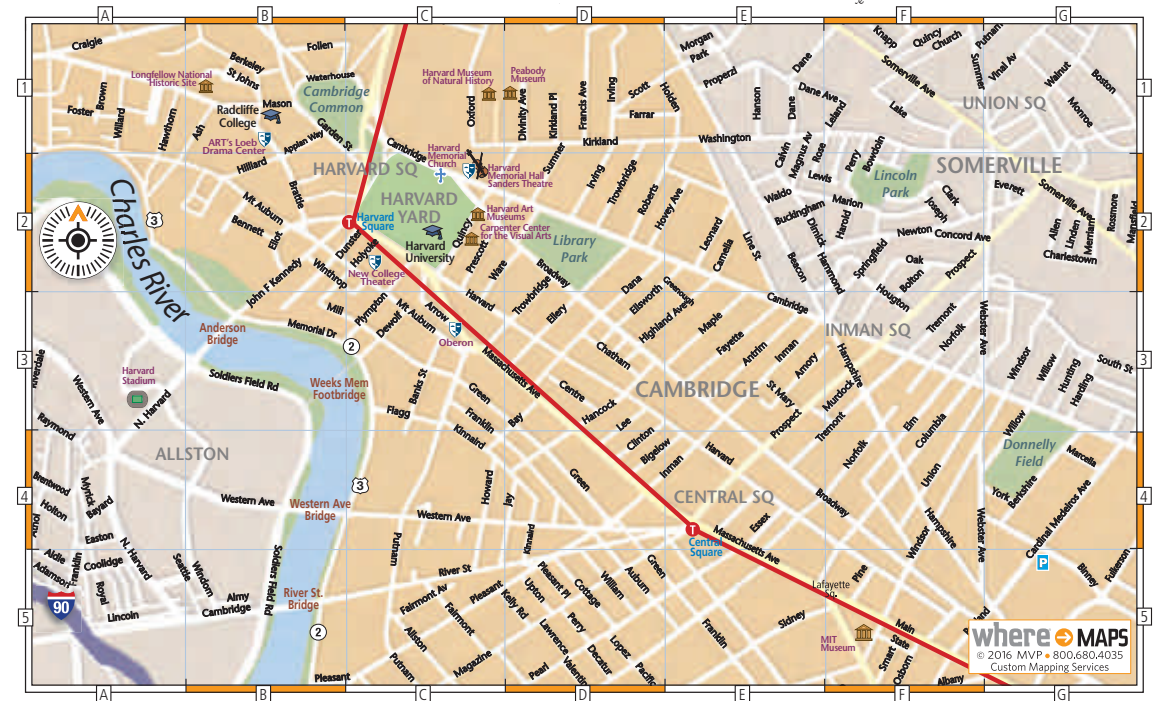
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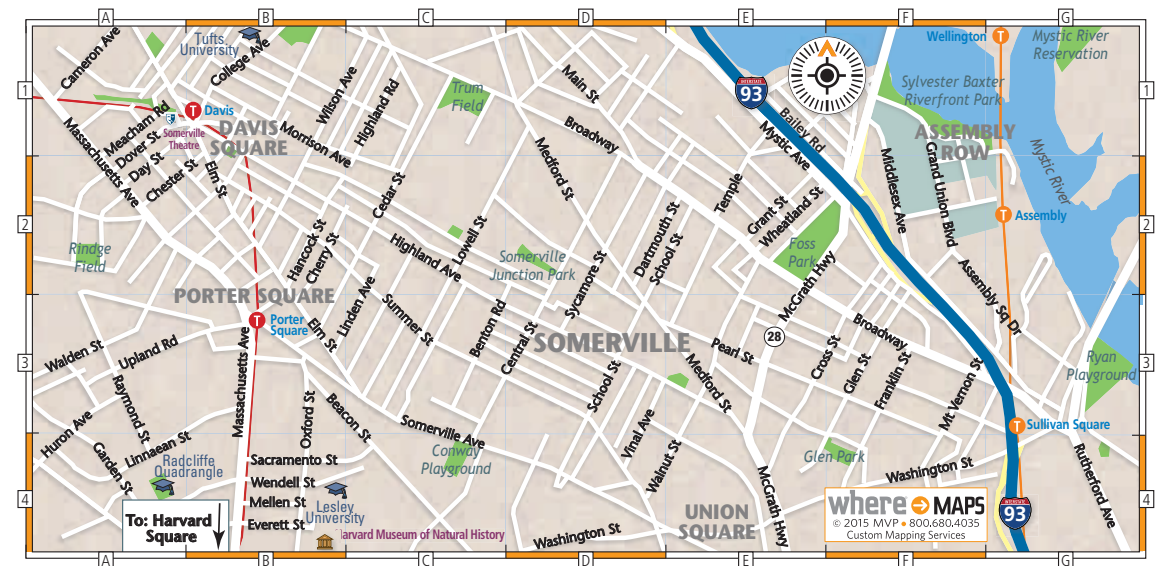
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Foodie

Mangia well at **Eataly Boston (1)**, which stocks its two-level Prudential Center location with any kind of Italian food imaginable. Food and foodstuffs are either imported and authentic or locally made. In the South End, **Myers & Chang (2)** serves up Chinese cuisine with contemporary flourishes and is the brainchild of James Beard Award winner Joanne Chang. Gluten-free, shellfish-free, nut-free or vegetarian? No worries; there are specific menus for each diet. Explore two foodie 'hoods on **Boston Food Tours** gustatory adventures through the North End or Chinatown. On a chilly afternoon, a thick hot chocolate in milk, dark or white (trust us, order the small) at **L.A. Burdick (3)** tantalizes the taste buds and warms the soul.

Irish

Southie is where the city's Irish diaspora still holds tightly to its roots. Case in point: The annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade (1)**, during which often as many as a million people congregate along Broadway to watch bagpipers, marching bands, local politicians and war vets march (March 19). Travelers often come straight from Logan Airport to **The Black Rose (2)** for a traditional Irish breakfast, but the nightly live music is just as enticing. On a stroll through Downtown Crossing, stop at the corner of School Street to appreciate the **Boston Irish Famine Memorial (3)** built in 1998 in remembrance of the Irish famine. In Dorchester, the **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum** honors the country's first Irish Catholic president.

Gal Pals

Grab your hot pink Rebecca Minkoff and head out for a day of shopping in the fancy **Back Bay (1)** neighborhood, whether at the upmarket boutiques on Newbury Street or couture and luxury labels at Copley Place. Then, make an appointment or walk in at **Miniluxe (2)** for a signature pedicure or foot facial, because you'll love when the pressure is off. For sophisticated drinks a la tea and/or champagne, the lavish **Reserve at The Langham, Boston (3)** offers a lovely afternoon tea service. After dark, gals willing to board the MBTA's Red Line get in free every Thursday at **The Burren** in Davis Square, where the L80's Night features the chance to belt out to favorite 80's tunes in a karaoke-style contest while sipping on 80's-inspired drink specials.

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