

# BOSTON NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

Boston is well-known for cultural and artistic excellence, with award-winning theater companies, acoustical masterpieces, sophisticated ensembles, and some of the best music schools in the world. In recent years, Boston has dramatically expanded its capacity to host contemporary acts and artists, which has enhanced the city's appeal as a destination for nightlife and entertainment. New venues have proliferated across the city, bolstering the city's nightlife and entertainment appeal and creating new opportunities for diverse acts to perform in Boston.

## **Stadium and Arena Experiences**

Boston biggest venues attract world-class talent throughout all four seasons. In the warmer months, Fenway Park plays host to roughly a dozen concerts per year and baseball's oldest professional ballpark is quite the location to enjoy a show. Located a few blocks from Fenway on the Boston University campus is Agganis Arena, which also hosts musical acts in a somewhat more intimate setting compared to its big cousin across town – TD Garden. The Garden anchors the sprawling Hub on Causeway complex and is a stellar spot for spectators to take in not just sporting events but some of the most famous musical artists on the scene.

## **Clubs & Neighborhood Joints**

Hub on Causeway is also home to Big Night Live, which is the largest of the Big Night Entertainment (BNE) venues that have ushered in a more diverse and contemporary era for Boston's live music vibe. BNE also operates a number of clubs in Boston including The Grand and Empire. BNE is not the only club and concert consortium that has great venues in Boston. Bowery Presents runs Royale in the Theater District and has recently opened new concerts spaces such as Roadrunner in Brighton and The Stage at Suffolk Downs in East Boston. Bowery also brings tremendous acts to The Sinclair, which is nestled in Harvard Square. Meanwhile, Lansdowne Street comes alive with Live Nation venues such as Citizens House of Blues and the more recently opened MGM Music Hall. Over in the Seaport, Live Nation also operates the Leader Bank Pavilion, which creates magical musical memories with its unique open-air concept abutting Boston Harbor. Looking for smaller, more gritty rock clubs? Head to Allston where the legendary Paradise Rock Club and Brighton Music Hall pulsate with energy. Great Scott, a longtime Allston staple that shuttered its doors a few

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years ago will return in 2025. In downtown Boston, the Orpheum Theatre has a rich history of bringing some of the greatest classic and modern rock acts to the city.

## Eclectic Boston – Jazz Clubs, Supper Clubs, Wine Bars and More

Once known as one of the country's great jazz towns, Boston is still home to some of the most serene and scintillating jazz joints in the Northeast. The most enduring throwback is Wally's Café Jazz Club at the intersection of Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods where the jazz scene flourished in the immediate postwar era. Well, Wally's is still serenading, 365 days a year in fact. Further into Roxbury, there is great anticipation for the 2025 opening of Jazz Urbane Café, which will be situated in Nubian Square's iconic Bolling Building and combine arts and entertainment excellence with a diverse performance series and an enticing culinary program. There are some great hotel jazz clubs in greater Boston as well, including Scullers Jazz Club in the Doubletree Suites and of course the Regattabar located in the Charles Hotel in Cambridge. A different kind of jazz experience awaits folks in the Seaport, where Grace by Nia takes a supper club concept and combines it with a speakeasy lounge and a live jazz stage. Creative concepts such as this abound across Boston in various ways, from Jazz Brunches at Beehive, to City Winery shows and dbar After Dark.

## Sophisticated Serenading

Boston is home to classically trained orchestras, world-class conservatories, and beautifully preserved performance venues such as the Boston Opera House, Wang Theatre, Shubert Theatre, Colonial Theatre, and Modern Theatre. The Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops perform at Symphony Hall, one of the most esteemed acoustical venues in the world. In the South End, the Boston Center for the Arts complex features the Calderwood Pavilion, home to three award-winning theater companies, plus the Cyclorama space and the Plaza theatres.

Boston is of course an educational epicenter, including many schools with music and arts programs featuring diverse disciplines. These are some of the best schools in the nation. Berklee College of Music, which recently merged with Boston Conservatory, offers performances throughout the calendar year, as does the New England Conservatory and Emerson College. Take advantage of these opportunities to see the next generation of musical savants.

