

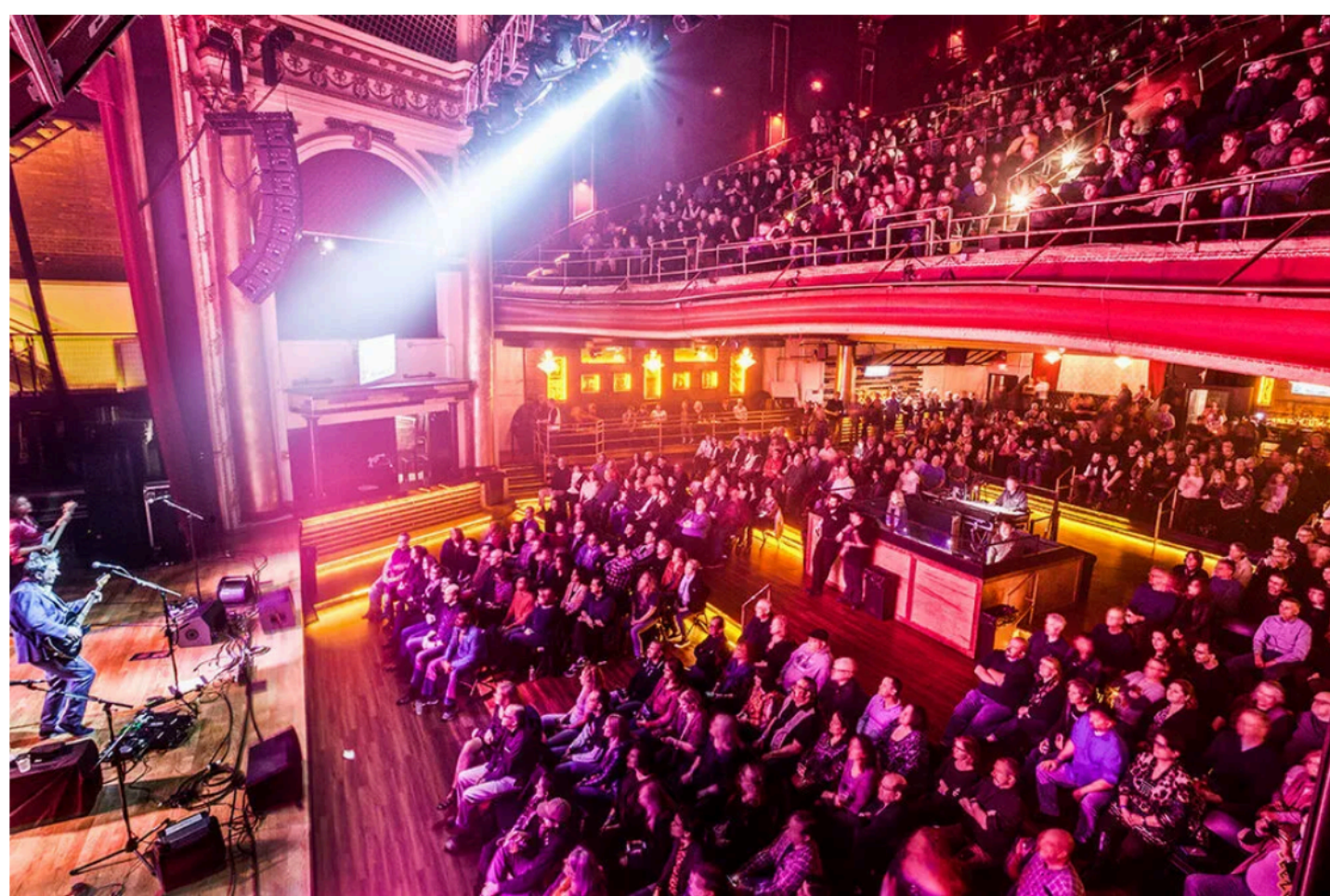
10 great places in New England to hear live music



Nothing like the energy of live music — Photo courtesy of melis82 / Getty Images

Where did you see your first live music concert? Live musical performances can be transformative, and these 10 venues in the Northeast have certainly hosted their fair share of transformational evenings. If you're in New England, be sure to check out a show at one of these halls, theaters or clubs.

The Strand Ballroom and Theatre, Providence, Rhode Island



The Strand Ballroom and Theatre has hosted a variety of acts, from Johnny Cash to Ice Cube — Photo courtesy of The Strand Ballroom and Theatre

Claiming to be the oldest theater in Providence, the Strand opened as a vaudeville theater and, for a few decades, operated as a cinema before morphing into the legendary Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel. In 2017, the music venue reopened as the [Strand Ballroom and Theatre](#). Even with its extensive renovations, the Strand retains Lupo's rock 'n' roll spirit. Expect everything from rock to hip hop to metal to funk.