

# GREATER BOSTON LOCAL PICKS

April 30 - May 7

## SEASONAL EVENTS

**Harvard Arts Fest 2026** | April 30 – May 3 | 8:00am | Harvard Yard | [harvard.edu](http://harvard.edu)

**Wake Up the Earth Festival** | May 2 | 10:30am | Centre Street, Jamaica Plain | [wakeuptheearth.org](http://wakeuptheearth.org)

**Salsa ASL by the Shell** | May 2 | 1:00pm | Hatch Memorial Shell and Arthur Fiedler Footbridge | [hatchshell.com](http://hatchshell.com)

**Kentucky Derby Party** | May 2 | 12:00pm | OAK Long Bar + Kitchen | [oaklongbarkitchen.com](http://oaklongbarkitchen.com)

**Off To The Races: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Derby Party** | May 2 | 2:00pm | The Sporting Club – Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport | [thesportingclubboston.com](http://thesportingclubboston.com)

**Kentucky Derby Celebration** | May 2 | 3:00pm | Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse | [opentable.com](http://opentable.com)

**The Kentucky Derby Darty** | May 2 | 4:00pm | The Newbury Boston | [thenewburyboston.com](http://thenewburyboston.com)

**ClimaTech** | May 4 & 5 | Boston Center for the Arts | [climatech.live](http://climatech.live)

**Swan Boats** | Through September 7 | Boston Public Garden | [swanboats.com](http://swanboats.com)

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*ClimaTech at Boston Center for the Arts*

## MUSIC, THEATER & COMEDY



*Something Rotten at Lyric Stage Theater*

**Alvin Ailey: American Dance Theater** | April 30 – May 3 | Wang Theatre | [bochcenter.org](http://bochcenter.org)

**White Reaper & Drug Church** | May 1 | 6:00pm | Paradise Rock Club | [crossroadspresents.com](http://crossroadspresents.com)

**Tanya Donnelly & Chris Brokaw** | May 1 | 7:30pm | First Church, Cambridge | [globalartslive.org](http://globalartslive.org)

**Will Downing** | May 1 | 7:30pm | City Winery | [citywinery.com](http://citywinery.com)

**Back Bay Chorale: O Fortuna: A Carmina Burana Spectacular** | May 1 | 8:00pm | Symphony Hall | [bso.org](http://bso.org)

**Lisa Batiashvili, Giorgi Gigashvili** | May 1 | 8:00pm | NEC's Jordan Hall | [vivoperformingarts.org](http://vivoperformingarts.org)

**Something Rotten** | May 1 – June 7 | Lyric Stage Theater | [lyricstage.com](http://lyricstage.com)

**History of Hip-Hop and Lyricism** | May 2 | 1:00pm | Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library | [givebutter.com](http://givebutter.com)

**Without You** | May 2 | 2:30pm | Boston University Dance Theatre | [pantosprojectdanceshop.square](http://pantosprojectdanceshop.square)

**Flowers in Bloom: Music Inspired by Nature** | May 2 | 3:00pm | Arnold Arboretum | [arboretum.harvard.edu](http://arboretum.harvard.edu)

**Sam Jay** | May 2 | 7:00pm | The Wilbur | [thewilbur.com](http://thewilbur.com)

**Chucho Valdés and His Royal Quartet** | May 2 | 8:00pm | Berklee Performance Center | [vivoperformingarts.org](http://vivoperformingarts.org)

**Disney's Beauty and the Beast** | Through May 2 | Citizens Opera House | [boston.broadway.com](http://boston.broadway.com)

**Bobby Lee** | May 3 | 7:00pm | Chevalier Theatre | [chevaliertheatre.com](http://chevaliertheatre.com)

**Anuv Jain** | May 3 | 7:00pm | Big Night Live | [bignightlive.com](http://bignightlive.com)

**The Secret Sharer** | Through May 3 | Emerson Paramount Center | [artsemerson.org](http://artsemerson.org)

**Star Wars: The Story in Music** | May 4 | 7:30pm | Symphony Hall | [bso.org](http://bso.org)

**Melissa Manchester** | May 4 | 7:30pm | City Winery | [citywinery.com](http://citywinery.com)

**The Kid Laroi** | May 5 | 7:30pm | Leader Bank Pavilion | [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

**Luka Sulic** | May 5 | 7:30pm | Emerson Colonial Theatre | [atgtickets.com](http://atgtickets.com)

**Shane Gillis** | May 7 - 9 | TD Garden | [tdgarden.com](http://tdgarden.com)

**Boston Ballet: Spring Experience 2026** | May 7 - 17 | Citizens Opera House | [bostonballet.org](http://bostonballet.org)

**Oedipus El Rey** | May 7 – June 7 | Huntington Theatre | [huntingtontheatre.org](http://huntingtontheatre.org)

**Louisa May Alcott's Little Women** | Fridays – Sundays, Through May 16 | Arlington Friends of the Drama Theatre | [afdtheatre.org](http://afdtheatre.org)

**House Teams** | Tuesdays | 8:00pm | Improv Asylum | [improvasylum.com](http://improvasylum.com)

**Improv Asylum Main Stage Show** | Thursdays - Saturdays | Improv Asylum | [improvasylum.com](http://improvasylum.com)

**Boston Theater of Magic** | Saturdays | 4:30pm & 7:30pm | Liberty Hotel | [libertyhotel.com](http://libertyhotel.com)

**Comedy & Cabernet** | Saturdays | 7:00pm | City Winery | [citywinery.com](http://citywinery.com)

**Drag Brunch** | Saturdays & Sundays | Summer Shack Cambridge | [summershackrestaurant.com](http://summershackrestaurant.com)

**Sinatra Sundays at Capo Restaurant and Supper Club** | Sundays | [caposouthboston.com](http://caposouthboston.com)



*Star Wars: The Story in Music at Symphony Hall*

## NIGHTLIFE

**PEEKABOO** | May 1 | 9:30pm | Big Night Live | [bignightlive.com](http://bignightlive.com)

**Don Draft** | May 1 | 10:00pm | Memoire | [memoireboston.com](http://memoireboston.com)

**Campari Aperitivo Party** | May 2 | 5:00pm | Revere Hotel | [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**KSHMR** | May 2 | 9:30pm | Big Night Live | [bignightlive.com](http://bignightlive.com)

**Cazes** | May 2 | 10:00pm | Memoire | [memoireboston.com](http://memoireboston.com)

**Fashionably LATE Thursdays at The Liberty** | Thursdays, Through May 21 | The Liberty Hotel | [libertyhotel.com](http://libertyhotel.com)

**Monday Comedy Nights at Lucky's** | Mondays | Lucky's Lounge | [luckyslounge.com](http://luckyslounge.com)

**DJs at The Grand** | Thursdays - Sundays | The Grand | [thegrandboston.com](http://thegrandboston.com)

**Jazz Fridays** | Fridays | The Fed – The Langham | [thelanghamhotels.com](http://thelanghamhotels.com)

**Friday Night Trivia** | Fridays | 7:00pm | The Berkeley | [theberkeleyboston.com](http://theberkeleyboston.com)

**DJ Sets** | Fridays & Saturdays | 7:00pm | Time Out Market | [timeoutmarket.com](http://timeoutmarket.com)

**Late Night Lounge** | Fridays & Saturdays | 9:00pm | Rochambeau | [rochambeauboston.com](http://rochambeauboston.com)

**Live Music at The Beehive** | Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays | The Beehive Restaurant | [beehiveboston.com](http://beehiveboston.com)

**DJs at Memoire Nightclub** | Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays | Encore Boston Harbor | [encorebostonharbor.com](http://encorebostonharbor.com)

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## FAMILY EVENTS

**Spring Into WNDR Stamp Rally** | Through May 31 | WNDR Museum | [wndrmuseum.com](http://wndrmuseum.com)

**Dino Safari** | Through September 6 | CambridgeSide | [dinosafari.com](http://dinosafari.com)

**You, Me, We!** | Wednesday – Sunday | Boston Children’s Museum | [bostonchildrensmuseum.org](http://bostonchildrensmuseum.org)

**Seaport Smalls** | Saturdays | Seaport | [bostonseaport.xyz](http://bostonseaport.xyz)

**Putt Across America: A Cross Country Mini Golf Journey** | ongoing | Faneuil Hall Marketplace | [puttacrossamerica.com](http://puttacrossamerica.com)

**4-D Films at the Museum of Science** | ongoing | [mos.org](http://mos.org)

**Mapparium** | ongoing | The First Church of Christ, Scientist | [christianscience.com](http://christianscience.com)

**Snow Leopard at Franklin Park Zoo** | ongoing | [zoonewengland.org](http://zoonewengland.org)

**Simons Theatre at the New England Aquarium** | ongoing | [neaq.org](http://neaq.org)

**View Boston** | ongoing | Prudential Center | [viewboston.com](http://viewboston.com)



*Dino Safari at CambridgeSide*

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITIONS



*Discovering King Tut's Tomb at The Saunders Castle at Park Plaza*

**SoWa Firt Friday** | May 1 | 5:00pm | SoWa Art + Design District | [sowaartists.com](http://sowaartists.com)

**SoWa Art Walk** | May 2 & 3 | SoWa Art + Design District | [sowaartists.com](http://sowaartists.com)

**Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel** | Through May 10 | CambridgeSide | [houseoflive.com](http://houseoflive.com)

**Persona: Photography and the Re-Imagined Self** | Through May 10 | Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum | [gardnermuseum.org](http://gardnermuseum.org)

**Divine Color: Hindu Prints from Modern Bengal** | Through May 31 | Museum of Fine Arts | [mfa.org](http://mfa.org)

**Edmonia Lewis: Said in Stone** | Through June 7 | Peabody Essex Museum |

[pem.org](http://pem.org)

**Framing Nature: Gardens and Imagination** | Through June 28 | Museum of Fine Arts | [mfa.org](http://mfa.org)

**Discovering King Tut's Tomb** | Through July 12 | The Saunders Castle at Park Plaza | [kingtutexperience.com](http://kingtutexperience.com)

**Say It Loud: AAMARP, 1977 to Now** | Through August 2 | Institute of Contemporary Art | [icaboston.org](http://icaboston.org)

**Derrick Adams: View Master** | Through September 7 | Institute of Contemporary Art | [icaboston.org](http://icaboston.org)

**To My Best Friend** | Through December 31 | Institute of Contemporary Art | [icaboston.org](http://icaboston.org)

**SoWa Sundays** | Sundays | SoWa Art + Design District | [sowaartists.com](http://sowaartists.com)

**Read and Work at the Athenaeum** | Monday through Friday | Boston Athenaeum | [bostonathenaeum.org](http://bostonathenaeum.org)

**Gallery Night Tuesdays** | Tuesdays | The Liberty Hotel | [libertyhotel.com](http://libertyhotel.com)

**Boston Fire Museum** | Saturdays | [bostonsparks.com](http://bostonsparks.com)

**Frank Bowling and 5+1** | ongoing | Museum of Fine Arts | [mfa.org](http://mfa.org)

**Caroline Monnet: Man-made Land** | ongoing | Institute of Contemporary Art | [icaboston.org](http://icaboston.org)

**Massachusetts State House Art Collection** | ongoing | [mass.gov](http://mass.gov)

**Black Voices of the Revolution** | ongoing | Museum of African American History | [maah.org](http://maah.org)

**Anila Quayyum Agha: All the Flowers Are for Me** | ongoing | Peabody Essex Museum | [pem.org](http://pem.org)

**The Family Heritage Experience** | ongoing | American Ancestors, Boston | [americanancestors.org](http://americanancestors.org)

**Monet's Water Lilies, Reflections of Weeping Willows** | ongoing | Museum of Fine Arts | [mfa.org](http://mfa.org)

**Museum of Ice Cream** | ongoing | [museumoficecream.com](http://museumoficecream.com)

**Museum of Illusions Boston** | ongoing | Faneuil Hall | [moiboston.com](http://moiboston.com)  
**Your Spirit Whispering in My Ear** | ongoing | Rose Kennedy Greenway | [rosekennedygreenway.org](http://rosekennedygreenway.org)  
**Arthropods: Creatures That Rule** | ongoing | Harvard Museum of Natural History | [harvard.edu](http://harvard.edu)  
**Museum of Bad Art** | ongoing | Dorchester Brewing Co. | [museumofbadart.org](http://museumofbadart.org)  
**WNDR Museum** | ongoing | Downtown Crossing | [wndrmuseum.com](http://wndrmuseum.com)  
**Embrace Monument** | ongoing | Boston Common | [embraceboston.org](http://embraceboston.org)  
**Intentional Beauty: Jewish Ritual Art from the Collection** | ongoing | Museum of Fine Arts | [mfa.org](http://mfa.org)  
**Essential MIT** | ongoing | MIT Museum | [mit.edu](http://mit.edu)  
**USS Constitution Public Tours** | ongoing | Charlestown Navy Yard | [navy.mil](http://navy.mil)  
**Boston: A Music Town** | ongoing | Wang Theatre | [folkamericanarootshalloffame.org](http://folkamericanarootshalloffame.org)  
**ICA Free Thursday Nights** | ongoing | 5:00pm – 9:00pm | Institute of Contemporary Art | [icaboston.org](http://icaboston.org)  
**Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame Tour** | ongoing | Boch Center - Wang Theatre | [folkamericanarootshalloffame.org](http://folkamericanarootshalloffame.org)

## FOOD, WINE & BEER EVENTS

**Prisoner Wine Pairing Dinner** | April 30 | 6:30pm | Eddie Merlot's Prime Aged Beef and Seafood - Seaport | [eddiemerlots.com](http://eddiemerlots.com)

**Boston Sauce Party** | May 2 | 11:00am | Trillium Brewing Company | [bostonsauceparty.com](http://bostonsauceparty.com)

**Edible Boston Spring Issue Dinner with Marc Sheehan** | May 7 | 5:30pm | Northern Spy Restaurant | [northernspycanton.com](http://northernspycanton.com)

**Harvard Square Cambridge Donut Tour** | Sundays | [offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com](http://offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com)

**Harvard French Fry & Food Pairings Tour** | Sundays & Thursdays | Off The Beaten Path Food Tours | [offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com](http://offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com)

**Prime Rib Feature** | Sundays & Thursdays | Rare Steakhouse at Encore Boston Harbor | [encorebostonharbor.com](http://encorebostonharbor.com)

**Brewery Tours** | Sundays, Thursdays & Fridays | Samuel Adams Boston Brewery | [samadamsbostonbrewery.com](http://samadamsbostonbrewery.com)

**Fratelli Rush Hour** | Mondays - Thursdays | Encore Boston Harbor | [encorebostonharbor.com](http://encorebostonharbor.com)

**The Lineup Food Hall** | Monday - Friday | Financial District | [lineupandeat.com](http://lineupandeat.com)

**Union Square Somerville Food Tour** | Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays | [offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com](http://offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com)

**Food and Mural Arts Tour** | Tuesdays and Sundays | Central Square, Cambridge | [offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com](http://offthebeatenpathfoodtours.com)

**Wine Tasting at City Winery** | Thursdays – Sundays | [citywinery.com](http://citywinery.com)

**Eastern Edge Food Hall** | ongoing | Kendall Square | [easternedgefoodhall.com](http://easternedgefoodhall.com)

**Boston Historic Downtown Donut Tour** | ongoing | [undergrounddonuttour.com](http://undergrounddonuttour.com)

**Tasting Tour** | ongoing | Harpoon Brewery | [harpoonbrewery.com](http://harpoonbrewery.com)

**Food Trucks** | ongoing | Rose Kennedy Greenway | [rosekennedygreenway.org](http://rosekennedygreenway.org)

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*Prisoner Wine Pairing Dinner at Eddie Merlot's Prime Aged Beef and Seafood - Seaport*

## POP-UPS / MARKETS

**Picnic at The Current** | April 30 – August 30 | Seaport Common | [bostonseaport.xyz](http://bostonseaport.xyz)

**SoWa Vintage Market** | Sundays | 11:00am | [sowaboston.com](http://sowaboston.com)

**Haymarket** | Fridays & Saturdays | [haymarketboston.org](http://haymarketboston.org)

**Bow Market** | ongoing | [bowmarketsomerville.com](http://bowmarketsomerville.com)

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*Picnic at The Current on Seaport Common*

## SPORTS

**2026 Playoffs: Bruins vs. Sabres Home Game 3** | May 1 | 7:30pm | TD Garden | [tdgarden.com](http://tdgarden.com)

**Red Sox vs. Astros** | May 1 - 3 | Fenway Park | [mlb.com](http://mlb.com)

**The New England Revolution vs. Charlotte FC** | May 2 | 7:30pm | Gillette Stadium | [gillettestadium.com](http://gillettestadium.com)

**2026 Playoffs: Celtics vs. 76ers Home Game 4 (If Necessary)** | May 2 | TD Garden | [tdgarden.com](http://tdgarden.com)

**Boston Legacy FC vs. Denver Summit FC** | May 3 | 3:00pm | Gillette Stadium | [bostonlegacyfc.com](http://bostonlegacyfc.com)

**Red Sox vs. Rays** | May 7 - 10 | Fenway Park | [mlb.com](http://mlb.com)

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