

Office of Global Programs

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**KEEPING UP WITH THE BEACONS**

YOUR GUIDE TO (UMASS) BOSTON'S  
CULTURAL SCENE  
REMINDERS, & UPDATES FROM THE  
OFFICE OF GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Hello Beacons! I hope your semester is going well, and that you all are having fun in Boston so far! Spring is here, meaning flowers will soon be growing and the trees will soon blossom, so here are some fun ways to enjoy Boston in the coming weeks!

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## The Boston Marathon



You don't want to miss the chaotic but proud spirit of Boston on Marathon Monday. The Boston Marathon is known worldwide as it is one of six World Marathon Majors, with the other locations in Berlin, Tokyo, London, Chicago, and New York. The Boston Marathon is also the world's oldest annual marathon and with qualified entries, it is a speedy race! Join the spirit of Boston and the world at the finish line.

When: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Where: 655 Boylston Street, Boston, MA

Directions: From JFK/UMass station, take the Red Line inbound to Alewife. Get off at Park Street and transfer to the Green Line E, outbound to Heath Street. Get off at the Copley stop and walk three minutes there.

Tickets: No tickets needed.

## Swan Boats



A feature of Boston since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, spend your afternoon relaxing in a swan boat at the Boston Public Gardens—which will soon be even more lovely with the coming of Spring!

When: Opens April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and is open daily 10 am—4 pm for the rest of the semester.

Where: 4 Charles Street, Boston, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK station, take the Red Line inbound to Alewife. Get off at Park Street and walk through the Boston Commons to the Public Gardens.

Tickets: Each ticket is \$4.50. You can purchase these in-person at the swan boat dock or online at <https://swanboats.com/product-category/tickets/>.

Celebrating Arab Mother's Day: Arab Painting and Calligraphy Workshop



Join Boston's Arabic Cultural Center for a guided painting and calligraphy session with Egyptian American artist Hala Ashour, creating pieces that celebrate Arab American Mother's Day. The painting can be a great gift for a loved one or just a beautiful addition to your home! This event is suitable for all skill levels and no Arabic language knowledge is needed.

When: 2-5 pm Saturday, March 16

Where: Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library at 149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK station, take the 41 bus towards Centre Street and Eliot Street. Get off at the Dudley Street at Harrison Ave stop. Walk four minutes.

Tickets: This event is free, but registration is required

<https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/65c12c4c0a9fcc22239ed81b>.

## WNDR Museum - Boston



Experience Yayoi Kusama's masterpiece "Let's Survive Forever" alongside 20+ other immersive exhibits in Boston's Downtown Crossing. Go with a group of friends and experience the exciting and interesting exhibits of Boston's newest museum!

When: Open Mondays through Wednesdays from 11AM – 8PM, open Thursdays & Fridays 11AM – 10PM, open Saturdays from 9AM – 10PM, and Sundays 9AM – 8PM.

Where: 500 Washington St, Boston, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK station, take the Red Line inbound toward Alewife, get off at the Downtown Crossing stop. Walk 2 minutes to museum.

Tickets: Purchase tickets through the WNDR website - <https://wndrmuseum.com/location/boston/> . General admission starts at \$32 with discounts for veterans and children.

## UMass Boston Theatre Production - “Radium Girls”



“In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, *Radium Girls* traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court.”

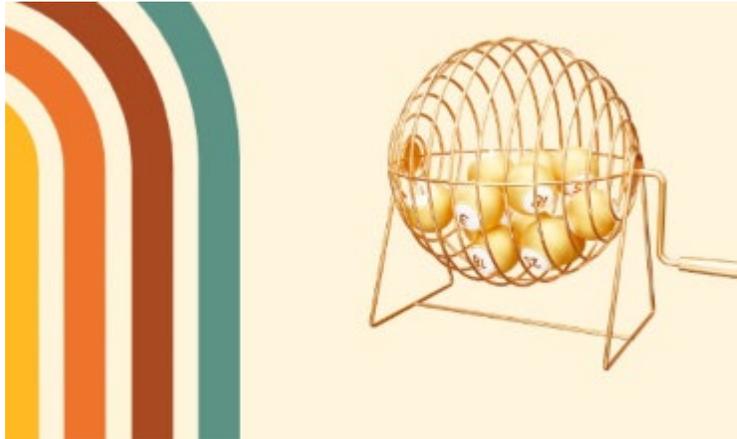
Check out UMass Boston’s Theatre Program spring production, *Radium Girls*! Starring some of UMass Boston’s finest theatre students, as well as an intricate set design and built by amazing behind-the-scenes students and faculty, this show will blow your mind (and possibly make your jaws glow!) Get your tickets before they sell out!

When: April 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Matinee on Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m.

Where: UMass Boston Theatre, University Hall

Ticket Prices: Students, faculty and staff, \$12, General Public, \$17 [umb.universitytickets.com](http://umb.universitytickets.com)

## Beacon Bingo Night



Join the SAEC for bingo and fun prizes!

When: Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Motley Hall Dining Commons

## The UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra Live in Concert



UMass Boston Performing Arts presents The UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra led by David Giessow and Kenneth Mok. This semester, the UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra presents an array of smaller ensembles – strings, brass, winds – playing compositions written for smaller groups of musicians. The evening culminates in a performance by the full Orchestra. The program features works by British composers, including excerpts from *Simple Symphony, Op. 4* by Benjamin Britten, *Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary* by Henry Purcell, *Folksongs from Hampshire* and *Jupiter (from The Planets)* by Gustav Holst

When: Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm – 9pm

Where: The Recital Hall in University Hall, 100 Morrissey Boulevard

Tickets: For students, faculty and staff \$7, for general public \$12. Can purchase tickets here [umb.universitytickets.com](http://umb.universitytickets.com)

## Jazz!Live! The UMass Boston Jazz Ensembles



JAZZ! LIVE!

The coolest night on campus features improvisational jazz, adaptations of classics and standards. Expect the unexpected. Directed by Peter Janson and Ervin Dhimo

When: Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm – 9pm

Where: The Recital Hall in University Hall, 100 Morrissey Boulevard

Tickets: Students, faculty staff, \$7, General Public, \$12. Can purchase tickets here [umb.universitytickets.com](http://umb.universitytickets.com)

## Spanish Conversation Hour



Come and practice your Spanish, meet people, and enjoy fun activities! All levels (and native Spanish speakers) welcome. Hosted on Thursday afternoons.

**When:** Every Thursday, until May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1pm – 3pm

**Where:** Global Programs Campus Center 2100

## Netflix and Knitting at the Boston Public Market



Searching for the perfect spot to connect with your knitting pals? Look no more! The Boston Public Market is delighted to unveil "Netflix and Knitting." Gather your yarn, knitting needles, and friends for an enchanting evening of community and knitting bliss. Bask in the expansive ambiance of our Hub, featuring inviting tables and a TV wall streaming cinematic delights for your enjoyment. It's an ideal opportunity to step beyond your doorstep, engage with the vibrant Boston community, and indulge in your passion alongside friends and like-minded peers. This will take place in the center of the Market in

the Hub. Please grab a seat at one of our long wooden tables and knit away! \*This is a self-guided event\*

When: Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4pm - 6pm

Where: Boston Public Market, 100 Hanover Street Boston, MA 02108

Directions: Take the Red Line from JFK/UMass. Switch to the Orange Line (Oak Grove) at Downtown Crossing. Ride 2 stops to Haymarket. The Boston Public Market is right next to the station.

Tickets: Free Admission but you need to reserve a ticket to get a spot, [Netflix and Knitting at the Boston Public Market Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)