



KEEPING UP WITH THE BEACONS

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

Hello Beacons! Pat yourselves on the back for making it through midterms!!

I know it can be a challenging time to get through, but now during this down time you can check out all the events happening around November. The Boston weather continues to bring us on a rollercoaster of cold and warm weather so be prepared to dress accordingly!

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Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



Do you enjoy seeing beautiful artwork accompanied by incredible plants? Not only is the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum a wonderful place to be, but they host **free evening admission (3-9 pm) on the first Thursday of each month**. These evenings are accompanied by the addition of spectacular lights and musicians in the courtyard so viewers can appreciate the museum through a different lens.

When: November 2, December 7

Where: 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK 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 Museum of Fine Arts stop and walk five minutes there.

Tickets: Thursday night tickets are free but advanced registration for timed-entry passes is encouraged. Available two weeks in advance. <https://tnew.gardnermuseum.org/31844/32156>

Ice-Skating at the Frog Pond, Boston Common



Do you love ice-skating, or have you never been but want to experience this New England-favorite activity? Frog Pond in Boston Commons is turned into an ice-skating rink from November to March each year, but it is a good idea to go before it gets too cold! Take advantage of this beautiful winter wonderland rink.

When: Begins mid-November, repeats daily—closed for Christmas and New Years.

Where: Boston Commons Frog Pond: 38 Beacon Street, Boston, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK station, take the Red Line inbound to Alewife. Get off at Park Street and walk five minutes there.

Tickets: \$8 admission plus \$15 to rent skates. <https://bostonfrogpond.com/ice-skating/>

UMass Boston Men's Hockey Game



Do you want to build up your UMB pride? Want to cheer on for our hockey team with friends? UMB's Men's Hockey Team will be playing in Boston four times this month! The Edward T. Barry Ice Rink is home to 1,000 seats and is one of the most impressive ice rinks in the New England Hockey Conference. Watch the UMB team play Skidmore College, Vermont State University at Castleton, University of Southern Maine, or Babson College.

When: Friday Nov 3rd 7-10 pm, Saturday Nov 4th 4-7 pm, Friday Nov 17th 7-10 pm, Saturday Nov 18th 4-7 pm

Where: Edward T. Barry Ice Rink, across from the UMB parking garage and attached to the Clark Athletic Center

Directions: From University Hall, walk straight across the Beacon Walk, toward the dorms, but before getting to the dorms, enter the Clark Athletic Center on your left.

Tickets: Bring your UMB student ID for free admission. <https://beaconsathletics.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey>

Museum of Fine Arts Boston: “Fashioned by Sargent”



Displaying works by John Singer Sargent (1856-1925), “Fashioned by Sargent” explores the artist’s complex relationship with his often-affluent clients and their clothes. Over a dozen historical garments and accessories are displayed alongside about 50 paintings by

Sargent.

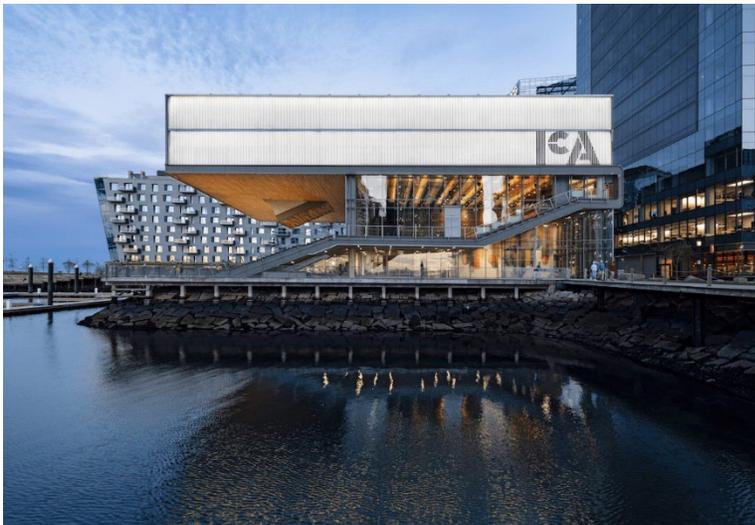
Where: 465 Huntington Avenue Boston, Massachusetts 02115-5523

When: October 8th, 2023 – January 15th, 2024

Directions: Take the Green line E train and get off at the Museum of Fine Arts stop. Can also take the Orange line and get off the Ruggles stop and walk to the Museum or the Commuter Rail to the Ruggles (Zone 1A) stop.

Tickets: Free for UMass students if you bring your ID! <https://www.mfa.org/exhibition/fashioned-by-sargent>

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Boston Free Thursdays



Check out Boston’s best modern art museum and its stunning waterfront location!

Advanced reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets are available online at 10am on the day of the event. On-site reservations are not guaranteed. Your ticket is valid for entry between 5pm – 8:40pm. Last entry to museum is 20 minutes prior to closing time.

Where: 25 Harbor Shore Drive Boston

MA 02210

When: October 12th – December 2nd

Directions: Take the Red Line to South Station and transfer to the Silver Line Waterfront, the ICA is a short walk from the World Trade Center and Courthouse stop.

Tickets: Free Admission Every Thursday from October 12th – December 2nd from 5pm- 9pm. Ticket includes admission to all current exhibitions at the ICA. <https://www.icaboston.org/>

The UMass Boston Orchestra - For the Times



UMass Boston Performing Arts presents the UMass Boston Orchestra, conducted by Sommer Forrester. On Nov. 17, they will present their concert "For The Times," which is also UMass Boston's slogan. Pieces include "Mozart – The Impresario Overture, K. 486", "Vivaldi – Concerto in G minor for two cellos," with soloists Joelle Mae Dela Cruz '26 and Soonbee Kwon '25, and "Dvorak – Symphony No. 9 – "From the New World."

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

When: November 17 from 7:30pm - 9pm

Tickets: Students, Faculty and Staff, \$7, General Public, \$12.

<https://umb.campuslabs.com/engage/event/9460783>

New England Aquarium



New England Aquarium is one of the most popular aquariums in New England. It is home to thousands of sea creatures that are different in shape, size and colors. They have sea lions, sea turtles, jellyfish, sea dragons, penguins, cownose rays and much more. If you are someone that loves and is interested in aquatic life, I highly recommend visiting this place.

Where: 1 Central Wharf, Boston, 02110

When: Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm (until 6pm on weekends)

Directions: If you are taking the **blue** line, you can get off at the Aquarium and take a short walk.

If you are taking the **orange** line, get off at State Street and walk for 8 mins.

If you are taking the **green** line, get off at the Government Center and walk for 10 mins.

If you are taking **red** line, get off at South Station and walk for 12 mins

Tickets: Discounted Tickets through Student Activities, Campus Center 3rd Floor:

<https://www.umb.edu/campus-life/current-students/discount-tickets/>

<https://neaq.org/>

Escape the Room Boston



If you are someone that loves puzzles, game solving or any type of challenges, you should definitely check out Escape the Room. They have several rooms with different setups/themes, and you must try and solve them as much as you can within a given time. It can be played individually but playing in a team is better. You can have up to 8 people in each team.

Where: 33 West St, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA02148

When: Monday – Friday 12:00PM – 11:15 PM

Weekends: 11:00AM – 12AM

Directions: Get off at Park Street from **Red** line and walk for 3 mins

Get off at Downtown crossing from **Orange** Line and walk for 3 mins

Tickets: Tickets are \$37. <https://escapetheroom.com/>

Museum of Science



If you are someone who is interested in scientific areas, the Museum of Science is a perfect place for you! You can explore different scientific areas and they have tons of things to study and look at. They also offer live presentations to their visitors. Check out the IMAX theater and planetarium!

Where: 1 Science Park, Boston, MA 02114

When: 9:00AM – 5PM

Directions: Get off at North Station if you are taking the **orange** line, take a **Green** Line E from North Station and get off at Science Park and walk for about 5mins.

If you are taking **red** line, get off at Park St and take **green** line D and get off at Science Park and walk for about 5 mins.

Tickets: Discounted Tickets through Student Activities, Campus Center 3rd Floor:

<https://www.umb.edu/campus-life/current-students/discount-tickets/>

[Home | Museum of Science, Boston \(mos.org\)](#)

SoWa Vintage Market



The SoWa Vintage Market is Boston's weekly destination for antiques, collectibles, vintage goods, and other one-of-a-kind curiosities. The Vintage Market is open every Sunday year-round, rain or shine. There are also lots of artist studios you can look through in the area!

Where: 450 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA 02118

When: Sundays, 11 AM – 4 PM

Direction: Take the Red Line inbound from JFK/UMass station to Broadway. Walk for about 10 minutes.

Tickets: Free! <https://www.sowaboston.com/sowa-vintage-market>



The Holiday Market at Snowport

The Holiday Market will feature more than 120 small businesses. 60% are local to Boston and the New England area, and 71% are minority and/or female owned. Shoppers will find a variety of unique giftable items of all mediums including art, accessories, apparel, jewelry, home décor, gourmet treats, handcrafted trinkets, and more from new and returning vendors.

Where: 100 Seaport Blvd, Boston, MA 02210

When: Nov. 10 at 11 AM through Dec. 31 at 9 PM

Direction: Take the Red Line inbound from

JFK/UMass station to South Station. Transfer to the Silver Line and get off at Courthouse. Walk for about 3 minutes.

Tickets: Free! <https://www.bostonseaport.xyz/holidaymarket/>

Boston Common Tree Lighting Ceremony



The official holiday season kick-off in Boston includes the lighting of the City of Boston's official Christmas tree and trees throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden. Come see Boston's biggest Christmas tree!

Where: Boston Common

When: November 30th, 6 PM – 9 PM.

Direction: Take the Red Line inbound from JFK/UMass station to Park Street.

Tickets: Free! <https://www.boston.gov/calendar/boston-common-tree-lighting>

The Boston Ballet: The Nutcracker



The Boston Ballet's annual performance of "The Nutcracker" brings people from far and wide to the city for a magical night of dance, music, and fun! This classic ballet is a holiday tradition for Bostonians.

From the dancing bear to the waltzing flowers, the growing tree to the shimmering snow scene, The Nutcracker has something that enchants us all. Revel in the excitement of this shared experience and share the joy of dance with your loved ones this season.

Where: Boston Opera House (539 Washington St, Boston, MA 02111)

When: Nov 24-Dec 31

Directions: Take the Red Line from JFK to Downtown Crossing stop, then walk to Boston Opera House (about 4 minutes from stop).

Website and tickets: Tickets range from \$25+, and people 20 and under get 50% off on tickets priced higher! UMass Boston Student Activities may also be selling limited discounted tickets, so keep an eye out for those!

https://www.bostonballet.org/performances/the-nutcracker/?promo=51059&utm_source=51059&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=NUT&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI9q7i7qyMggMVDFRyCh1ycgAMEAAYASAAEgKuCvD_BwE

Boston Bowl



Bowling, arcade, batting cages, pool, and more! Get a group of friends together for a night of fun, less than 10 minutes from UMass Boston!

Where: 820 Morrissey Blvd, Dorchester, MA 02122

When: Open 7 days a week, 9AM-12AM Sunday-Thursday, 9AM-1AM Friday & Saturday

Directions: Only a 7 minute drive from campus! Follow Morrissey Blvd to Tenean Street and you are there! Uber under \$10 to get there!

Website & Tickets: Get \$10 tickets through UMass Student Activities Office:

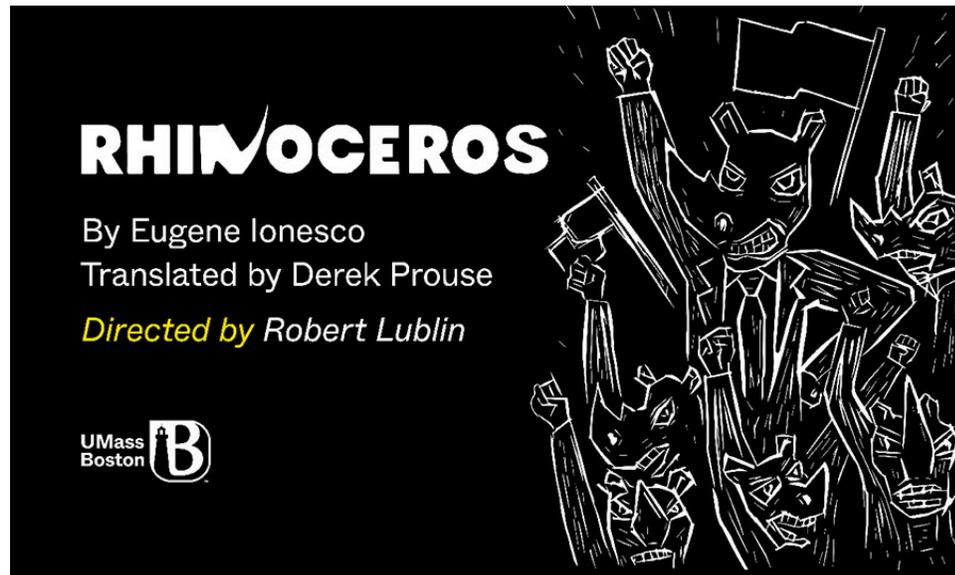
One Ticket with three options:

1. 2 Games of Bowling & Shoe Rental
2. 1 Game of Bowling, Shoe Rental, 2 slices of pizza & 1 soda
3. 1 Hour of Pool, 2 slices of pizza & 1 soda

Tickets are valid Sun-Wed: 9am-Midnight, Thursday 9am-2am & Fri and Sat: 9am-Noon

<https://www.bostonbowl.com/>

UMass Boston Theatre Arts Fall Production: “Rhinoceros”



Join the UMass Boston Theatre Arts program in their production of Eugene Ionesco’s play, “Rhinoceros”, translated by Derek Prouse and directed by Robert Lublin!

“Some people will ignore the truth, even when it’s standing right in front of them, even when it’s going to run them over. Rhinoceros deals with a surreal world where people in a small town begin turning into rhinoceroses, and only one man stays sane in a world that’s being trampled into chaos. Written in 1959, it takes on fascism and the destructive human potential to embrace radical ideologies and mob mentality.”

Where: UMass Boston’s University Hall Theatre

When: November 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17 @ 7:30pm; November 18 2pm matinee

Tickets: Students \$12, purchase at umb.universitytickets.com
<https://umb.campuslabs.com/engage/event/9425457>

Harvard Fogg Museum (and other Harvard Museums)



The Fogg Museum, opened to the public in 1896, is the oldest and largest component of the Harvard Art Museums. The Fogg Museum is renowned for its holdings of Western paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photographs, prints, and drawings from the Middle Ages to the present. The Harvard Natural History Museum and the Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology are also great to visit – check out the glass flower collection!

Where: Harvard University, near Harvard Square.

When: Whenever you like! The Hours are 10AM – 5PM every day.

Direction: Take the Red Line inbound from JFK/UMass station to Harvard Station Stop. Then walk to the Harvard Museum of your choosing.

Tickets: Free for UMass Boston Students!

Homepage | Harvard Art Museums (<https://harvardartmuseums.org/>)

Harvard Museums of Science & Culture: <https://hmsc.harvard.edu/>

Boston Gay Men's Chorus – Winter Concert



The Boston Gay Men's Chorus is a group of vocalists located in Boston. The group currently has over 300 members and has been directed by Conductor Reuben Reynolds for over 20 years. The group is heard by over 10,000 audience members per season and has performed across the globe. The chorus performs songs from a wide variety of genres and song selections have been described as

"hopeful and optimistic". The chorus has had over 1,600 members during its history and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Symphony Hall, and Jordan Hall. The winter concert will include Christmas and holiday favorites.

Where: New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, Boston. (290 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02115)

When: Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 3PM, Friday, December 15, 2023, at 8PM, Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 8PM, Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 8PM.

Direction: Take the Red Line inbound from JFK/UMass station to Downtown Crossing, then transfer to the orange line – Forrest Hills line and take it to Massachusetts Ave stop. From there walk to the NE Conservatory.

Tickets: To be determined! Tickets will go on sale to the public November 1, 2023, at 12:01 am

www.bgmc.org

Recreation Open Skate



Free Skate - The Edward T. Barry Ice Rink is open and offering free entry for UMASS students throughout November. Practice your ice skating with friends and rent your skates for free! Check out dates and times at the link below.

Where: Clark Athletic Center, lower level, Edward T. Barry Ice Rink (0090)

When: Through November, in the evening (times here:

<https://umb.edu/events/?day=25&month=11&year=2023&search=month&keywords=skate>

Tickets: Free! Skate rental is also free.

Hip Hop Won't Stop!



Calling all Hip-Hop heads! Bring your creative minds and dancing shoes to this all-ages Hip Hop Block Party celebration featuring A Trike Called Funk. There'll be a graffiti workshop followed by a dance party and it's all happening outdoors (but if there's bad weather, we'll head indoors).

When: Saturday, November 4, 2023 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Where: Codman Square Library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester

Directions: Take the Red Line to Ashmont, and then walk about 13 minutes.

Tickets: Free, no registration required!

<https://bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/652e8f1313fa6ed3414c880c>