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**2015**  
**FIRST**  
**NIGHT**  
**BOSTON**

**December 31, 2014**  
**1 pm-midnight**

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Get Closer  
in the New Year!





Happy New Year's Eve!

The idea of First Night was born in Boston by a group of artists who wanted to celebrate the end of the year with indoor and outdoor performances through a family-friendly event that was not centered around alcohol. With its first festival on December 31, 1975, the idea has gone on to inspire more than 260 family-friendly New Year's Eve celebrations around the world since then.

Now celebrating its 39th year, what I appreciate most is how First Night capitalizes on the many wonderful venues and spaces we have for the arts in Boston, from Arlington Street Church to Berklee Performance Center, the Boston Public Library to Boston Common, Copley Square to the Old South Church, City Hall Plaza to King's Chapel to the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center. We are blessed to have so many places to enjoy the arts. This year is also the 20th anniversary of the First Night Neighborhood Network, where we work with community partners in Boston neighborhoods, fostering collaborations between artists both young and old.

First Night 2015 brings Boston dozens of live performances, art installations, DJs, interactive activities, ice sculptures, fireworks, and the Grand Procession, helping us say goodbye to 2014 and start 2015 with innovative and inspirational arts that are so important to the fabric of Boston. I hope what you experience today will inspire you for the new year and help transform your life in positive ways.

My thanks to the Highland Street Foundation for presenting this year's First Night festivities and to all our sponsors, including Bank of America, Liberty Mutual, Proctor & Gamble, Riley Foundation, State Street, Verizon, Harvard Pilgrim, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for making this year Boston's best First Night yet.

Thank you to our supporting partners, including ArtsBoston, Berklee College of Music, Boston 4 Productions, Boston Cultural Council, *The Boston Globe*, Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Sheraton Boston, and WBZ-TV.

And congratulations to Boston Public Schools student Fei Ping Zhao, an 11th grader from Chinatown at the Boston Latin Academy, who won our competition for button art and inspires us all with her creativity!

With the recent arrival of Julie Burros, my new Chief of Arts + Culture, 2015 will bring a cultural planning process to Boston along with new ideas and fresh thinking. Our goal is to turn Boston into a municipal arts leader and make the arts, culture, and creativity part of the everyday lives of all Bostonians. Just by being here at First Night, you are proving how important the arts are to us all.

I invite you to enjoy First Night from beginning to end, with the Bank of America Family Festival from 1–6 p.m., the Grand Procession along Boylston Street starting at 5:30, fireworks at 7 p.m. and midnight, and live performances throughout the day and evening.

All the best in 2015,

Mayor Martin J. Walsh



## ABOUT FIRST NIGHT and THE FIRST NIGHT BUTTON

**F**irst Night is dedicated to building community and celebrating diversity through the arts. In addition to being a work of art itself, the First Night button is the symbol of our festival, and proceeds from its sales provide partial support for all of the events you see on December 31. The First Night Button is your ticket to a full day of entertainment, featuring the best in music, dance, theatre, visual arts, film and more. Hundreds of performances, exhibits and workshops are featured at over a dozen venues.

This year's button incorporates artwork by Fei Ping Zhao of Boston, MA, a junior at Boston Latin Academy and resident of Chinatown. Ms. Zhao's design was selected as the winner of the First Night Boston 2015 Button Art Contest in partnership with Boston Public Schools.



### Button Sale Locations

First Night 2015 buttons cost \$10 (children under 4 are free), and are on sale at the major retailers listed below. For a complete list of locations visit [firstnightboston.org](http://firstnightboston.org).

#### Major Retailers

(participating locations)

- CVS
- Bank of America—select locations
- J.P. Licks
- Harvard Bookstore
- Bostix Booths at Copley Square and Faneuil Hall

#### Additional Retailers

- Boston Common Visitor Information Center
- Hynes Convention Center (December 31 only)
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- Otis House Museum
- Sheraton Boston Hotel
- The Shops at Prudential Center Visitor Kiosk

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### UPDATES FROM OUR WEBSITE

Visit [firstnightboston.org](http://firstnightboston.org) for the latest updates. The program guide is subject to change. Check out our mobile-optimized event schedule, schedule, [firstnightboston.org](http://firstnightboston.org), from your desktop or smartphone, and follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/firstnight](https://twitter.com/firstnight) or Facebook at [facebook.com/FirstNightBoston](https://facebook.com/FirstNightBoston).

### GET AN EARLY START

Admission to performances is first-come first-served. We make every effort to ensure that events begin at scheduled times and venues are cleared between performances. Late admission is at the discretion of site management.

### BE CONSIDERATE

Some events are in places of worship. Please show proper respect. Food, beverages and smoking are not permitted at sites unless otherwise posted. Massachusetts General Law prohibits public consumption of liquor. Those found in violation of the law are subject to arrest.

### ASL

Some First Night programs are interpreted in American Sign Language. See the website at [firstnightboston.org/asl](http://firstnightboston.org/asl) for a list of ASL-interpreted events. For TTY access in Massachusetts, dial 711 or 1-800-439-0183.

### WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

All official First Night sites are wheelchair accessible.

### RESTROOM LOCATIONS

Portable restroom facilities are located in the Boston Common, City Hall Plaza, Copley Square, in addition to convenient indoor facilities such as the Mall at Copley Place and The Shops at Prudential Center.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND LOST CHILDREN

Boston EMS adds extra personnel for First Night. EMTs are stationed throughout the city in ambulances and on mountain bikes to ensure a safe evening for everyone. In any medical emergency, call 911. Boston EMS will

also operate a fixed Medical/Lost Children Station in the Hynes Convention Center Room 107 from 1:00–11:30pm.

### WEATHER

First Night programming takes place regardless of weather conditions. Programs are subject to change. Buttons are non-refundable.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**Take the T to First Night!** Avoid traffic and parking by taking public transportation. Schedules are available at [mbta.com](http://mbta.com) or by calling the MBTA at 617-222-3200.

### ROAD CLOSINGS

Roads are closed at the discretion of the Boston Police based on pedestrian traffic flow. Boylston, Dartmouth and Charles streets (between Boylston and Beacon streets) are closed early for the First Night Grand Procession. Atlantic Avenue and adjoining streets will be closed later in the evening for the midnight fireworks.

WELCOME



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## FIRST NIGHT'S NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

This year is the 20th anniversary of First Night's Neighborhood Network (FNNN)!

This arts education and outreach program is in collaboration with local artists, community groups, young people and their families. The original work produced through an intensive series of workshops culminates in performances and exhibits presented as part of the First Night celebration.



GRANTING SUPPORT FOR SUCCESS

*Thanks to the Highland Street Foundation, youth who are participants in this year's First Night Neighborhood Network program received free First Night Buttons.*

### A. Major Dance Company

Under the direction of Andrea Herbert Major, delivers a sampler of lyrical jazz, hip hop and African dance.

*Hynes, First Night Dance Stage—  
3:00–3:30pm, 4:30–5:00pm*

### Boston Saxophone Quartet

High school students from Boston Public Schools compete by composing and arranging original music for the Boston Saxophone Quartet.

*Hynes, Room 310—7:30–9:30pm*

### Chu Ling Dance Academy

Ling's Dance Academy delivers a fusion of traditional Chinese dance with the drama of martial arts.

*Hynes, First Night Dance Stage—  
1:00–1:30pm, 2:00–2:30pm*

### Dynasty Productions

A perennial favorite at the annual Caribbean Festival, look for their magical costumes in the Grand Procession.

### First Night Drum Central

Can you feel the heat of the African and Brazilian drum beats? Join IntaAfrika

and Grooversity as these young master drummers dare you to stay in your seat!

*Hynes, Ballroom C—  
1:15–1:45pm, 3:00–3:45pm*

### Four Star Dance Studio

4Star Dance Studio is a dance school that has been servicing the youth through their Youth Performance Company and CDC (Chance Dance Company).

*Hynes, First Night Dance Stage—  
1:30–1:45pm*

### Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association

It's the Year of the Goat! Create your own lanterns, decorative firecrackers, and dough figurines. Then look for the large floats in the Grand Procession.

### Hawthorne Youth and Community Center

Young artists will light up the Grand Procession with their colorful kaleidoscopes!

### OpenAir Circus

Look for dozens of stilts, confetti shakers, unicyclists and jugglers in the Grand Procession.

### Origination

Marvel at this electrifying and energetic hip hop and step performance featuring resident companies: NIA Dance Troupe, Girlz of IMANI, Aleye Boys Troupe and IMANI, Jr.

*Hynes, First Night Dance Stage—  
4:00–4:30pm, 5:00–5:30pm*

### O'Shea Chaplin

#### Academy of Irish Dance

This award-winning international academy features the best of Irish step dancing.

*Hynes, First Night Dance Stage—  
2:30–3:00pm, 3:30–4pm.*

### Puppeteers' Cooperative

*Puppeteers' conducted workshops for the Grand Procession at:*

Codman Academy, Dorchester; Common Art at Emmanuel Church; Franklin Field, Franklin Hill, Dorchester "Healthy Boston;" Joseph P. Manning Elementary, Jamaica Plain; Thomas M. Menino Community Center, Roslindale; Nazzaro Community Center, North End; Renaissance Charter Public School, Hyde Park.

### Rumba y Timbal

Rumba y Timbal has its own style of salsa which blends Cuban rumba body movements, fast footwork and spins with elegance. Take a lesson and show your skill on the dance floor!

*Hynes, First Night Dance Stage—  
10:00–11:00pm*

### Spontaneous Celebrations

Join this inter-generational celebration as they dance, drum and stilt walk to energetic Afro-Caribbean and Brazilian rhythms in the Grand Procession.



# Ride with us into the new year.

Take the T to Boston's most celebrated party, First Night! You don't want to miss a single minute of the art and entertainment, so be sure to add value to your CharlieCard before the festivities begin. And thank you for taking the T year after year.



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## FIRST NIGHT CULTURAL PARTNERS OFFERS

First Night buttons have added value. Present your First Night 2015 button and get a little something extra from our Cultural Partners.

### American Repertory Theater

americanrepertorytheater.org  
(617) 547-8300  
A.R.T. offers free admission to the first 100 button holders for the 10:00am children's performance of *The Light Princess* on December 31, 2014 and free admission to the first 100 button holders for the 2:00pm performance of *O.P.C.* Tickets for both shows will be available that day on a first come first served basis at the Loeb Drama Center Box Office beginning at 9:00am. In addition, A.R.T. offers free admission to the first 100 button holders for *The Light Princess* on January 2, 2015. The box office opens at 10:00am. On January 3, 2015, the first 50 button holders for the 7:30pm and 10:30pm *Donkey Show* will have free admission. The box office opens at noon at the Loeb Drama Center and at 7:00pm at OBERON.

### ArtsEmerson

artsemerson.org  
(617) 824-8400  
Present your First Night Button to purchase \$10 tickets to *Breath & Imagination*. Presented by ArtsEmerson: The World on Stage. January 27–February 8, 2015 at the Emerson/Paramount Center Mainstage. Tickets can be purchased in-person at the Box Office with presentation of a First Night Button. Offer is good for up to four tickets purchased by January 27, 2015.

### Boston Ballet

bostonballet.org  
(617) 695-6955  
Boston Ballet offers free admission to the first 50 button holders for *The Nutcracker* on December 31, 2014 at 1:00pm and 7:30pm. Tickets will be distributed to button holders at the Boston Opera House box office beginning at 11:00am for the 1:00pm show and 5:30pm for the 7:30 show. After free tickets are gone, Boston Ballet offers button holders a 20% discount for the performance. For offer details bostonballet.org/firstnight.

### Boston Celtics

The Boston Celtics take on the Sacramento Kings at the TD Garden on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 1:00pm, and your First Night Button offers you exclusive access to purchase specially-priced tickets for this game only! From now through

December 31, 2014, bring your First Night Button to the TD Garden Box office for access to purchase select seats in the balcony for just \$20 and select seats in the lower level for \$40. Must present First Night Button in person at the TD Garden Box Office. Seats are limited and sold on first-come, first-served basis.

### Boston Center Adult Education

bcae.org  
Discount is valid beginning 12/1/14 and expires 1/16/15 at 11:59pm. First Night revelers enjoy a 30% discount on tuition for Jan/Feb classes in art, food and wine, fitness, computers, languages, and more. Go to bcae.org to see the full catalog of offerings and enter code: FirstNight at checkout. Restrictions: Discount cannot be applied to materials or registration fees. Discount is not valid for BCAE events, WSET, ESL, and off-site classes. Discount is valid beginning 12/1/14 and expires 1/16/15 at 11:59pm. Students must be 18+ to attend classes at the BCAE and 21+ to attend classes that offer wine or spirits. Other restrictions may apply.

### Boston Children's Museum

bostonchildrensmuseum.org  
(617) 426-6500  
Free Admission for First Night button-holders from 10:00am–noon on December 31, 2014. Every visitor over the age of 12 months **MUST** have a First Night Button to receive free admission. No refunds will be given for First Night buttons purchased after Boston Children's Museum admission tickets purchased.

### Boston Public Library

bpl.org  
(617) 536-5400  
The library will offer free, abridged 30-minute tours of the library, covering some of its art and architecture highlights. These may include details by architect Charles Follen McKim and designer Rafael Guastavino, as well as works by sculptors Daniel Chester French and Augustus Saint-Gaudens and painters John Singer Sargent, Pierre Puvis de Chavannes, and Edwin Austin Abbey. Tours will run every 15 minutes between 1:00 and 5:00pm (last tour starts at 4:30pm) on the 31st, and begin from the McKim vestibule. 1:00–4:30pm

### Central Square Theater

centralsquaretheater.org  
(617) 576-9278  
20% off adult tickets to any performance of either production: *Arabian Nights* (now through December 31, 2014) and *Bedlam's Saint Joan* (January 17–February 8, 2015). Use the promotion code FIRSTNIGHT online or mention it by calling the box office.

### Huntington Theatre Company

huntingtontheatre.org  
(617) 266-0800  
Huntington Theatre Company offers free admission to the first 100 button holders to the invited dress rehearsal of the Tony Award-winning Best Play and smash hit comedy *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* on New Year's Day, January 1, 2015 at 8:00pm at the BU Theatre, 264 Huntington Avenue (doors open at 7:30pm). Button holders also receive \$10 off all tickets to any performance through January 31 for either *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* (through February 2 at the BU Theatre) or the moving Irish drama *The Second Girl* at the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA, 527 Tremont Street, starting January 16) with the code FIRSTNIGHT. Visit huntingtontheatre.org or call (617) 266-0800.

### Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

isgm.org  
(617) 278-5156  
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum offers free admission to the first 300 button holders on December 29 and 30, 2014 from 11:00am–5:00pm (with family activities in the studio from 11:00am–4:00pm).

### MakerBot, Boston

(617) 307-7828  
January 2, 2015–January 31, 2015 from noon–6:00pm: The first 500 button holders to visit the MakerBot Boston store will receive a prize. You'll roll a six-sided die, and win something fun! Prizes include print service gift certificates, 3D printed products and free head scans in our 3D photobooth.

### Mary Eddy Baker Library

marybakeredydylibrary.org  
(617) 450-7000  
Free admission to the library to all First



Night Button holders on 12/31/2014.  
Library is open from 10:00am–4:00pm.

### Museum of African American History

maah.org  
(617) 725-0022 ext. 222  
Museum of African American History and Handel and Haydn Society offer free admission to the first 50 button holders for two performances of a First Night Jubilee concert on December 31, 2014 at 1:00 and 2:00pm. Let the celebratory music of Handel and Haydn Society, and compelling stories of the Museum of African American History lift your spirits and bring new understanding to the anti-slavery movement. Visit [maah.org](http://maah.org) or [handelandhaydn.org](http://handelandhaydn.org) for more details.

### Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

mfa.org  
(617) 267-9300  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston offers free admission to the First Night button holders on December 31, 2014 from 10:00am–4:45pm. First Night Buttons also on sale at the museum.

### Museum of Science

mos.org  
(617) 723-2500  
Museum of Science offers free admission to button holders on December 31, 2014 from 2:00–5:00pm. Not valid on Planetarium, Mugar Omni Theater, Butterfly Garden, or 4-D shows. Not valid on phone or Internet orders. Cannot be combined with any other discount. Visitors must show their buttons at the Exhibit Halls entrance. Limit one Exhibit Halls admission per customer/button.

### New England Aquarium

neaq.org  
(617) 973-5200  
The New England Aquarium is offering Buy-One-Get-One-Free admission to

First Night 2015 button holders on December 31, 2014 and January 1, 2015. This offer is good for one free Aquarium admission with the purchase of another admission of equal or greater value. Not valid with any other discounts and not valid on IMAX Theatre tickets. Limit one offer per customer/button. Offer expires at 6:00pm on January 1, 2015. Aquarium hours on December 31, 2014 are from 9:00am to 6:00pm and on January 1, 2015 from noon to 6:00pm.

### New Repertory Theatre

newrep.org  
(617) 923-7060  
Present your First Night Button to get \$5.00 off tickets to *Muckrakers* from January 10–February 1, 2015.

### Otis House Museum

historicnewengland.org  
(617) 994-5920  
Wednesday, December 31, 2014 from 11:00am–9:00pm free with First Night Button. Celebrate New Year's Eve with the Otises. Experience the elegant life of one of Boston's leading families just after the American Revolution. Tour the first floor of this elegant mansion, built in 1796. From 6:00–9:00pm, enjoy live music by classical guitarist Chris Renna and refreshments for purchase after your tour. First Night Buttons are available for purchase at Otis House during the month of December.

### Paul Revere House

paulreverehouse.org  
(617) 523-2338  
2-for-1 admission on First Night with a First Night Button, 9:30am–4:15pm December 31, 2014. 2-for-1 admission January 2, 2015 to January 31, 2015 with a First Night Button, 9:30am–4:15pm.

### Puppet Showplace Theater

puppetshowplace.org  
(617) 731-6400  
Half price tickets (up to four) to our "New Year! New Shows" series January 10–February 16: *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* by CactusHead Puppets (January 10–January 25); *Lollipop for Breakfast* by The Secret Agents (January 31–February 16). Use code "FirstNight2015" to purchase online at [puppetshowplace.org](http://puppetshowplace.org).

### SpeakEasy Stage Company

speakeasystage.com  
(617) 482-3279  
\$10 off full-price tickets to see the World Premiere of *Necessary Monsters*, a darkly comic, reality-bending, genre-defying new play from the mind of John Kuntz. (Contains loud noises, strobe lights, simulated gun shots and smoking—recommend for ages 16+). Good for all performances December 30, 2014–January 3, 2015.

### Winter on the Waterfront

winteronthewaterfront.org  
Family fun sites from East Boston to the Seaport.

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## EVENT LOCATIONS

First Night Event Map on pages 16 & 17.

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Site	Map No.	Site	Map No.	Site	Map No.
<b>American Repertory Theater</b> 64 Brattle Street, Cambridge  Red—Harvard Capacity: 515	1	<b>Boston Public Library</b> 700 Boylston Street  Green—Copley Capacity: 320	8	<b>The Mary Baker Eddy Library</b> 200 Massachusetts Avenue  Green E—Symphony or Hynes Capacity: 260	5
<b>Arlington Street Church</b> Arlington Street at Boylston Street  Green—Arlington Capacity: 670	11	<b>CityPlace</b> Stuart Street between Tremont and S. Charles streets  Green—Boylston Capacity: 250	23	<b>Museum of African American History/African Meeting House</b> 46 Joy Street  Red/Green—Park Street Capacity: 225	13
<b>Berklee Performance Center</b> 136 Massachusetts Avenue  Green—Hynes Convention Center Capacity: 1,215	4	<b>Copley Square</b>  Green—Copley Outdoors	9	<b>Museum of Fine Arts</b> 465 Huntington Avenue  Green E—MFA Capacities vary	3
<b>Boston Ballet</b> Boston Opera House 539 Washington Street  Orange/Red—Downtown Crossing or Green/Red—Park Street Capacity: 2,677	16	<b>Emmanuel Church Boston</b> 15 Newbury Street  Green—Arlington (or Copley)	10	<b>Museum of Science</b> 16 Science Park  Green—Science Park Capacities vary	15
<b>Boston Children's Museum</b> 308 Congress Street  Silver—Courthouse Capacities vary	22	<b>First Church of Christ, Scientist</b> 210 Massachusetts Avenue  Green—Symphony Capacities vary	6	<b>Old South Church</b> 645 Boylston Street  Green—Copley or Orange—Back Bay Capacity: Sanctuary: 950	7
<b>Boston Common</b>  Green/Red—Park Street or Green—Boylston Outdoors	12	<b>Hynes Convention Center</b> 900 Boylston Street  Green—Hynes Multiple rooms; capacities vary	7	<b>Old South Meeting House</b> 310 Washington Street  Blue/Orange—State Street Capacity: 650	18
<b>Boston Harbor</b>  Blue—Aquarium Outdoors	24	<b>Independence Wharf</b> 470 Atlantic Avenue  Red/Silver—South Station Capacities vary	21	<b>Otis House Museum</b> 141 Cambridge Street  Red—Charles Street/MGH or Blue—Bowdoin Capacity: afternoon: 40; evening: 70	14
<b>Bostonian Society/Old State House Museum</b> 206 Washington Street  Blue/Orange—State Street Capacities vary	19	<b>Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum</b> 280 Fenway  Green E—Heath Street Capacities vary	2	<b>Paul Revere House</b> 19 North Street  Orange—Haymarket Capacity: 45	20
		<b>King's Chapel</b> 58 Tremont Street  Blue—Bowdoin or Blue/Orange—State Street Capacity: 350	17		





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## Family

Hynes Convention Center	Noon	1:00	1:15	1:30	1:45	2:00	2:15	2:30	2:45
Plaza Level: Hall A		Greater Boston Chinese Culture Center							
Plaza Level: Hall A									
Plaza Level: Hall A									
Plaza Level: Hall B									
Plaza Level: Hall B		First Night "Playground": Indoor R							
Plaza Level: Room 101		1:10 Puppet Playtime		1:50 Puppet Playtime		A Woodland Cinder			
Plaza Level: Room 102		1:20 Father Goose		Father Goose		2:40 Father Goose			
Plaza Level: Room 103			Red Riding Hood		2:10 Red Riding Hood		2:50 Red Rid		
Plaza Level: Room 104		Massmouth stories, games			Massmouth stories, games				
Plaza Level: Room 105			Massmouth stories, games				Massmouth stories, g		
2nd Level: Auditorium		Simply Circus (Workshop)			Skyriders	Max Velocity		Simply C	
2nd Level: Room 200									
2nd Level: Room 201			Morgan White Jr. Trivia					Morgan	
2nd Level: Room 202		Princeton Movement Theatre			The Fourth Wall				Princeton Movem
2nd Level: Room 203									
2nd Level: Room 204			Hands to Heart Center: Yoga for the People						Hands to Heart C
3rd Level: Ballroom A		Handel and Haydn Society							
3rd Level: Ballroom B		BJ Hickman Magic					Scott Jameson Magic		BJ Hi
3rd Level: Ballroom C		Grooversity/IntaAfrika				Sonic Playground			
3rd Level: Room 301									
3rd Level: Room 302		Chu Ling Dance Academy	4 Star Dance	Jo-Mé Dance	Chu Ling Dance Academy	O'Shea-Chaplin Irish Dance			
3rd Level: Room 303									
3rd Level: Room 308									

## Additional Afternoon

American Repertory Theater	< 10am–1pm: <i>The Light Princess</i>								
Boston Ballet		Free admission to <i>The Nutcracker</i> for the 1st 50 buttonholders							
Boston Children's Museum	<10am–noon: free admission for buttonholders								
Boston Common									
Boston Common Frog Pond									
Boston Common Frog Pond									
Boston Public Library	Boston Public Library Art & Architecture Tours 1pm								
Boylston Street									
Copley Square									
Copley Square									
Mary Baker Eddy Library	<10am: free admission for buttonholders								
Museum of African-American History		Jubilee Concert			Jubilee Concert				
Museum of Fine Arts	<10am–4:45pm: free admission for buttonholders								
Museum of Science									
Old South Church									
Otis House Museum									
Paul Revere House	<9:30am: 2-for-1 admission for buttonholders								

## LEGEND

■ Music

■ Dance

■ Circus/Magic/Stunts

■ Puppets

■ Storytelling/Theatre/Trivia

■ Film



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Festival												
3:00	3:15	3:30	3:45	4:00	4:15	4:30	4:45	5:00	5:15	5:30	5:45	6:00
Arts Association Workshop												
Face Painting (Workshop)												
MiniGreenFest (Workshop)												
Silent Disco by Silent Events												
Roller Skating Rink/Block Party												
ella		Puppet Playtime		Puppet Playtime		A Woodland Cinderella						
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ircus		Skyriders	Max.Velocity			Simply Circus				Skyriders	Max.Velocity	
Anime Marathon												
White Jr. Trivia				Morgan White Jr. Trivia								
ent Theatre		The Fourth Wall				Princeton Movement		The Fourth Wall				
First Light 2015												
Center: Yoga for the People				Hands to Heart Center: Yoga for the People								
Ellis Paul				Ellis Paul								
ckman Magic	Scott Jameson Magic				BJ Hickman Magic			Scott Jameson Magic				
Grooveriversity/IntaAfrika				Sonic Playground								
Boston CyberArts												
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Boston CyberArts												
The Magic Lantern Picture Show												
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Ice Sculpture: Tadpole Playground, by Steve Rose/Ice Effects (on display all day)												
Ice Sculpture: Inspired, by Steve Rose/Ice Effects (on display all day)												
												Skating Spectacular
<4:30pm												
								<5:30pm Grand Procession 6:30pm >				
Ice Sculpture: Eric Fontecchio/Brookline Ice Company (on display all day)												
Ice Sculpture: Ice Dragon, by Don Chapelle/Brilliant Ice Sculptures (on display all day)												
buttonholders												
Free admission for buttonholders 2-5pm												
	King of Instruments											
<11am-9pm free admission to buttonholders												
🟡 Workshops    🟡 Visual Arts/Exhibitions    🟡 Outdoor    🟢 Play Space												

■ Workshops
 ■ Visual Arts/Exhibitions
 ■ Outdoor
 ■ Play Space

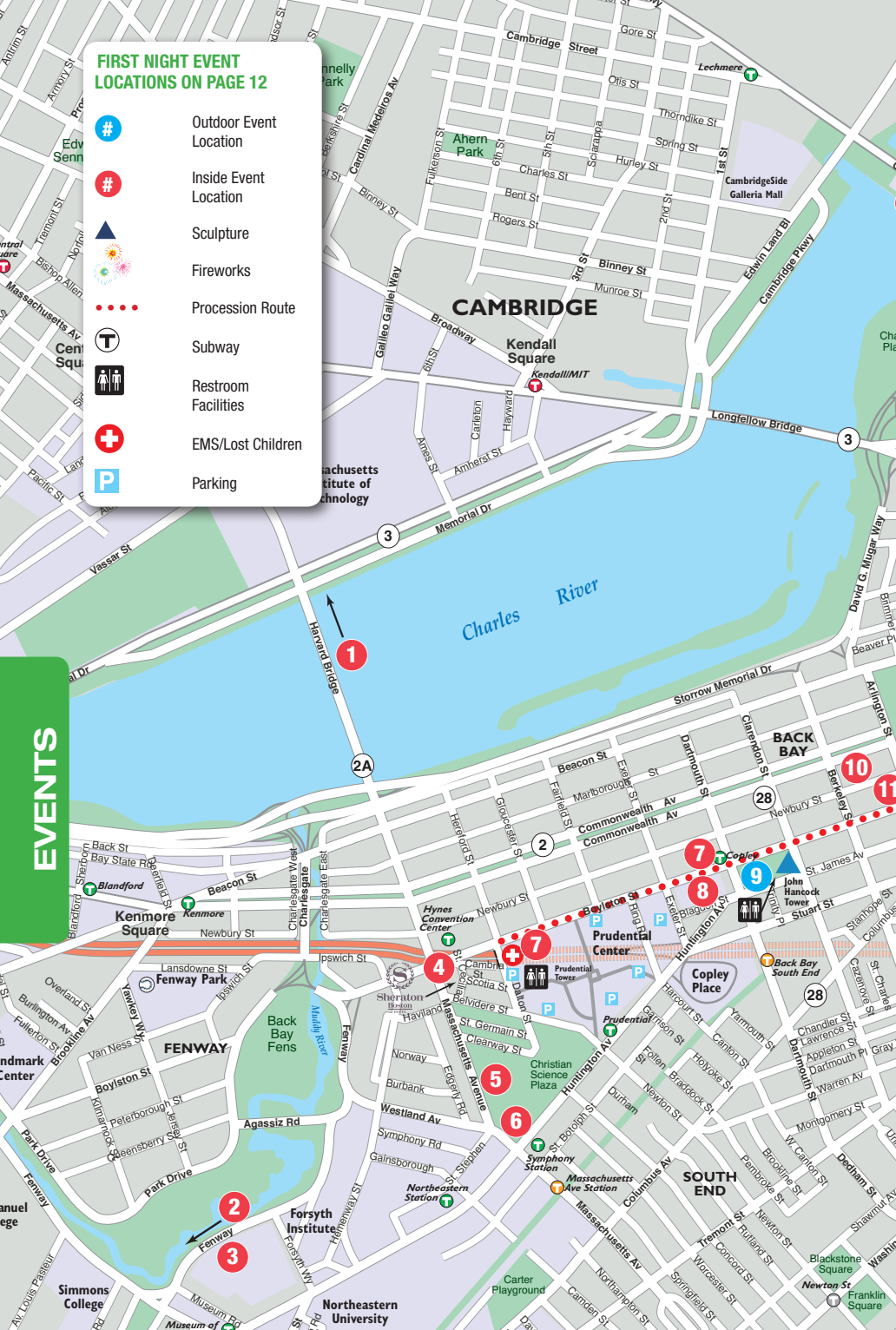


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**FIRST NIGHT EVENT  
LOCATIONS ON PAGE 12**

-  Outdoor Event Location
-  Inside Event Location
-  Sculpture
-  Fireworks
-  Procession Route
-  Subway
-  Restroom Facilities
-  EMS/Lost Children
-  Parking

**EVENTS**







## EVENTS

## Evening Pro

	6:00	6:15	6:30	6:45	7:00	7:15	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:15	8:30
Arlington Street Church											
Berklee Performance Center											Dom Fiemons
Boston Ballet	<5:30pm: Boston Ballet: <i>The Nutcracker</i> , free admission to first 50 buttonholders for 7:30 show, 20% discount after										
Boston Common					Family Fireworks						
Boston Common	Ice Sculpture: Tadd										
Boston Common											
Boston Common Frog Pond	Ice Sculpture:										
CityPlace							The Mercy Case				
Copley Square							Live DJ >8:10pm			<8:10pm: Brite Lite	
Copley Square	Ice Sculpture: E										
Copley Square	Ice Sculpture: Ice Drag										
Emmanuel Church								Wax & Gold			
<b>Hynes Convention Center</b>											
Plaza—3rd Level Escalator											
Plaza Level: Hall B											
Plaza Level: Hall B											
Plaza Level: Hall B											
Plaza Level: Room 101									Puppet Improv		Puppet Improv
Plaza Level: Room 102								Puppet Slam			Puppet Slam
Plaza Level: Room 103								Boston Poetry Slam			Boston Poetry Slam
Plaza Level: Room 104										Massmouth (Story Slam)	
Plaza Level: Room 105											
2nd Level: Room 200											
2nd Level: Room 201											
2nd Level: Room 202									ImprovBoston		Princeton Movement
2nd Level: Room 203											
2nd Level: Room 204									Hands to Heart Center: Yoga for the People		
Room 206											Birth
3rd Level: Ballroom A									Sons of Serendip		
3rd Level: Ballroom B									Thalia Zedek Band		
3rd Level: Room 302									Rainbow Tribe	Jo-Mé Dance Company	Urban
3rd Level: Room 303											
3rd Level: Room 305											
3rd Level: Room 307											
3rd Level: Room 308									Jamaica Plain PorchFest		Roxbury Inter
3rd Level: Room 309											
3rd Level: Room 310											Boston Saxophone Q
3rd Level: Room 311									Tribe Vibe: Molt Corps		
3rd Level: Room 312									(18+) Alternative Culture Couture (Brooke Mor		
3rd Level: Room 313									(Ages 21+) Sue Costello		(21+) Divas After D
3rd Level: Room 313											
King's Chapel											
Old South Church											
Otis House Museum											
Otis House Museum											

## LEGEND

■ Music

■ Dance

■ Comedy

■ Puppets

■ Storytelling/Theatre/Trivia

■ Film

Programming														
	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00
			Church tour			American Guild of Organists								
			Patty Larkin											
Whole Playground, by Steve Rose/Ice Effects (on display all day)														
FIGMENT Interactive Art														
Inspired, by Steve Rose/Ice Effects (on display all day)														
The Pushups			The Grownup Noise											
Brite			Cask Mouse					Street Dogs		<11:10pm: Live DJ	Countdown to Midnight: Elijah Rock		Live DJ 12:30am>	
Eric Fontecchio/Brookline Ice Company (on display all day)														
on, by Don Chapelle/Brilliant Ice Sculptures (on display all day)														
Drew O'Doherty			Anais Mitchell											
Animal Hospital Ensemble														
First Night Playground: Indoor Roller Skating Rink														
First Night Playground: Silent Disco by Silent Events														
First Night Playground: Block Party														
et ov				Puppet Improv		Puppet Improv				Puppet Improv		Puppet Improv		
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am		Boston Poetry Slam			Boston Poetry Slam			Boston Poetry Slam			Boston Poetry Slam			
		Massmouth (Story Slam)						Massmouth (Story Slam)						
		Massmouth (Story Slam)												
Anime Marathon														
Roger Miller and The Surrealists Games														
ment Theatre	ImprovBoston				Princeton Movement Theatre				ImprovBoston					
First Light 2015														
		Hands to Heart Center: Yoga for the People						Hands to Heart Center: Yoga for the People						
Sleeping Weazel: Breath, Bride Elizabeth								Sleeping Weazel: Birth, Breath, Bride Elizabeth						
			Jon Bernhardt	Yo La Tengo										
anity Dance	Intimations Dance		Wondertwins			Rumba Y Timbal Salsa Social								
Boston Cyberarts														
Boston Cyberarts														
Boston Cyberarts														
International Film Festival			Magic Lantern Picture Show		Magic Lantern Picture Show									
Miz Jones' House Party														
Quartet														
Tribe Vibe: Windhorse				Tribe Vibe: Of the Sun				Tribe Vibe: Living Light (Eartha Harris)						
gan)		(18+) Alternative Culture Couture (Brooke Morgan)						(18+) Alternative Culture Couture (Brooke Morgan)						
Dark		(21+) Divas After Dark			(21+) Divas After Dark									
Face   Face														
	Organ Fireworks													
Percussion														

■ Workshops
 ■ Visual Arts/Exhibitions
 ■ Outdoor
 ■ Play Space

EVENTS

## BANK OF AMERICA FAMILY FESTIVAL

## Hynes Convention Center

Map No. 7

## Hall A

WORKSHOPS:  
Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association Workshop

Make dynamic dragons, create your own lanterns, decorative firecrackers, dough figurines, and more!  
1:00–5:00pm

## Face Painting

Imaginations run wild, as face painters transform little faces into works of art!  
1:00–6:00pm

## MiniGreenFest

*Presented by Foundation for a Green Future, Inc.*

A small piece of Boston GreenFest during First Night! MiniGreenFest is a fully interactive program that includes robots, science, art, exhibitors, jump ropes and hula hoops to bring a sustainable message and fitness to kids and families for the New Year.  
1:00–6:00pm

## Hall B

## First Night Playground Block Party

Created by Kate Balug from the Department of Play, BLOCK PARTY is a series of 200 custom-designed jumbo foam blocks that will engage visitors of all ages in inventing and building playful structures.  
1:00–6:00pm

## First Night Indoor Roller Skating Rink

Lace up your skates and get ready to roll! This family fun activity will put you in the party mood. Free skates available onsite.  
1:00–6:00pm

## Silent Disco by Silent Events

Welcome to the silent disco! Grab your headphones and tune in to the live DJ or switch to the channel of your choice. Whether you're dancing and singing with headphones on

or watching the crowd from afar, this Silent Event is a very unique experience!  
1:00–5:00pm

## Rooms 101, 102 &amp; 103 and roving

## Puppet Showplace Theater

Join Puppet Showplace Theatre and puppeteers from across New England for puppet festival of epic proportions! Families will enjoy a whirlwind of award-winning performances featuring a memorable characters in multiple puppetry styles. Roving puppeteers, live musicians, and puppet demonstrations will provide interactive, hand-made, theatrical entertainment throughout the afternoon.

## Room 101

Puppet Showplace Theater presents Puppet Playtime *In the Garden* by Brenda Huggins and Phil Berman.  
1:10–1:30pm, 1:50–2:10pm, 3:30–3:50pm, 4:00–4:20pm  
*A Woodland Cinderella* by Deborah Costine, Puppeteer!  
2:30–3:15pm, 4:30–5:15pm

## Room 102

Puppet Showplace Theater presents *Father Goose's Tales* by Nappy's Puppets.  
1:20–1:40pm, 2:00–2:20pm, 2:40–3:00pm, 3:20–3:40pm, 4:10–4:30pm, 4:50–5:10pm

## Room 103

Puppet Showplace Theater presents *Little Red Riding Hood* by CactusHead Puppets.  
1:30–1:50pm, 2:10–2:30pm, 2:50–3:10pm, 3:40–4:00pm, 4:20–4:40pm, 5:00–5:20pm

## Room 104

## Massmouth

Family stories, games and music (topic/artist details subject to change.)  
1:00–1:45pm—Stories, Music and Games for Lap Sitting young ones Andrea Lovett & friends)  
2:00–2:45pm—Imaginary

Beasts: animal tales from around the world (Tony Toledo).  
3:00–3:45pm—Stories in the Streets (Andrea Lovett & Friends).  
4:00–4:45pm—Noodleheads and Leprechauns: Irish & Italian Folktales (Norah Dooley).  
5:00–5:45pm—Joe Pagliuca.

## Room 105

## Massmouth

Family stories, games and music emceed by Norah Dooley.  
1:30–2:15pm—Pets: stories about favorite interspecies family members (Hosts: KR Glickman and Tony Toledo).  
2:30–3:15pm—Food: stories about breakfast, lunch and dinners that have gone wrong or right.  
3:30–4:15pm—Trips and Vacations: stories about travel with children.  
4:30–5:15pm—Family Tree: stories about outliers, black sheep and famous peeps in your family.  
5:30–6:00pm—Back in the Day: stories about growing up.

## Second Level

## Auditorium

## Simply Circus

Watch and learn all about circus arts including gym wheels, tight wire, and aerial lyra, and try it yourself! Simply Circus are expert teachers for kids as young as 3, all the way up to adults.  
1:00–1:30pm (Workshop), 2:30–3:30pm, 4:30–5:30pm

## Stunt Spectacular

## Maximum Velocity

This professional stunt team really delivers with the hottest cyclers and skaters performing high flying stunts like X-ups and 360s over ramps and undertakers and pelleronis on flatland.  
2:00–2:15pm, 3:45–4:00pm, 5:45–6:00pm

## The Skyriders

Talk about out of the box! This awesome team of in-

credibly talented and award-winning trampoline acrobats performs full-throttle maneuvers featuring skis, snowboards, wakeboards, and hula-hoops.  
1:45–2:00pm, 3:30–3:45pm, 5:30–5:45pm

## Room 200

## New England Anime Society

The New England Anime Society, Inc. celebrates Japanese animation, comics, and pop culture. Join us for an all day marathon showcasing classic and popular anime!  
1:00–6:00pm

## Room 201

## Morgan White Jr.—The Man from T.R.I.V.I.A.

Known as one of the premiere trivia experts in the nation and one of only a handful of people who devote their full time to the field of trivia, Morgan White will challenge your knowledge of everything from animation to Boston.  
1:30–2:15pm, 2:45–3:30pm, 4:00–4:45pm

## Room 202

## Princeton Movement Theatre

## Outside the Box

This troupe will change the way you think about mime. In a series of wordless vignettes, ranging from hilarious to heartbreaking, they draw audiences into a performance that takes place as much inside the head as it does on stage.  
1:00–1:30pm, 2:45–3:15pm, 4:30–5:00pm

## The Fourth Wall

The Fourth Wall explores a new hybrid of the performing arts in which musicians are also dancers and actors. Making music that leaps off the walls, The Fourth Wall stretches the boundaries of instrumental performance.  
1:45–2:30pm, 3:30–4:15pm, 5:00–5:30pm



## Room 103

### First Light 2015

A throne that reacts to your brain waves? Using dynamic science and interactive art, First Light fuses technology with creativity!  
1:00pm–6pm

## Room 204

### Hands to Heart Center— Yoga for the People

Strengthen family bonds with a yoga practice that's specially designed for all ages. Each session will offer a fun series of poses that build communication skills, confidence, and trust along with creative yoga games and uplifting world music.  
1:30–2:15pm, 2:45–3:30pm, 4:00–4:45pm, 7:45–8:30pm, 9:00–9:45pm, 10:15–11:00pm

## Third Level

### Ballroom A

#### Handel and Haydn Society Young Women's and Young Men's Chorus

The choruses will present ensembles individually and combine forces for a finale of work to celebrate Handel and Haydn's Bicentennial!  
1:00–1:45pm

### Ellis Paul

Noted folk singer/songwriter Ellis Paul performs selections from his album, *The Hero in You!* A tribute to a wide array of American heroes, Ellis crafts vivid musical profiles of men and women whose words, actions, inventions and art made a profound difference to countless lives, encouraging people of all ages to explore their potential and follow their dreams.  
3:00–3:45pm, 4:00–4:45pm

## Ballroom B

### BJ Hickman

#### Family Fun Magic Show

BJ Hickman returns to First Night with the newest version of his dazzling magic, mind-reading miracles, and grave silliness.  
1:15–2:00pm, 2:45–3:30pm, 4:15–5:00pm

### Magic by Scott Jameson

See the show audiences are calling "Superb!", "A blast!", and "Heartwarming fun for the whole family." Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat.  
2:15–2:45pm, 3:30–4:00pm, 5:00–5:30pm

## Ballroom C

**First Night Drum Central**, a space where you can dance to the drum beats and create your own music. All ages are welcome!

### Grooversity and IntaAfrika

Master drummers bring you to your feet as these African and Brazilian percussion groups perform music and song.  
1:15–1:45pm, 3:00–3:45pm

### Sonic Playground with Maria Finkelmeier

Grab a pair of sticks, clap your hands, and discover new sounds with cymbal, drums, and unlikely percussion instruments. Led by Maria Finkelmeier, a Boston-based performer and composer, families are encouraged to take part in the music making during these interactive performances.  
2:00–2:45pm, 4:00–4:45pm

## Room 302

### First Night Dance Stage

### Chu Ling Dance Academy

Ling's Chinatown-based company delivers a fusion of traditional Chinese dance from the drama of martial arts.  
1:00–1:30pm, 2:00–2:30pm

### Jo-Mé Dance

The primary goal of Jo-Mé Dance, is to enrich the lives of inner city dancers of all ages through the art of dance. From acting to contemporary-funk style and improvisation, movement is blossoms through the dance experience.  
1:45–2:00pm

## 4 Star Dance Studio

4Star Dance Studio is a dance school that uses the arts as a tool to install pride, self-worth, respect and integrity in our youth. The Youth Performance Company and CDC (Chance Dance Company) will perform for you today!  
1:30–1:45pm

### O'Shea-Chaplin Academy of Irish Dance

The O'Shea Chaplin Academy of Irish Dance is celebrating 60 years of teaching children and adults contemporary and traditional Irish dancing this year! Their students have won regional, national, and world titles in solo and team dancing, winning two national titles and two world titles this year!  
2:30–3:00pm, 3:30–4:00pm

### A. Major Dance Company

Under the direction of Andrea Herbert Major, this company delivers a sampler of lyrical jazz, hip hop and African dance.  
3:00–3:30pm, 4:30–5:00pm

### Origination

Set it Off with Origination, featuring NIA Dance Troupe, Girlz of IMANI, Aleye Boyz Troupe and IMANI, Jr. This performance will be a mix of modern contemporary and a high dose of non-stopping hip hop!  
4:00–4:30pm, 5:00–5:30pm

## Room 301, 303

### Boston Cyberarts

*Aglow: Cyber and Fiber* is a collection of installations by Rob Gonsalves and Kristina Goransson. The exhibit features brightly colored felt sculptures as well as interactive audio-visual installations. Visitors are invited to play and dance into the new year.  
Daytime session  
1:00–6:00pm  
Evening session  
7:30–11:00pm

## Room 308


### Magic Lantern Picture Show

This program of magical, mystical motion picture madness is designed for adults to amuse, delight and astound one and all!  
1:00–6:00pm


## SYMBOL KEY

**FNNN** First Night's  
Neighborhood  
Network  
program

**CP** Cultural  
Partner

 Button sale  
location

**MAP #** Event  
location  
on map

 Sculpture



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## ADDITIONAL AFTERNOON PROGRAMMING

### American Repertory Theater

Map No. 1

A.R.T. offers free admission to the first 100 button holders for the 10:00am children's performance of *The Light Princess* on December 31, 2014 and free admission to the first 100 button holders for the 2:00pm performance of *O.P.C.*

### Boston Ballet

Map No. 16

Boston Ballet offers free admission to the first 50 button holders for *The Nutcracker* on December 31, 2014 at 1:00 and 7:30pm. Tickets will be distributed to button holders at the Boston Opera House box office beginning at 11:00am for the 1:00pm show and 5:30pm for the 7:30 show.

### Boston Children's Museum

Map No. 22

Free Admission for First Night button-holders from

10:00am–noon on December 31, 2014. Every visitor over the age of 12 months **MUST** have a First Night Button to receive free admission.

### Boston Public Library

Map No. 8

Free, abridged 30-minute tours of the library, covering some of its art and architecture highlights, every 15-minutes between 1:00 and 5:00pm (last tour starts at 4:30pm) beginning from the McKim vestibule. 1:00–4:30pm.

### Mary Eddy Baker Library

Map No. 5

Free admission to the library to all First Night Button holders on December 31, 2014. Library is open from 10:00am–4:00pm.

### Museum of African American History

Map No. 13

Museum of African American History and Handel and

Haydn Society offer free admission to the first 50 button holders for two performances of a First Night Jubilee concert on December 31, 2014 at 1:00 and 2:00pm.

### Museum of Fine Arts

Map No. 3

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston offers free admission to the First Night button holders on December 31, 2014 from 10:00am–4:45pm.

### Museum of Science

Map No. 15

Museum of Science offers free admission to button holders on December 31, 2014 from 2:00–5:00pm

### Old South Church

Map No. 7

Meet the King of Instruments. Experience the "Sensurround" magnificence of Old South Church's mighty 1921 Skinner orchestral pipe organ—affectionately dubbed

the "Copley Philharmonic Organ," demonstrated by renowned organist Harry Huff. 3:30–4:00pm

### Otis House Museum

Map No. 14

Tour the first floor of this elegant mansion, built in 1796. From 6:00–9:00pm, enjoy live music by classical guitarist Chris Renna, and refreshments for purchase after your tour. 11:00am–9:00pm

### Paul Revere House

Map No. 20

2-for-1 admission on First Night with a First Night Button. 9:30am–4:15pm

### Winter on the Waterfront

Enjoy nine waterfront ice sculptures then warmup at six indoor Family Fun Sites for music, snacks, and kid-friendly activities. winteronthewaterfront.org 10:00am–5:00pm



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## THE FIRST NIGHT GRAND PROCESSION

**Inspiration - Innovation -  
Celebration!**

**T**he First Night Grand Procession is led by different sections of the Back Alley Puppet Theatre and the Puppeteers Cooperative, whose founders have participated in all 39 First Nights in Boston. Details about all of our participating procession artists can be found at [firstnightboston.org](http://firstnightboston.org).

**5:30–6:30 pm**

Aleppo Shrine Clown  
Unit

Boston Pride Committee

Boston Windjammers

The Clydesdales

Codman Academy **FNNN**

Common Art **FNNN**

The Cycling Murrays

Dynasty Productions  
**FNNN**

Franklin Field, Franklin  
Hill Dorchester "Healthy  
Boston" **FNNN**

Geometric Progression  
Band

The Greater Boston  
Chinese Cultural As-  
sociation **FNNN**

Hawthorne Youth and  
Community Center  
**FNNN**

The Honor Guard

The Hot Tamales

Joseph P. Manning  
Elementary School  
**FNNN**

Mather Elementary  
School **FNNN**

The Thomas M.  
Menino Community  
Center **FNNN**

Middlesex County 4–H  
Fife and Drum Corps

Nazzaro Community  
Center **FNNN**

New Liberty Jazz Band

Old Town Trolley Tours

Open Air Circus **FNNN**

Pat Falco

Peg Preble/Gould  
Microcars

The Puppeteer's  
Cooperative and the  
Back Alley Puppet  
Theatre **FNNN**

Renaissance Charter  
Public School **FNNN**

Samba Viva

Sheraton Boston Hotel  
Trolley

Simply Circus

Spontaneous  
Celebrations **FNNN**

Thomas J. Kenny School  
Marching Band

WBZ


**FNNN** stands for First Night's  
Neighborhood Network of  
youth focused organizations.



A close-up photograph of four young adults (three men and one woman) looking at a smartphone held by one of the men. They are all smiling and appear to be outdoors under a clear blue sky. The woman in the foreground is wearing red sunglasses and has her hand near her mouth. The man next to her is wearing dark sunglasses. The man in the background is also wearing sunglasses. The man on the far right is wearing a dark button-down shirt.

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## EVENING PROGRAMMING

**Boston Family Fireworks**

Presented by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Mugar Foundation The Mugar Foundation and Boston 4 Productions will once again present the Boston Family Fireworks on Boston Common at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 31, 2014. This 10-minute fireworks display takes place in the intimate setting of the Boston Common Ballfield (at the corner of Boylston and Charles) where revelers—of all ages—will have a front-row view of this pyrotechnic extravaganza. 7:00–7:12pm

**Arlington Street Church**

Map No. 11  
American Guild of Organists A program of varied organ works performed by organists Heinrich Christensen (organist at King's Chapel), Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan (organist at Arlington Street Church), and Bryan Ashley (organist at the Christian Science "Mother Church").  
Arlington Street Church Tour: 9:15–9:45pm  
Concert: 10:00–11:00pm

**Berklee Performance Center**

Map No. 4



present  
**DOM FLEMONS**  
Dom Flemons is the "American Songster," pulling from traditions of old-time folk music to create new sounds. Having performed music professionally since 2005, he has played live for over one million people just within the past three years. As part of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, which he co-founded with Rhiannon Giddens and Justin Robinson, he has played at a variety of festivals spanning from the Newport Folk Festival to Bonnaroo, in addition to renowned venues such as the Grand Ole Opry. In July 2014, Dom released his third solo record with Music Maker Relief Foundation, and his first since leaving the Carolina Chocolate Drops. *Prospect Hill* finds Flemons digging

deeply into ragtime, Piedmont blues, spirituals, southern folk music, string band music, jug band music, fife and drum music, and ballads idioms with showmanship and humor, reinterpreting the music to suit 21st century audiences. He was featured on NPR's *Fresh Air* with Terry Gross and his new album has received praise from *The Boston Globe*, *Paste Magazine*, *Living Blues Magazine*, and more. 8:00pm

**PATTY LARKIN**

Patty Larkin redefines the boundaries of folk-urban pop music with her inventive guitar wizardry and uncompromising vocals and lyrics. *Acoustic Guitar* hails her "soundscape experiments" while *Rolling Stone* praises her "evocative and sonic shading." She has been described as "riveting" (*Chicago Tribune*), "hypnotic" (*Entertainment Weekly*) and a "drop-dead brilliant" performer (*Performing Songwriter*). Patty is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Music from Berklee College of Music, where she is now an Artist in Residence. Patty has earned eleven Boston Music Awards and has been honored by Boston's Mayor Thomas Menino with "Patty Larkin Appreciation Day" in recognition of her philanthropic Contributions to non-profit organizations. 9:30pm

**CityPlace**

Map No. 23

**The Mercy Case**  
The Mercy Case is a rock and roll band from Boston in the vein of The Smoking Popes and Alkaline Trio. Their live shows are energetic and fun. They have plenty of songs to sing along to. Even if it's your first time seeing them! 7:15–8:00pm

**The Pushups**

The Push-Ups deliver a spirited show with a wide range of music, from blues to jazz, classical to Latin. The duet features guitarist Omar Sosa,

and bassist David Arias, who have been playing together since they were kids. They are both currently studying at Berklee College of Music. 8:30–9:10pm

**The Grownup Noise**

Since releasing their self-titled debut in 2007, Boston's The Grownup Noise has evolved into a rousing and innovative pop-music outfit, bridging the gap between Americana and Indie music. Their new album is entitled *The Problem with Living in the Moment*. 9:30–10:45pm

**Copley Square**

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DJ

7:30–8:10pm, 11:10–11:30pm, 12:05–12:30am

**Brite Lite Brite****Live Electronica Duo**

Composed of award-winning singer-songwriter Andrea Stankevitch and electronics master Luke Johnson, both alumni of Berklee College of Music, Brite Lite Brite has taken live electronic music production and performance to new levels by creating innovative technologies and techniques for live sound design and real-time production. 8:10–9:00pm

**Cask Mouse**

Cask Mouse sifts the sand of time to bring alive new stories of American life with the love and craftsmanship that made this country what it is today. Its members draw from all aspects of their diverse musical and geographical experiences to truly express emotion and tell untold truths. With a sweeping love for all music they find themselves mending the genres of country, folk, rock n roll, rhythm and blues, gospel and soul. 9:20–10:10pm

**Street Dogs (acoustic)**

10:30–11:10pm

**Elijah Rock**

Elijah Rock is an award-winning actor, singer, writer, producer and entrepreneur. In January he will play Roland Hayes in Daniel Beaty's *Breath & Imagination* at the Emerson/Paramount Center (ArtsEmerson.org), a role that won him the 2014 NAACP Theatre Award recipient for Best Male Equity performer. He's also a recurring guest star in *Masters of Sex* (Showtime) and co-produced the biopic *Lincoln* Perry. elijahrock.com. Countdown to Midnight 11:30pm–12:05am

**Emmanuel Church**

Map No. 10

Drew O'Doherty 7:30pm

Wax and Gold 8:30pm

Anais Mitchell 9:30pm

Special concert featuring renowned Vermont songwriter Anais Mitchell, currently on tour in Europe in support of her recently released album *XOA* (Winterland Records 2014) receiving four starts in *The Independent* and *The Telegraph*. Her 2013 album *Child Ballads* (Winterland Records) recently won the BBC Folk Award for Best Traditional Song, broadcast live from London's Royal Albert Hall. Mitchell is joined by Wax & Gold, featuring Debo Band members Danny Mekonnen on saxophones and Adam Clark on drums, inspired by the large ensemble funk of 1970s. They seek a dialogue with the great saxophone-drum duos like John Coltrane & Rashid Ali, Dewey Redman & Ed Blackwell, Getachew Mekuria & Katherina Bornfeldt, to name a few. Drew O'Doherty, formerly a member of Ted Leo and the Pharmacists, is a favorite Boston singer and songwriter.

**King's Chapel**

Map No. 17

**Organ Fireworks**

Heinrich Christensen pulls out all the stops of King's Chapel's C.B. Fisk Organ with works by Bach, Mendelssohn, and Dupré. 9:00–9:45pm

## Hynes Convention Center

Map No. 7

### Ballroom B

Brendan Little

7:30–8:10pm

Thalia Zedek Band

Jon Bernhardt

9:15–9:30pm

### Yo La Tengo

Yo La Tengo is one of the most beloved and respected bands in America. For nearly 30 years, Ira Kaplan, Georgia Hubley, and James McNew have enjoyed success entirely on their own terms—playing the world's best concert halls, museums, and dives, dominating critics' lists, doing a "Simpsons" theme, playing the Velvet Underground in *Shot Andy Warhol*, sharing stages with some of the most important musicians of our time, and even creating a holiday tradition with their yearly series of Hanukkah shows at Hoboken, New Jersey's legendary club Maxwells, from which they've donated hundreds of thousands to charity. 9:30–11:00pm

### Ballroom A

Sons of Serendip

The quartet, Sons of Serendip, finalist from "America's Got Talent" were called "the most musically talented act on the show" by Howie Mandel and Howard Stern. This unique and dynamic quartet consists of a harpist, cellist, pianist, and a vocalist. Their "classical" arrangements of popular songs has taken the world by storm. 7:45–8:30pm

### Hall B

First Night Inground

First Night Indoor Roller Skating Rink

Lace up your skates and get ready to roll! This family fun activity will put you in the party mood. Free skates available onsite. 7:30–11:30pm

### Block Party

Created by Kate Balug from the Department of Play, BLOCK PARTY is a series of 200 custom-designed jumbo foam blocks that will engage visitors

of all ages in inventing and building playful structures. 7:30–11:00pm

### Silent Disco by Silent Events

Welcome to the silent disco! Grab your headphones and tune in to the live DJ or switch to the channel of your choice. Whether you're dancing and singing with headphones on or watching the crowd from afar, this Silent Event is a very unique experience! 7:30–11:30pm

### Room 101

Puppet Showplace Theater

First Night Puppet Slam:

Puppet Improv!

8:00–8:20pm, 8:30–8:50pm, 9:30–9:50pm, 10:00–10:20pm, 11:00–11:20pm, 11:30–11:50pm

### Room 102

Puppet Showplace Theater

First Night Puppet Slam:

Late-Night Cabaret

7:30–8:00pm, 8:15–8:45pm, 9:00–9:30pm, 9:45–10:15pm, 10:30–11:00pm, 11:15–11:45pm

### Room 103

Boston Poetry Slam

Poetry Slam is a 30-year movement conventionally defined as "the art of competitive performance poetry." It's a fast-paced competition where poets have a limited amount of time to impress judges randomly selected from the audience: storytelling, lyricism, and stand-up comedy all come together in what's evolved to a modern oral tradition. Volunteers will be selected to judge the slam, and other audience members are strongly encouraged to participate by cheering, whistling, or (gently) heckling the hosts or judges. 7:30–8:05pm, 8:15–8:50pm, 9:00–9:35pm, 9:45–10:20pm, 10:30–11:00pm

### Room 104

Massmouth

Best of Greater Boston Story Slams 2014 True Life Stories from massmouth.org story slams (short stories from slam winners with audience participation and prizes—six each set). 8:00–8:45pm, 9:15–10:00pm, 10:30–11:15pm

### Room 105

Massmouth First Person

Plural—True Life Stories

Longer stories by Best of Boston Story slam winners—three master storytellers emceed by a master storyteller. 9:00–9:45pm, 10:15–11pm

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### Room 200

New England Anime Society

Back by popular demand! The New England Anime Society, convention organizers of Anime Boston, presents the best and most popular Japanese animation. For information about titles, visitfirstnightboston.org 7:30–11:00pm

### Room 201

Roger Miller and

The Surrealists Games

Welcome to an evening of Exquisite Corpse games where individuals can learn and play riotous mind-bending games that were developed by Andre Breton and his co-conspirators during the 1920s and '30s, the heyday of surrealism. The consummate master of ceremonies, Miller will not only explain and lead the games to kick off the event, but he'll also DJ—providing a surrealistic soundtrack to the evening. 7:30–11:00pm

### Room 202

ImprovBoston

You provide the inspiration, we provide the laughs! The ImprovBoston National Touring Company returns to First Night to create fast-paced, high-energy, on-the-spot comedy in a show that is always new and never the same show twice. 7:30–8:15pm, 9:00–9:45pm, 10:30–11:15pm

Princeton Theater Company

"Outside the Box"

This troupe will change the way you think about mime. In a series of wordless vignettes, ranging from hilarious to heartbreaking, they draw audiences into a performance that takes place as much inside the head as it does on stage. 8:15–9:00pm, 9:45–10:30pm

### Room 203

First Light 2015

A throne that reacts to your brain waves? Using dynamic science and interactive art, First Light fuses technology with creativity! 7:30–11:00pm

### Room 204

Hands to Heart Center—Yoga for the People

Strengthen family bonds with a yoga practice that's specially designed for all ages. Each session will offer a fun series of poses that build communication skills, confidence, and trust along with creative yoga games and uplifting world music. 1:30–2:15pm, 2:45–3:30pm, 4:00–4:45pm, 7:45–8:30pm, 9:00–9:45pm, 10:15–11:00pm

### Room 206

Sleeping Weazel

Birth, Breath, Bride Elizabeth

This is a lecture play, written and directed by Kenneth Prestinini, and performed by Stephanie Burlington Daniels. A deconstructed Mary Shelley/Bride of Frankenstein gives a lecture to young brides/scholars—she's never sure which, due to her alternating bi-polar mania and verbal short circuiting. 8:30–9:15pm, 10:30–11:15pm

### Levels 1–3 Near

Escalators

Animal Hospital Ensemble

Altering traditional concert convention by situating the audience in the center of the room encircled by dozens of guitarists and drummers, Animal Hospital Ensemble performances provide a unique sonic experience for each listener. This First Night performance will involve staging musicians on multiple levels of the main rotunda of the convention center inviting the audience to walk around and experience the music from different perspectives. animalhospitalensemble.com 8:30–9:30pm

### Room 302

First Night Dance Stage

Rainbow Tribe

Holidays with Tribe

Tribe's performances range from African to modern jazz

and from swing to hip-hop and breakin'. New, local choreography and choreographers reflect popular dance forms by presenting works that draw from a variety of traditions. 7:30–8:00pm

#### Jo-Mé Dance Company

The company will be performing excerpts from *Nervosa* Along Attachment and Disconnect. The pieces draw out an emotional and physical journey in search for comfort in our own skin and with others. 8:00–8:30pm

#### Urbanity Dance: Inside Out

Urbanity Dance leads an interactive performance featuring a variety of solos and duets. Dancers explore innovative contemporary movement and invite our audience to discover "inside out" dancing to bring in the New Year. 8:30–9:00pm

#### Intimations Dance

Intimations Dance uses a collaborative approach to creating a new language of dance inspired by improvisation, our stories and our social concerns. 9:00–9:30pm

#### The Wondertwins

Get ready for the Wondertwins—three-time winners at the Apollo Theater! The Wondertwins have performed with Queen Latifah, MC Hammer, MC Lyte, Public Enemy, and choreographed for New Kids on the Block. From hip hop to mime and popping to creative dance—make way for the Wondertwins. 9:30–9:45pm

#### Rumba Y Timbal Salsa Social

Now it's your turn to dance! Work out with the dancers of Rumba Y Timbal as they perform and teach one large salsa class! 10:00–11:00pm

#### Room 301, 303

##### Boston Cyberarts

*Aglow: Cyber and Fiber* is a collection of installations by Rob Gonsalves and Kristina Goransson. The exhibit features brightly colored felt sculptures as well as interactive audio-visual installations.

Visitors are invited to play and dance into the new year. Daytime session 1:00–6:00pm Evening session 7:30–11:00pm

#### Room 308

##### Jamaica Plain PorchFest:

**Stirring it Up, Porch by Porch** This documentary captures the magic of a vibrant, community-building music festival held in July 2014 on porches all around Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood. Sixty-five musicians played jazz, reggae, classical, R & B, country, rock, world, and more to a roving audience of 7,000+ people. The film illustrates the power of transforming personal spaces into public art venues, knitting the community together porch by porch. JPPorchFest producers offer a sneak preview of plans to add theater, circus arts, poetry, spoken word, and dance to future PorchFests. 7:30–8:00pm

#### Roxbury International Film Festival

The "Top of the Rox" Mini Film festival features some of the top films screened at the Roxbury International Film Festival including: *Filmmaking*—1 min.; *Amnesty*—20 min.; *Nostalgia*—40 min.; *Santa Clause in Baghdad*—40 min.; *Losing Lebron*—60 min. 8:00–9:30pm

#### The Magic Lantern

##### Picture Show

A delightful presentation of short films that will thrill and inspire audiences of all shapes and sizes you will thrill to mini-movies of wonder, whimsy and wit. Watch Animation and Live Action Short films that will take you on a ride to fun and festive places! 9:30–10:00pm, 10:00–10:30pm

#### Room 309

##### Miz Jones' House Party

Have a funky good time with soul-jazz vocalist Alyssa Jones and a parade of stellar Boston-based artists. Through classic soul, favorite hits and crazy new mash-ups, this party unites generations in a "groove-centric" celebration. 7:30–11:00pm

#### Room 310

##### Boston Saxophone Quartet

The BSQ, through its "Noteworthy Scholars" program, seeks out student composers in the Boston Public Schools to compose either an original musical work or arrange an existing music piece for the BSQ. The winning selection is then performed by this professional quartet whose members have appeared with the Boston Pops, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and leading Broadway theaters throughout New England. 7:30–9:30pm

#### Room 311

##### Tribe Vibe

This is a neo-tribal space with bone & metal artworks and sculptures, human statues, video sculpture, body painting (while this performance does NOT include nudity, it is intended for mature audiences. Parental discretion is advised), and acro-yoga & LED spinning, and live experimental musical groups: **Molt Corps** 7:30–8:30pm

**Windhorse** 8:30–9:30pm

**Of the Sun** 9:30–10:30pm

**Living Light** (Eartha Harris)

10:30–11:30pm

An experimental space : neo-tribal snowmadic venture into the realms of the strange and surreal. MUSIC by Living Light [NC]:

soundcloud.com/livinglight. Of The Sun [MA]: future-

shamans.com. Windhorse

[NY]: windhorsetheband.

bandcamp.com. Molt Corps

[MA]: moltcorps.bandcamp.

com. Art by Bodypaint: Adam

Giangregorio. Acro-yoga: Ni-

cole Leeland & Adam Giangre-

gorio. Lighting: Kerri Coburn

[kerricoburn.com]. Video:

Voojoo & Pat Chaney. Sound:

Pat Chaney. Deco: Reliquarium

[thereliquarium.com].

#### Room 312 (Ages 18+ only)

##### Alternative Culture Couture:

##### Fashion, Burlesque, and

##### Photography

A multi-genre interactive experience showcasing the dark beauty and edgy fun of Massachusetts' gothic and alternative culture. Come take pictures with our gorgeous models and enjoy a sexy

striptease! With musical guest Mei O'hara, and burlesque headliner Delilah Shameless. 7:30–8:15pm, 8:30–9:15pm, 9:30–10:15pm, 10:30–11:15pm

#### Room 313

##### The First Night Lounge

##### (Ages 21+)

##### Face | Face

##### John Crowley/Matt Walzak

Look into the portal. A Stranger is looking back at you. At the other end of the room a stranger is looking into another portal but the stranger looking back at them is you! The results will be projected. 7:30–11:00pm

#### Sue Costello

Sue brings you stories of her life growing up in Dorchester. Through conversations with others, we watch her come of age! 7:30–8:00pm

#### Divas After Dark

They're shiny. They're sassy. They're scintillatingly brassy! Ring in the New Year with the hilarious Deb Farrar-Parkman, Roz Browne and Kathe Farris, First Night's own Divas After Dark in their First Farewell Comedy Tour. 8:15–8:45pm, 9:00–9:30pm, 9:45–10:15pm

#### Otis House Museum

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Classical Guitar—

Chris Renna

6:00–9:00pm

#### Old South Church

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Old South Church

Old South Brass, Organ &

Percussion

The best of Boston's brass and percussion artists join an organist with imagination and verve in a supersonic program of "Pipes and Pops," playing electrifying arrangements of popular classics, as well as leading the audience in singing stirring favorites. 6:30–7:15pm, 8:00–8:45pm





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## MUST-SEE OUTDOOR FESTIVAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

### Ice Sculptures

Visit Boston Common and Copley Square during the days leading up to First Night to see the ice sculpture artists at work. Follow us on Twitter ([twitter.com/firstnight](https://twitter.com/firstnight)) for up-to-the-minute status reports. At nightfall on December 31, the ice sculptures will be illuminated in a brilliant spectrum of colors.

#### "Tadpole Playground"

Ice-carved children playing amongst the bronze tadpole sculptures.

Created by Steve Rose—Ice Effects  
Boston Common

#### "Inspired"

A multi-themed ice sculpture: Celebration, Innovation, Inspiration, and Imagination.

Created by Steve Rose—Ice Effects  
Boston Common Frog Pond

#### "Ice Dragon"

Created by Don Chappelle—Brilliant Ice Sculpture  
Copley Square

#### TBD

Created by Eric Fontecchio—Brookline Ice  
Copley Square

### Interactive Exhibitions

#### FIGMENT Boston Boston Common

FIGMENT Boston 2015 brightens Boston Common with 20 innovative, interactive art projects. The public is invited to play with art that temporarily transforms public spaces into wildly creative places that disappear without a trace while breaking down the wall between spectator and artist!

#### Boston Common

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh, City of Boston



#### Frog Pond

##### First Night Skating Spectacular

The Skating Club of Boston celebrates the New Year at The Boston Common Frog Pond with the annual Skating Spectacular! Delight in watching spins, jumps, lifts and fancy footwork from our community of talented skaters. Alex Shaughnessy and Jimmy Morgan will headline this skating extravaganza, and students from The Skating Club of Boston Skating Academy show off their new tricks while seasoned competitors and champions from the local and national scene entertain you! 6:00–6:50pm

#### First Night Grand Procession

See page 24 for details.

## MIDNIGHT COUNTDOWN AND GRAND FINALE

### Countdown to Midnight in Copley Square

The urban landscape is your nightclub and the city street is your dance floor from 8:00pm to midnight on December 31. This outdoor party in Copley Square features pulsating music and a vibrant light show projected across the beautiful façade of the Boston Public Library. The fun crescendos with a countdown to 2015 hosted by WBZ-TV News Anchors Lisa Hughes and Jonathan Elias. Televised live on WBZ-TV. 7:30pm–12:30am



### First Night Midnight Fireworks

The skies above Boston Harbor will be transformed into a brilliant tapestry of color, light, and sound when the clocks strike 12. A complete sensory experience unlike anything else, this spectacular display is especially created for First Night Boston by Atlas Pyro Vision Productions 12:00–12:10am

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