



## Plan Your Day

### Suggested Walking Itineraries

There are 20+ locations to visit during the 2024 Opening Our Doors festival. We hope you can visit all of them! Below, we have created a few **suggested walking itineraries** to make the most of your day. Depending on your particular interests, we have grouped some within short or nearby walking distances. There are open houses and drop-in activities at all the sites; however, *please refer to the OOD 2025 schedule for the most up to date times for specific performances and activations.*

#### Kick-off:

It all starts here from 10AM - 11:15 PM on The Christian Science Plaza - join a terrific group of speakers and performances to kick start your OOD including a reading from the Boston Poet Laureate, by performances by: [Boston Children's Chorus](#); [New England Conservatory Prep's Honors Woodwind Quintet](#); [Handel + Haydn Society Ambassador Ensemble](#); Northeastern University's [Eon Dance Troupe](#) and the [Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra](#) Honors Chamber Group.

**The First Church of Christ, Scientist:** There are numerous sites to visit in and around the Christian Science Plaza including the two free concerts in the Mother Church, the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' new home on the Christian Science Plaza, the world-famous Mapparium™ in the Christian Science Publishing House, and readings

and family-friendly activities at the Christian Science Reading Room.

**Mass Ave and Huntington:** After the Kick-off, walk across the street to **Symphony Hall** for an open house & performances; check out the hidden gem **Kaji Aso Studio** at 40 St Stephen Street; then walk just around the corner on Huntington Ave to the **Huntington Theatre** for a special pay-what-you-wish viewing of Sardines at 2pm. Next visit **New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall** for interactive musical performances and finish this tour at the historic **YMCA Huntington Avenue** for arts + crafts, physical activities, and more, all facilitated by the Huntington Ave Teens!

**Mass Ave and Boylston St:** Visit **Massachusetts Historical Society** and tour their collections, and participate in family-friendly arts activities. **The Fenway Gallery** is located just a few blocks away where you can see a show of **Fenway Studios** artists. Around the corner on Mass Ave is the Fenway's newest public space - the **Lyrik Plaza**. Join **SidePresents** for plant-making activities, cider + donuts, and a performance by ToriTori sponsored by Berklee College of Music. Don't forget to visit The **Triennial Hub** on the Lyrik Plaza to view Julian Charriere's "Call to Action," a livestream of the Brazilian Rainforest.

### **Art Exhibitions:**

Both the **MFA, Boston and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** are free and open to the public during Opening Our Doors. Advance registration is recommended as there can be long lines. There are also other great, smaller galleries in the Fenway, such as the **Fenway Gallery** at the historic Fenway Studios, **Kaji Aso Studio, MassArt Art Museum (MAAM), Tufts University Art Galleries at SMFA, Trustman Gallery at Simmons University** and don't forget to check out the Interactive Aluminum Pour at **MassArt** between 11:30AM - 2PM. MAAM, MassArt, Trustman Gallery, and Tufts University Galleries are all within easy walking distance of each other.

This is your last opportunity to visit **The Triennial** public art projects in the Fenway. **MassArt Art Museum (MAAM)** will have special programs related to these pieces. Visit The triennial Hub for more information about The triennial and the works on display in the Fenway.

**Indigenous People's Day Celebrations:** Both the **MFA, Boston and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** partner with Indigenous collaborators on programs throughout the day.

## Music:

Opening Our Doors is a celebration of music of all genres: classical, jazz, a cappella, show tunes, spoken word, soul, and more. Here are some highlights of performances during OOD. *Please review time and location specifics on the OOD main schedule page.*

10:00AM - 11:15AM Kick-off Ceremony at 235 Huntington Avenue on the Christian Science Plaza: Boston Poet Laureate;; Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras Honors Chamber Group; Boston Children's Chorus; New England Conservatory Prep's Honors Woodwind Quintet; Handel + Haydn Ambassador Ensemble; Northeastern University's EON Dance Troupe; Hot Tamale Brass band

11:30AM - 12:00PM, The Mother Church Extension  
Youth Organ Demonstration

11:30AM - 2:00PM, Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) Youth Center for Music  
BYSO Student Musical Performances

12:00PM - 4PM, New Edgerly Plaza  
Musical performances by Berklee College of Music students.

12:00PM - 5:00PM, New England Conservatory (NEC) Jordan Hall  
NEC student musical performances.

12:00PM - 4PM, The Lyrik Plaza  
Live music by Boston Music Award Winner ToriTori Music.

12:15PM - 12:45PM, The Mother Church Extension  
Organ Concert. The organ in the Mother Church is one of the largest organs in the world, with a total of 13,384 pipes, ranging from the size of a pencil to a height of 32 feet.

1:00PM & 2PM, Kaji Aso Studio

2 musical performances by Sarah Curtis, soprano and Johnny Elliot, piano.

1:30PM, Fenway Gallery

Berklee College of Music Jazz performance

2:00PM, YMCA Huntington Avenue Atrium

Northeastern University's Madrigal Singers (a cappella group)

**OOD Teen Stage:** Check out our youngest collaborators, the YMCA OOD Teen Council who have curated a full day 12PM - 4PM of performances, activations, family friendly activities, tours of the building, and a resource fair.

### Walking Tours:

If your sweet spot is walking tours, historic, artistic, or in nature, we have you covered. *All walking tours require advance registration. Please see OOD 2025 main schedule page to register.*

11:00AM, Emerald Necklace Conservancy's Shattuck Visitor Center

Indigenous Walking Tour of the Back Bay Fens

There are a number of public art installations in the Fenway celebrating The triennial. Stop by Evans Way park (across from the

### Children's Activities :

Opening Our Doors is an inclusive and interactive festival with lots of children's activities at locations throughout the Fenway. Here are a few highlights.

11:00AM - 4:00PM, The Mother Church Reading Room

Storytime, kids crafts, and more.

11:30AM - 11:50AM, The Christian Science Plaza, Mother Church Extension

Organ demonstration for young people

11:30AM - 1:30PM, Boston Symphony Orchestra

Try your hand at strings, brass, percussion, and woodwinds at the Instrument Playground in historic Symphony Hall.

12:00 - 4:00PM, Massachusetts Historical Society

Interactive family-friendly activities including a history sleuthing program, chalk painting, and more.

12:00PM - 2:00PM, Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

Tours of the building, youth performances

2:00PM, Wheelock Family Theatre, free performance of latest show, Leonardo!