



Plan Your Day

Suggested Walking Itineraries

There are 19 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 2024 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 Youth Poet Laureate, performances by Handel + Haydn Youth Chorus, Boston Children's Chorus, and Northeastern University's Eon Dance Troupe.

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 just 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 guided tours, theatre games, and even a costume corner. Next visit **New England Conservatory's Bower Stage** for interactive musical performances and finish this tour at the historic **YMCA Huntington Avenue** for the new Teen Stage and Resource Fair.

Massachusetts Historical Society & Fenway Gallery at Fenway Studios: Visit Massachusetts Historical Society and tour their collections, and be sure to register in advance for one of the tours on offer. The Fenway Gallery is located just a few blocks away and is a wonderful new addition to the neighborhood and lives in the historic Fenway Studios.

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.

Indigenous People's Day Celebrations: Both the **MFA, Boston** and **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** partner with Indigenous collaborators on programs throughout the day. **SIDE Presents** creative production agency at **Time Out Market** brings an afternoon of celebration, creativity and community to Indigenous People's Day through performance and interactive artistic expression from 12 - 4PM. Grab a bite to eat at **Time Out Market** while you are there!

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 - 11:00AM, Christian Science Plaza:

Boston Children's Chorus, Handel + Haydn Youth Chorus, Hot Tamale Brass Band

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

Youth Organ Demonstration

12:00PM, Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) Auditorium

BYSO Chamber Music Performance

12:00PM - 4:00PM, Time Out Market

Evelyn Blush, Jenny Lee, A Trike Called Funk, DJ Mez Way.

1:00PM - 1:30PM, The Mother Church Extension

Organ Concert with Bryan Ashley. This is an incredible listening experience and not to be missed. 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.

1:30PM & 2:30PM, New England Conservatory (NEC) Student Life Performance Center
NEC Student Jazz Quartet & Trio Eris

1:30PM, Fenway Gallery

Berklee College of Music Jazz trio

3:00PM, YMCA Huntington Avenue Atrium

Northeastern University's Madrigal Singers (a cappella group)

OOD Teen Stage: Check out our newest 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 2024 main schedule page to register.*

10:30AM, Emerald Necklace Conservancy's Shattuck Visitor Center

Indigenous Walking Tour of the Back Bay Fens with Elizabeth James Perry

11AM, Massachusetts Historic Society

Walking Tour of the Fenway Victory Gardens

1PM, Massachusetts Historic Society

Tour of the Collection

1PM, Emerald Necklace Society's Shattuck Visitor Center

Walking Tour of the Back Bay Fens with Frederick Law Olmsted