

ART DUJOUR

VAL'S VIEW

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Boston College Arts Festival

The Boston College Art Festival has been a growing tradition in Boston



for 17 years. The festival brings together students and communities all over the city to celebrate art. A talented group of over 1,000 student and faculty artists will be presenting music, theatre, dance, poetry, film, paintings, you

name it! The festival will be taking place April 23rd - April 25th in various locations all over the Boston College campus, and best of all, it's FREE! Come down and buy some local art, listen to poetry readings, dabble in ceramics or enjoy a Shakespearian play! For more information and locations visit bc.edu. photo credit to Boston College

Boston Creates - The Plan City of Boston Arts & Entertainment

Over the next 15 months, Boston Creates will provide an opportunity for Boston's many communities and neighborhoods to create a cultural blueprint highlighting Boston's strengths and setting innovative goals for the future. We'll look at community organizations and individual artists; cultural spaces and facilities; our cultural heritage and communities; our festivals and events; and creative industries and occupations. Boston Creates is a shared vision, one that relies upon community engagement for its success. We are looking for individuals to be part of the leadership council as well as those interested in being part of a community team and helping to grow the conversations. Get involved bostoncreates.org.

Sculpture in Boston



The Echelman sculpture will be revealed this May.

Artist Janet Echelman is an award winning artist who has been exhibited around the world but never locally in Boston. According to Jesse Brackenbury, the Executive Director of the Greenway Conservancy, "when it comes to the importance of public art, the Greenway wants to focus on keeping art contemporary and temporary, getting people to come to the parks, and then wanting them to come back to see new attractions." Photo: A night rendering, courtesy of Studio Echelman. rosekennedygreenway.org

ART BRIEFS

ATTENTION BOSTON PHOTO BUFFS



It's All About Arts is looking for photos of Boston scenes to include in a regular montage to be shown on our cable television show. Please send photo along with title and your name and contact info. Each photo will get your credit and contact info. By sending photo you give *It's All About Arts* permission to use on our television program. There is no remuneration for the use of the photo but it is a good op-

portunity for promotion of your photo. Selection of photos for use on the television program will be at the discretion of the editor. Send good quality photos to janice@artfulgift.com. See info about *Its All About Arts* below.

BSO FAMILY CONCERT: Shall We Dance

Presented by Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) at Symphony Hall April 25, 2015. BSO Family Concerts are designed to build connection to the orchestra, orchestral music, the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO), and Symphony Hall. Celebrating six years of collaboration, conductor Marta Zurad, magician Matt Roberts and the BSO present SHALL WE DANCE! Join us for a unique concert experience that brings to life the magic of music for all ages. Cost: Adults \$20, Kids under 18 are Free (limit four per family). 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA, 02115. Symphony Hall. bysoweb.org

The Shops at Prudential Center are hosting **City Heart**, the fifth annual free art show that features the work of local homeless and low-income artists on Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00am - 4:00pm inside the Huntington Arcade at The Shops at Prudential Center. More than 50 artists will be there to display and also sell their work. artlifting.com/events/

Bostonology is a daily e-newsletter about Boston that is sent Monday to Friday at 3pm and includes a word, a photo, a piece of trivia, and a link to something interesting. It's a fun little treat during your workday. Bostonology started in May 2014 by friends Peter Gorman and Sonya Kovacic as a way to combine their love of Boston, trivia, and photography. bostonologist.org.

Boston's Emerald Necklace consists of an 1,100-acre chain of nine parks linked by parkways and waterways. This linear system of parks and parkways was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted to connect the Boston Common, which dates from the colonial period, and the 1837 Public Garden along the Muddy River and Leverett, Willow, Ward's and Jamaica ponds through the Arnold Arboretum to the great country park - Franklin Park. The Shattuck Visitor Center, located in the Back Bay Fens across the street from the Museum of Fine Arts, is the permanent home of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. emeraldnecklace.org

Art Dujour is brought to you by *Its All About Arts*, a television show on Boston Neighborhood Network Television with host Glenn Williams and co-host Valerie Eliason. The show features local artists both visual and performing and art administrators. Watch on BNNLive - Comcast 9 or RCN 15 or streamed live on bnnv.org. Mondays from 6-7 pm. To be a guest visit itsallaboutarts.com/cableshow.htm or call 617-543-7443. See shows at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ItsAllAboutArts1>