

# ART DUJOUR

## VAL'S VIEW

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### FIGMENT First Night 2015!

Come ring in the new year with lights and art! This New Year's Eve, Figment Boston will be bringing 20 innovative and interactive art projects to the Boston Common! These sparkling light sculptures are free for the public to enjoy and will serve as one of the several main attractions for Boston's famous First Night! A tradition that has been going on in our city since 1976! Come celebrate 2015 in a true Bostonian fashion with fireworks, live music and art! For more information visit [www.boston.figmentproject.org](http://www.boston.figmentproject.org)

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## Museum Moments



BOSTON  
ATHENÆUM



The Boston Athenæum holds an extraordinary, but little known, collection of World War I posters. Consisting of nearly 1,800 posters from fourteen countries, this collection provides a unique graphic record of the War of Nations. The exhibition, *Over Here: World War I Posters from around the World*, timed to coincide with centennial observances of World War I, will feature highlights from the collection, including forty-four framed posters and cases filled with leaflets, postcards, and book and magazine illustrations. In addition its collections comprise over half a million volumes, with particular strengths in Boston history, New England state and local history, biography, English and American literature, and the fine and decorative arts. Located at 10½ Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108. (617) 227-0270. [bostonathenaeum.org](http://bostonathenaeum.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](http://bnnv.org). Mondays from 6-7 pm. To be a guest visit [itsallaboutarts.com/cable-show.htm](http://itsallaboutarts.com/cable-show.htm) or call 67-543-7443.

Shows: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ItsAllAboutArts1>

## FIRST NIGHT ART BUTTON



A wonderful Boston art tradition, the 2015 First Night button features the design of Fei Ping Zhao, a Chinatown resident, also a junior at Boston Latin Academy.

### Many Benefits of Buying the Button

Boston Ballet offers free admission to the first 50 button holders for *The Nutcracker* on December 31, 2014 at 1pm and 7:30pm. Tickets will be distributed to button holders at the Boston Opera House box office beginning at 11am for the 1pm 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](http://bostonballet.org/firstnight). More cultural First Night button deals at [firstnightboston.org](http://firstnightboston.org).

## The Art Bus

*A free shuttle between the Newbury Street and South End art districts  
Sponsored by The Boston Art Dealers Association*

### STOPS LOCATED AT:

- \* Thayer Street & Harrison Ave.
- \* Newbury and Berkeley Streets (in front of the Church of the Covenant)
- \* Newbury and Dartmouth Streets (in front of Fitz Inn parking lot)

*12-4 pm First Saturday of each month September - June  
No Pass Required! Just hop on board! [bostonart.com](http://bostonart.com)*

## Kwanzaa Celebration: Music, Drumming and Storytelling

*Museum of African History - 46 Joy Street, Boston  
Monday | December 22 | 11:30am.*

What better way to celebrate Kwanzaa than with the Paige Academy drummers -- ranging in age from 5 to 10 years old -- performing and participating in a holiday ritual with music, storytelling, a candle lighting ceremony, and you in the first school built to educate African American children. We invite you to join millions around the world as they observe Kwanzaa, a joyous tribute to family, community, culture, and heritage. Come discover the roots of Kwanzaa, created at the height of the Civil Rights Movement by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach. In 1966, Dr. Karenga combined aspects of several ancient African "first-fruit" harvest festivals, such as those of the Ashanti and of the Zulu, to form the basis of Kwanzaa and the seven principles or Nguza Saba, a set of ideals designed to enhance daily life and foster community pride. Info at [maah.org](http://maah.org). 617-725-0022.