



**“THE BAYSTATE’S MOST
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Event Examples and Inspiration Sheet – Music

For inspiration, read through the following events which range from small to large. You will see that ArtWeek-friendly events have a ‘twist’: they are **interactive, learning-based, behind-the-scenes**, and/or **provide VIP access**. Reach new audiences, test an idea, explore a new partnership, or join in because you want to be part of shining a statewide spotlight on our creative community. See artweekma.org for even more examples!

Airmen of Note Air Force Jazz Band – Free event by Franklin High School

The internationally-acclaimed United States Air Force Jazz Band from Washington, D.C. made their way to Central Massachusetts to conduct an open workshop with Franklin High School students and present a concert boasting big band music and arrangements featuring 18 active duty Airmen musicians.

Brazilian Drum & Dance Parade – Free event by Grooversity and Young Audiences of MA

The drumming ensemble brought the Brazilian street festival experience to the Boston Common – an interactive percussionist party where everyone was invited to join the parade!

Cape Symphony Open Rehearsal – Free event at the Barnstable Performing Arts Center

The public was invited to a rare, behind-the-scenes rehearsal for the highly anticipated American Mavericks concert, featuring the music of Leonard Bernstein, John Adams and Philip Glass. Led by Artistic Director/Conductor Jung-Ho Pak.

Cardamom Quartet: Open Salon – Free event at We Are Hair Salon

At this preview concert, quartet members performed songs that inspired conversations among the audience members who were seated in-the-round in this alternative performance space.

Melt the Mic (Cypher and Lyrics Lounge) – Free event at UHM Properties

A unique lineup of local artists performed in an intimate space for an audience before turning over the stage to an open mic. Audience members were encouraged to share their skills and had the chance to meet with the artists afterwards.

Nigra Sum Sed Formosa: I Am Black but Beautiful– Free event by the Handel and Haydn Society

Acclaimed opera vocalists, a children’s chorus, and a string quartet all joined forces for this concert that celebrated the richness of black artistry. The selection included works spanning three centuries and a new piece. The concert was preceded by a special talk by the Director of Education and Interpretation at the Museum of African American History.

Recycled Instrument Studio Tour – Free event at Fireseed Arts, Framingham

Visitors played instruments, learned about how recycled materials are made into performance grade guitars and drums, and were invited to jam at the solar powered studios at an interactive concert by “Johnny Fireseed & the Junkyard Dogs.”

Somerlele: Somerville Ukelele Festival – \$45 event by Somerlele

The first event of its kind, this festival ran for a full day of ukulele workshops for all levels of expertise. The festival concluded with a concert and an open mic for participants.

Want to brainstorm or have questions? Want to submit your events?

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