

WELCOME

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

We love the arts.

At the Office for the Arts, we also love producing this annual festival that features student artists—as well as faculty, staff, alums and affiliates. And that’s not all. We delight in welcoming you to our campus for these four special days to celebrate and enjoy the immense and diverse creativity that takes place here every day with Harvard’s artists, scholars, administrators, museum directors and many others. Discover, experience and fall in love with artmaking today. Revel in activated spaces shared with community members of all types. We are happy you’re here to be part of this offering of artistic expression, fun, hope and joy.

All events are free unless otherwise noted.
#ARTSFIRST: Share your favorite moments on social media!

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Follow the Office for the Arts at Harvard on social media and tag us in your ARTS FIRST posts!
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Instagram: @harvard_arts
Twitter: @harvardarts

Send us an email
arts@fas.harvard.edu

Save the date for next year: April 25-28, 2024

INFORMATION

COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies

In the case of a surge in the pandemic, please be prepared to wear a mask. Check website for updates to ARTS FIRST COVID-19 policies: harvardarts.org

In Case of Emergency

In case of emergency (including medical emergencies), call the Harvard University Police, 617.495.1212. Campus emergency phones are designated with blue lights.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the basements of the Science Center and Memorial Hall/Sanders Theatre, as well as the first floor of the Smith Campus Center, 1350 Mass. Ave.

Box Offices

Harvard Box Office: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Loeb Drama Center Box Office: 64 Brattle St.
Phone and walk-up sales, 617.547.8300; Tuesday–Sunday, 12–5 PM

Parking

Free parking is available at the Broadway Garage during the following times:
Thursday 5-10 PM
Friday 4-10 PM
Saturday 8 AM-10 PM
Sunday 11 AM-10 PM

11 AM–
2 PM

HMSC 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Visit all four Harvard Museums of Science and Culture to collect swag, enjoy cupcakes and shop with a 10% discount.
For details: hmsc.harvard.edu
See website for all four locations.

12–1 PM

Gallery Talk: Activation of Moholy-Nagy's Light Prop for an Electric Stage

Take a fresh look at old favorites. Meet near digital screens.
Calderwood Courtyard, Harvard Art Museums, 32 Quincy St.

12 PM

Curator tour of Mary Lum: The Moving Parts (&)

Tour a new multi-disciplinary exhibition about language.
Johnson-Kulkundis Family Gallery, Byerly Hall, 8 Garden St.

12:15 PM

Midday Organ Recital: Joseph Ripka

Joseph Ripka, from St. Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City, plays Harvard's 1958 D. A. Flentrop organ.
Adolphus Busch Hall, 29 Kirkland St.

5–9 PM

ArtsThursdays at HMSC

Explore galleries while enjoying treats, activities and raffles.
Harvard Museum of Natural History, 26 Oxford St. & Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology, 11 Divinity Ave.

5–9 PM

Harvard Art Museums at Night

An evening of art, fun, food and more!
Harvard Art Museums, 32 Quincy St.

6 PM

In the Shadow of Giants

Celebrate Black creativity through the lens of photographer Chuck Stewart with the Black Arts Collective.
Harvard Commons & Second Floor Arts Wing,
Smith Campus Center, 1350 Mass. Ave.

7 PM

Post Mortem: The Musical

Ancient texts save a Latin department from obsolescence.
Created by the Class of '26. Tickets: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Agassiz Theatre, Radcliffe Yard, 10 Garden St.

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Original Thesis Play: Ugly Feelings

Mixed-race Chinese American twins navigate growing up in this original work by Karina Cowperthwaite '23.
Free tickets: <https://forms.gle/5DhtqN4vWKy3xKtk9>
Loeb Experimental Theater, 64 Brattle St.

7 PM

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Tireless Sacred Work: Performance and Conversation with Ezra Furman

Somerville-based folk/rock artist Ezra Furman explores themes of identity and anxiety, angst and fearlessness.
Free tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/5ydeh495>
Knafel Center, Radcliffe Yard, 10 Garden St.

8 PM

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Marine Debris Fashion Show Competition

Teams of designers present newly fashioned creations from debris found on beaches or in the oceans. Each fashion piece calls attention to climate change and ocean sustainability through augmented reality. Presented by the Office for the Arts, the Makerspace at Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Lemann Program on Creativity and Entrepreneurship, and Harvard Office for Sustainability.
Plaza Tent

5–7 PM

AFVS Open Studios & Senior Thesis Show

Annual exhibition by Department of Art, Film, and Visual Studies celebrating a year's worth of curricular artistry.
Carpenter Center, 24 Quincy St.

5:30 PM

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Jazz on the Plaza

Groove to the tunes of two Office for the Arts ensembles: the Harvard Jazz Combo Initiative, coached by Don Braden '85, and Harvard Jazz Band, led by Yaura Muniz, with guest trumpeter Jason Palmer. Kick back into a chill Friday mood.
Plaza Tent

6 PM

Concert Premiere of Student Works by Parker Quartet

Advanced Composition students present new works performed by Parker Quartet.
Holden Chapel

7–10 PM

Art, Film, & Visual Studies Film/Video and Animation Screenings

Harvard Film Archive, Carpenter Center, 24 Quincy St.

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The Revelations of Divine Love (Metaphors from Sea and Sky)

Harvard University Choir presents a new work by Carson Cooman, composer in residence at the Memorial Church.
Memorial Church

7:30 PM

TDM Spring Production: The Singularity Play

When artificial intelligence writes a play, where's the humanity? Written by Jay Stull. Directed by Keenan Tyler Oliphant.
Free tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/3wpyryb7>
Farkas Hall, 12 Holyoke St.



11 AM–
3 PM

What Mathers Most?

A collection of portraits and photographs of what students at Mather House cherish the most.
Open to Harvard students and other HUID holders.
Three Columns Art Gallery, Mather House

Performance Fair Opening Events

Plaza Tent

11:30 AM

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Black Arts Collective

Bring your moves for this throw-back dance party to popular line dances such as the Electric Slide. Refreshers and tutorials onsite.

11:45 AM

Harvard Pops Orchestra

Get ready to have your spirits lifted with an entertaining and uplifting student orchestra that's always filled with surprises.

12:30 PM

Welcome with the Harvard University Band

A welcome from the Office for the Arts director Jack Megan combined with the joy of the Harvard University Band.

The Performance Fair runs 1–5 PM. See schedule grid for details.

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3 PM

Harvard College Opera Composers' Showcase

New works composed and performed by Harvard undergraduates.
Leverett House Library Theater, 28 DeWolfe St.

7–10 PM

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HGNM: Collective Lovemusic

Harvard Group for New Music presents a concert by a Strasbourg-based collective of composers and musicians.
John Knowles Paine Concert Hall, 3 Oxford St.



Join the fun with your own ARTS FIRST T-shirt!

ARTS FIRST t-shirts are on sale at both Harvard Box Office locations:

Sanders Theatre, Opens 90 minutes before show times on performance days

Smith Campus Center,
Tuesdays–Saturdays, 12–6 PM

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Service StorySlam

Live storytelling from undergraduates whose service experiences changed them. Presented by the Center for Public Service and Engaged Scholarship and the Office for the Arts.
Lowell Lecture Hall, 8 Oxford St.

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1 PM

Lowell House Bells Concert

Hear the Lowell House Society of Russian Bell Ringers perform Eastern Orthodox peals and other melodies on 17 historic bells.
Lowell House Courtyard, 10 Holyoke Pl. (entryway F)

3 PM

& 7 PM

Chamber Music Concert

Student ensembles from Music 189r: Chamber Music Performance perform masterpieces from the chamber music repertoire.
John Knowles Paine Concert Hall, 3 Oxford St.

3 PM

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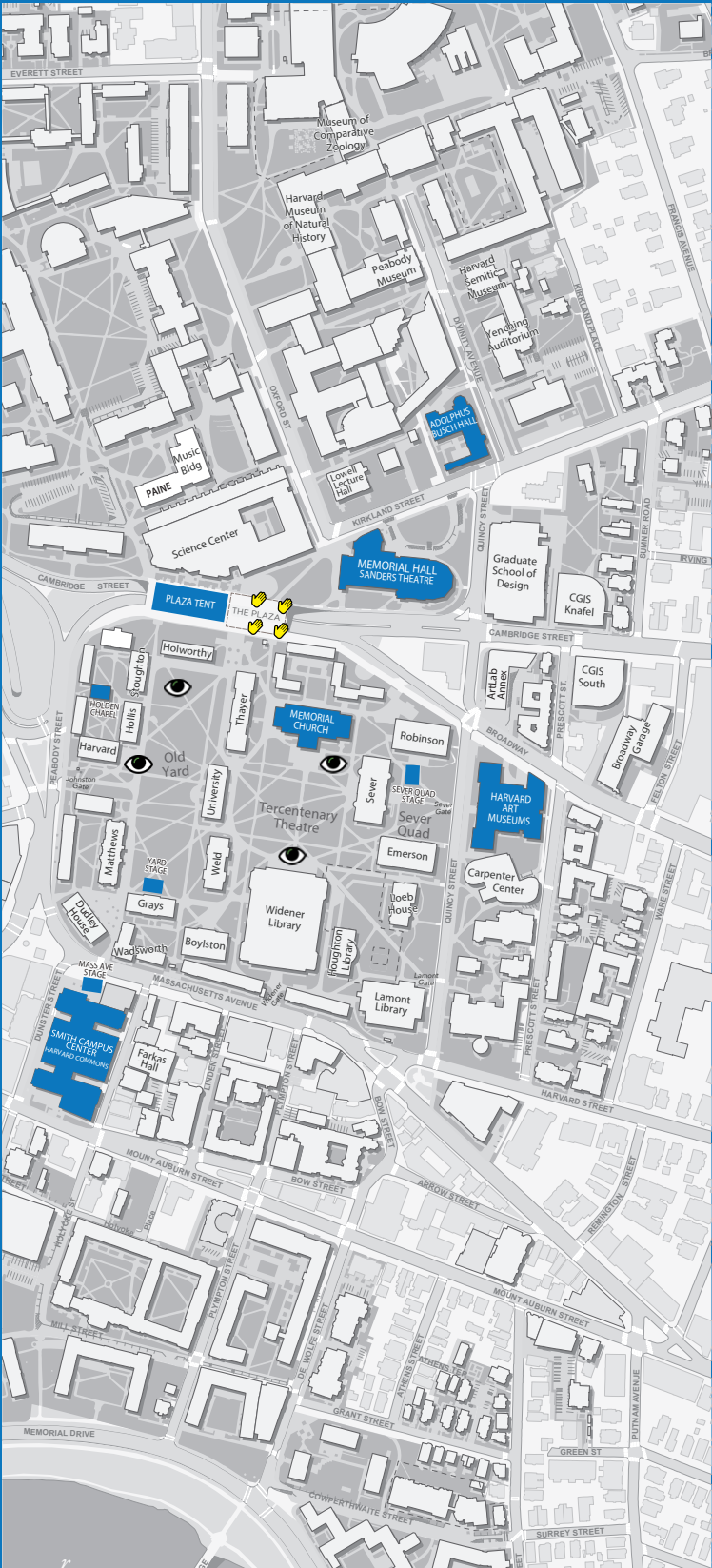
Verdi's Requiem

Harvard's Combined Choruses, led by Andrew Clark, and Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra, led by Federico Cortese, perform this sublime work. Tickets: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Sanders Theatre

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Performance Fair venues in blue

👉 = Make Art Stations: Wheel Throwing | Spineless Artists | Light Awash in Watercolor | Knitting and Pom-Pom Making

👁 = Public Art Installations: Musical Chairs | An Inverse Enclosure | Fruiting Columns | Harvard Gets Cozy

((▷)) = These events will be livestreamed. See website for details.

SATURDAY PERFORMANCE FAIR

	1:00-1:20	1:30-1:50	2:00-2:20	2:30-2:50	3:00-3:20	3:30-3:50	4:00-4:20		4:30-4:50	
LYRICALITY Sever Quad Stage Sever Quad, Harvard Yard near Quincy St.	Ana Breznik '24 Ballads of loss and yearning	Harvard Undergraduate Creative Writing Collective Spoken word and creative writing readings	Nicola DePasquale HUDS Staff Original music on 12-string guitar	South Asian Music Association Classical Carnatic and Hindustani Indian music	Raj Karan Singh HGSE Staff Original songs	Dripp Original R&B and pop music by HBS staff	Linda Wnetrzewska '26 Broadway classic vocals		Poetry in Community Original poetry readings and interactive poetry composition workshop	
JAMS & JOKES Mass Ave Stage 1350 Massachusetts Ave. in front of Smith Campus Center	K-Pop Dreams Still Come True K-pop dance and vocal covers	SHAM Magic Show Magic tricks by the Society of Harvard Magicians	Lucas Pao '23 Original pop songs	Kate Vandermel '25 Classical, jazz and pop vocals	Allure Akaeze '24 Rap, R&B and house music	On Thin Ice Improv comedy	Glee Club Lite A cappella jazz, pop, rock and folk music	Iscariot Selected songs from musical written by Sophie Kim '25	Harvard Staff Showcase Musical performances by staff members from around the University	
VOCAL VIBES Yard Stage Harvard Yard in front of Grays Hall	Callbacks A cappella pop, R&B and funk songs	Lowkeys A cappella contemporary pop songs	Fallen Angels A cappella contemporary pop songs	Veritones A cappella contemporary songs	Din & Tonics A cappella jazz standards	Edith Julieta Sarmiento-Ponce OEB Staff Traditional Mexican songs		Noteables Musical theater and Disney songs		Krokodiloes A cappella jazz and swing standards
GRACE NOTES Harvard Art Museums Calderwood Courtyard 32 Quincy St.	Shuunya Original Hindustani-Turkish jazz fusion	Center Dance Company Selected movements from Bach's Cello Suites with contemporary dance	Radcliffe Pitches A cappella classic jazz tunes	Continuo Chamber music by local high school musicians and their Harvard student mentors	THUD Alternative percussion and bucket drumming	William Yao '21 & Zachary Chin MIT '22 Richard Strauss's <i>Sonata for Violin and Piano in E flat Major, Op. 18</i>		Chibuike Uwakwe '23 & Israel Perez '23 André Jolivet's <i>Chant de Linos for Flute and Piano</i> performed by members of the Mather House Chamber Music Society		River Charles Ensemble Chamber works by Saar, Schubert, Haydn and Puccini
HYBRID HARMONIES Holden Chapel Harvard Yard	Danny Daffodil and the Daydreamers Rock and pop covers	Indigo Rock and pop songs	Jilly and the Jam Bedroom pop and jazz	When in Doubt Soul, Americana and classic rock by the unofficial band of Mather House	Charles Revival Pop, rock, jazz and R&B songs	Jojo Sounds with Realized Nation Indie rock and R&B		Stryk9 Original punk rock songs and covers		Space Cafeteria Original jazz, pop, latin, EDM and R&B
FINELY TUNED Memorial Church Main Sanctuary Harvard Yard	Matt Cohen HGSE Original piano sonata, <i>Voice of the Forest</i>	Benjamin Rossen '23 Classical works for solo piano	Music 189 Chamber Ensembles Performance: Students of the Parker Quartet Excerpts of works by Beethoven, Bloch, Brahms, Foote, Loeffler, Messiaen and Taneyev				Harvard College Piano Society Classical repertoire and original compositions for solo piano		Camden Archambeau '23 & Lucas Amory '24 20th-century works for cello and piano, by Harvard Bach Society	
TRADITIONS & VARIATIONS Adolphus Busch Hall 27 Kirkland St.	VoxJazz A cappella jazz standards	Eliot Hodges '25 Zoltán Kodály's <i>Sonata for Solo Cello</i>	Noah Eckstein '26 John Butler's <i>Ocean</i> for solo acoustic guitar	Harvard Organ Society Selections from spring repertoire		Opportunes A cappella pop, soul, funk, R&B and jazz music		'Cliffe Notes A cappella jazz music and standards		Jeremy Ornstein '24 & Jacob Jimenez '24 Ballads of ardor and apathy
ARTS ON THE PLAZA Plaza Tent In front of the Science Center	Hasty Pudding Theatricals Excerpts from HPT's annual original show, <i>Cosmic Relief</i>	Mariachi Veritas Traditional Mexican music	Devon Gates '23 & Family: A Gathering Large ensemble jazz music, composed and arranged by Devon Gates '23	Yard Bops Pop and funk rock	DanceFest					
					Breakdancing, bhangra, ballet, Bollywood and beyond: a celebration of dance styles and traditions from around the world. See website and sign in Plaza Tent for list of groups and performance order.					
ENSEMBLE SOUNDS Sanders Theatre Memorial Hall Kirkland and Quincy Sts.	Brattle Street Chamber Players Conductorless string chamber orchestra	Mozart Society Orchestra Selections from spring repertoire	Harvard Wind Ensemble Selections from spring repertoire	Lindenbaum Festival Ensemble with HMS Chamber Music Society Original compositions inspired by neuroscience	HMS Chamber Music Society <i>Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings</i>	Longwood Chorus Randall Thompson's <i>Frostiana</i>	Cambridge Common Voices Uplifting songs, both classic and original		Mimi Lam HMS Staff Original improvisations for solo piano	

PUBLIC ART

On view Thursday-Sunday outdoors in Harvard Yard

Musical Chairs

Take a seat; add your voice to a collectively generated soundscape. Conflux

Harvard Yard, Tercentenary Theatre near Memorial Church

An Inversive Enclosure

Get a new perspective on your surroundings by viewing their reflections and exploring the space inside and underneath this reflective structure.

Alejandro Saldarriaga GSD '23, Oscar Zamora GSD '23, Karim Saleh GSD '23

Harvard Yard, Old Yard near Thayer Hall

Fruiting Columns

Mushrooms symbolize hope and repair in this meditation on the entanglements between living and non-living, past and future.

Pablo Castillo Luna GSD '23, Shant Charoian GSD '23, Nida Ekenel GSD '23, Eva Lavranou GSD '22

Harvard Yard, Tercentenary Theatre near Widener Library

Harvard Gets Cozy

A vibrant celebration of collaboration and warmth, through fiber arts. Allison Tu '23 and the Harvard Undergraduate Knitting Circle

Harvard Yard, Old Yard near Harvard Hall

These works are supported by the OFA ARTS FIRST Public Art Program. See website for additional Public Art installations on display throughout Harvard.

MAKE ART

Saturday 1–5 PM on the Plaza

Wheel Throwing

Join instructors from the OFA Ceramics Program and aspiring potters from Quincy, Cabot and Mather Houses for demonstrations using the potter's wheel. Then create your own masterpiece!

Light Awash in Watercolor

Learn about the materials and qualities of watercolor paint with experts from the Harvard Art Museums. Try your hand at some of the painting tricks used by artists featured in the upcoming exhibition of *American Watercolors, 1880–1990: Into the Light*.

Spineless Artists: Invertebrate Creativity

From webs to cocoons, invertebrates create some of nature's most intricate and beautiful designs. Join bilingual museum educator Javier Marin from the Harvard Museum of Natural History to learn how insects and other invertebrates dance, inspire fashion and create art, while making your own spineless artists out of craft materials.

Knitting and Pom-Pom Making

Join the Harvard Undergraduate Knitting Circle to make pom-poms and tassels out of yarn, or grab a pair of needles and learn to knit.

ARTS MEDAL



Adrian Margaret Smith Piper AM '77, PhD '81

RECIPIENT OF THE 2023
HARVARD ARTS MEDAL

Artist and philosopher Adrian Piper AM '77, PhD '81 has exhibited internationally since 1967, in many media: photo-text collage, drawing, video, sculptural installation, digital imagery, performance and sound. Her contributions to early Conceptual Art led to a doctorate from Harvard's Philosophy Department in 1981 and a 30-year academic career – while moonlighting as an artist. She was the first woman of acknowledged African descent to win the Venice Biennale's Golden Lion for Best Artist, the first American to win the Käthe Kollwitz Prize and the first artist of acknowledged African descent to win the Goslarer Kaiserring.

Piper will be honored in absentia at Harvard University in a public gathering and screening of Piper's film *Passing Beyond Passing*, April 26 at 7 PM at the Harvard Film Archive.

For updates, more programming and event details, visit harvardarts.org

Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

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