

Welcome!

Thank you for visiting. Boston is truly rich in history, art, music, cuisine, and events. Over the years, we have tried to experience our city fully and enjoy hosting special events in the Gallery for not-for-profit organizations, musicians, and art initiatives.

After nearly half a century in Boston and on Newbury Street, it seems like a good time to share ongoing recommendations with you. We hope that your visit to Boston is interesting, fun, and enriched by art! The gallery is always glad to help with information, reservations, or tickets when possible – just ask!

Restaurants

During the past decade Boston has become an exciting and innovative culinary location. Some recent favorite restaurants are:

Alden & Harlow

40 Brattle Street, Cambridge (next to the Brattle Theater in Harvard Square)

617.864.2100

www.aldenharlow.com

Thoughtfully sourced American food, creative small dishes, casual, can be noisy. \$\$

Banyan Bar + Refuge

553 Tremont Street, Boston (near Clarendon Street in the South End)

617.556.4211

www.banyanboston.com

Tapas style, modern Asian gastro pub, recently opened, creative, and fun. \$\$

Cafeteria

279 Newbury Street, Boston (near the Gallery at the intersection of Gloucester Street)

617.536.2233

www.cafeteriaboston.com

Newbury Street hangout serving updated American comfort food at communal tables with an outdoor patio. \$\$

Erbaluce

69 Church Street, Boston (in Bay Village)

617.426.6969

www.eraluce-boston.com

Italian food with a focus on local, seasonal ingredients and Piemontese flavors, contemporary and comforting food and atmosphere. \$\$\$

City Table

65 Exeter St, Boston (at the corner of Boylston St., inside the Lenox Hotel)

617.933.4800

www.citytableboston.com

Casual, cozy, rustic space with elevated, classic American dishes and great service. \$\$

MET Back Bay

279 Dartmouth Street, Boston (at the intersection of Newbury Street, near the Copley T station)

617.267.0451

www.metbackbay.com

Local restaurant known for gourmet burgers and tasty weekend brunch, a diverse menu, and good staff. \$\$

Oleana

134 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (just beyond MIT, near Inman Square)

617.661.0505

www.oleanarestuarant.com

Inventive Eastern Mediterranean dishes served in a warm, welcoming interior; the peaceful garden patio is lovely in nice weather. \$\$\$

Oishii

1166 Washington Street, Boston (near Berkeley Street in the South End)

617.482.8868

www.oishiiboston.com

Impeccably executed and delicious Japanese food. \$\$\$

Parish Café

361 Boylston Street, Boston (near Arlington Street in Back Bay)

617.247.4777

www.parishcafe.com

Gourmet sandwiches and craft cocktails by local chefs. A Back Bay neighborhood staple. \$\$

Sarma

249 Pearl Street, Somerville (between Sullivan Square and Union Square)

617.764.4464

www.sarmarestaurant.com

Modern Mediterranean menu, featuring meze and Middle Eastern favorites, offered in a colorful space with a good bar. \$\$

Sorellina

1 Huntington Avenue, Boston (near Dartmouth Street and the Boston Public Library)

617.412.4600

www.sorellinaboston.com

Pleasant, consistent, fine dining with a conversation-friendly atmosphere. \$\$\$

Music

Boston is a vibrant and thriving community for both musicians and music lovers, with concerts across the city throughout the year. Our primary interest is in chamber music, so check out the following:

- The New England Conservatory (www.necmusic.edu)
- First Monday's At Jordan Hall (<http://necmusic.edu/first-monday>)
- The Boston Conservatory (www.bostonconservatory.edu)
- Longwood Symphony Orchestra (www.longwoodsymphony.org)
- Chameleon Arts Ensemble (www.chameleonarts.org)
- Mistral (www.mistralmusic.org)
- Project LENS (www.experiencecens.com)
- Trio Cleonice (www.trioleonice.com)

There are also a couple of websites that include searchable calendar listings for musical events in the area:

- www.classical-scene.com/calendar
- www.artsboston.org

Visual Art

Searchable listing of all exhibitions and events for visual arts, including other galleries, in the greater Boston area are:

- www.bostonartguide.org
- www.artsboston.org

There are many fine museums in the area that are consistently worth visiting:

- Fuller Craft Museum (www.fullercraft.org)
- Institute of Contemporary Art (icaboston.org)
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (www.gardnermuseum.org)
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (www.mfa.org)
- Peabody Essex Museum (www.pem.org)

Books

In sharing some recommendations, I hope your pleasure in reading will grow.

***Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson**

The courage, ability, and sense of purpose that Stevenson portrays is stunning. In many ways more striking is the need for him and his colleagues at the Equal Justice Initiative to fight against the enormous oppression of racial minorities, low-income individuals, and the mentally disabled in the "Land of Free" and "Home of the Brave".

He describes in detail decades of cases of the prisoners on death row that are there without due process or recognition of each person's rights. The individual stories are horrifying and although some do end decently, for many persons his help arrived too late or his pleas fell on deaf ears and blind hearts. The American dream does not exist for SO many and we all need to somehow act to make a difference.

Books continued

The Use of Man by Aleksandar Tisma (1924 - 2003)

Originally published in 1976, it has now been made available as part of the New York Review Books Classics. It is a true gift.

Set in rural Chechnya, Russia, the book follows a group of people who are either destroyed or damaged by the second world war. Tisma introduces the figures during the pre-war period and then weaves them in and out of view throughout and beyond the war. The characters are well developed and remain true to Tisma's sense of them. Through them, he reveals the base nature of humankind over and over. There is little hope, and therefore a true representation of the world during war. Clearly a deeply sad book, but also an important work of art that raises questions about our human condition and human nature.

Additional Resources

Socks

- **Stance Socks** (www.stance.com)

Bowties

- **Carrot and Gibbs** (www.carrotandgibbs.com)
- **Todd's Ties** (www.etsy.com/shop/toddsties)
- **Everyday Bowties** (www.everydaybowties.com)

Florist

Hanaya Floral

292 Concord Avenue, Cambridge
617.547.1770
www.hanayafloreal.com

Hiroko Takeshita, originally from Kyoto, Japan, is the owner of Hanaya Floral Design where she professionally practices floral and garden design. Hiroko's international approach fuses classic European traditions with contemporary style. Her floral interpretations of natural beauty harmonize and weave together colors, shapes, and textures.



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