BOSTON – August 29, 2022 – Nearly 60 performing arts organizations from across the region will convene on the Rose Kennedy Greenway (Atlantic Avenue between Milk Street and High Street) next month for the Greater Boston Arts Expo (GBAX, BostonArtsExpo.com), an audience-focused celebration of the 2022-’23 performing arts season that comprises the city’s largest-ever live season preview. GBAX will feature a variety of free public performances, ticket and season discount offers, and a chance to meet artists and the people behind shows and events coming up this year.

The Greater Boston Arts Expo takes place September 19 from 4-8 pm and is produced by arts service organizations ArtsBoston and StageSource, with support from the City of Boston, the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District, the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lexus Broadway in Boston, and the Cultural Equity Incubator. The Boston Globe is lead media sponsor for the event.

The paths and sidewalks of the Greenway between Rings Fountain and Rowes Wharf Plaza will be lined with tents and tables staffed by regional artists and arts leaders. During the family-friendly event local celebrity emcees will welcome performances ranging from dance and rap to opera and Shakespeare, from drag to flamenco and classical music to musical theatre – all on a main stage provided by Boston Dance Alliance and The Wandering Stage. Pop-up performances, family activities including a “selfie station” with props from StageSource’s Props Co-Op, and arts-centered interactive games that encourage arts exploration will happen throughout the event.

Although free, attendees are encouraged to register for the event for updates and to request special accessibility needs. GBAX will have ASL interpretation, audio description and accessibility assistance.
Trillium Brewing Company's Garden on the Greenway will open for the evening. Food trucks (including Revelry, the winner of Boston magazine’s 2022 Best Food Truck) will offer meal options to GBAX attendees. Onsite discounts and dozens of hourly opportunities to win free tickets will be available.

Among the organizations that will be part of GBAX (in alphabetical order):

- Actors' Shakespeare Project
- American Repertory Theater
- Arts Connect International
- ArtsBoston
- ArtsEmerson
- Back Bay Ringers
- Ballroom in Boston
- Beheared.world
- Blue Man Group Boston
- Boch Center for the Performing Arts
- Boston Center for the Arts
- Boston Dance Alliance
- Boston Lyric Opera
- Boston Philharmonic Orchestra
- Boston Playwrights' Theatre
- Broadway In Boston
- Cappella Clausura Inc.
- Celebrity Series of Boston
- Central Square Theater
- City Ballet of Boston
- Commonwealth Shakespeare Company
- Company One
- Coro Allegro
- Cultural Equity Incubator
- Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theatres
- Emerson Colonial Theatre
- Emmanuel Music
- Footlight Club
- Fresh Ink Theatre Company
- Greater Boston Stage Company
- Guerilla Opera
- Handel and Haydn Society
- Hub Theatre Company of Boston
- The Huntington
- Jewish Arts Collaborative
- Liars & Believers
- Longy School of Music of Bard College
- Lyric Stage Company of Boston
- Moonbox Productions
- Mosesian Center for the Arts
- Museum of Fine Arts Boston
- New Repertory Theatre
- OnStage Dance Company
- Puppet Showplace Theater
- Reagle Music Theatre of Greater Boston
- Regent Theatre
- Revels, Inc.
- Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble
- Sh*tfaced Shakespeare
- Slate Casting
- SpeakEasy Stage Company
- StageSource Props Co-Op
- Suffolk University Theatre Department
- The Theater Offensive
- Titanic Theatre Company
- Wheelock Family Theatre

**ArtsBoston Executive Director Catherine Peterson** (she/her) says GBAX will connect Boston’s revitalized performing and visual arts sector with city residents, visitors and workers itching to get back to performances and events. “We know audience members are eager to come back to the arts; they started dipping their toes back in last
season,” Peterson says. “With most arts groups back in full force this fall, and so much to see and do, we want to produce a celebratory event where arts lovers of all kinds can learn about the theater, dance, music, and visual arts coming up. At GBAX, people will be able to plan their arts calendars for the season.”

**StageSource Interim Executive Director Jen Lewis** (she/her) says she’s excited about the great stories and performances that will be on city stages this year. “GBAX is a rare opportunity for audiences to experience and directly interact with a wide variety of artists and organizations doing incredible creative work around the region,” Lewis says. “Performers on the GBAX stage and organizations bringing resources to the event are a cross-section of what’s happening culturally in Boston. Our emphasis is to help smaller and BIPOC-led organizations become better known among audiences this season. GBAX will be a truly inclusive and diverse event in every way – and a lot of fun!”

"Bringing audiences to the arts in Boston means supporting the shops and restaurants here, which means a real and reliable boost to the downtown economy," says **Downtown Boston BID Interim Co-Director Anita Lauricella**. "It's in the city's best interest that the arts thrive here and we're proud to support this effort to make that happen."

"The Greater Boston CVB is thrilled to sponsor this inaugural festival," says Greater **Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau President and CEO Martha Sheridan**. "The arts and cultural tourism sector must fully recover for the visitor economy as a whole to thrive. Cultural organizations were particularly hard hit by the pandemic and we are excited to participate in events such as the Greater Boston Arts Expo that aim to reengage and reinvigorate arts audiences."

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