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**What:** Emerson's Newfest: The Blue Cheese Chronicles. Emerson Stage presents "The Blue Cheese Chronicles," winner of the 2005 Rod Parker Fellowship for Playwriting, as part of their annual Newfest Program. Graduate Student Sarah Carey has written this hilarious play about blue cheese pasta gone bad!

**When:** Thursday, April 7 – Saturday, April 9, 2005

**Time:** Thursday and Friday: 8:00 pm; Saturday: 2:00 and 8:00 pm

**Where:** The Kermit Greene Theatre, Emerson College Tufts Building, 10 Boylston Place, Boston

**Cost:** \$7.00 per person

**For more info:** [ticketweb.com](http://ticketweb.com)

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**What:** Music Market Place: Used Music Sale. WUMB Folk Radio and The Boston Folk Festival is holding a used music sale to benefit the Boston Folk Festival. Thousands of CDs, LPs, cassettes, DVDs (games, music, movies), and videos have been collected for this sale. All types of music will be sold, including rock, classical, folk, blues, Celtic, bluegrass, jazz and more!

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 2005

**Time:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** UMass Boston Campus, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston

**Cost:** Varies based on purchases

**For more info:** 617-287-6911; [www.bostonfolkfestival.org](http://www.bostonfolkfestival.org)

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**What:** Behind the Scenes. Explore what goes on behind-the-scenes of the region's most attended theater! Enjoy a variety of activities including backstage tours, face painting, balloon art, on-stage demonstrations, and a performance by North Shore Music Theatre's award-winning Youth Performance Academy. NSMT staff and volunteers are on hand to answer questions and to demonstrate how musicals are made - from props, to sets, to costumes!

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 2005

**Time:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** North Shore Music Theatre, 65 Dunham Road, Beverly

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 978-232-7200; [www.nsmmt.org](http://www.nsmmt.org)

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**What:** Gerard Purciello, author of "The Year They Won: A Tale of the Boston Red Sox," talks about his book. Cookies will be served, and customers who buy a copy of the book receive a free poster. As a lifelong, fiercely partisan Sox fan, Purciello believes the Curse has lifted and that the home town team will repeat their glorious 2004 World Series win. But his novel, set in 2024, explores the

opposite: two more decades of heartbreak that leads one group of young fans to go to extreme lengths to end. For every kid who has ever worn a baseball cap, stolen a base or tried to, rooted for the underdog, taken a baseball glove to a game, disagreed with the umpire, or cheered for the team no matter what the odds - this is a terrific story.

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 2005

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Barnes & Noble (Fifth Floor), 395 Washington Street, Boston

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-426-5184; [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

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**What:** Greek Parade

**When:** Sunday, April 10, 2005

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Where:** Boylston Street and Tremont Street, Ending at City Hall Plaza in Boston

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-635-3911

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**What:** Family Chinese Concert. The Boston Chinese Chamber Music, Dance, and Acrobatics presents a family concert.

**When:** Sunday, April 10, 2005

**Time:** 2:30 pm

**Where:** Rabb Lecture Hall, Boston Central Library, Boylston Street, Copley Square, Boston

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-859-2328; [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

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**What:** New Notes: Milton Academy Jazz Combos. The Mary Baker Eddy Library presents the second season of "New Notes," the popular concert series that showcases a wide array of the Boston area's talented young musicians ages 8 – 17! On Sunday, the Milton Academy Jazz Combos, who have performed at the White House and in Africa, will play jazz and African selections.

**When:** Sunday, April 10, 2005

**Time:** 3:00 - 4:30 pm

**Where:** The Mary Baker Eddy Library, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

**For more info:** 617-450-7220; [www.marybakereddylibrary.org](http://www.marybakereddylibrary.org)

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**What:** Pretty Sweet: The Sentimental Image. Check out this exhibition of works by 33 contemporary New England artists who employ sentimental visual language for a rich variety of aesthetic and intellectual goals. Traditional signifiers of the sweeter, more tender emotions (hearts, flowers, birds, domestic arts and interiors, decorative motifs, etc.) were abhorrent to 20th-century Modernism, but today artists use them to celebrate the positive emotional spectrum, to evoke memory and nostalgia, and to ironically attack sentimentality as an inauthentic and damaging simplification of the human condition.

**When:** Tuesday – Sunday through Sunday, April 17, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln

**Cost:** \$6.00 for children (12 and under); \$9.00 for adults

**For more info:** 781-259-3629; [www.decordova.org](http://www.decordova.org)

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**What:** Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Get into the spirit of spring at the "Sakura Matsuri: Annual Cherry Blossom Festival." Learn about Sakura (cherry blossom) and Hanami (flower-viewing) in Japan. Listen to Koto music, make paper cherry blossoms, taste some Japanese treats and more!

**When:** Saturday, April 16, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress Street, Boston

**Cost:** \$7.00 for children (15 and under); \$9.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-426-6500; [www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org](http://www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org)

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**What:** National Puppetry Day. The Boston Area Guild of Puppetry will celebrate the National Day of Puppetry featuring more than 40 puppeteers and puppet enthusiasts. Enjoy performances, demonstrations of shadow puppets, photos, an exhibit and much more! Everyone is invited to join in the puppet parade, which starts in front of the Boston Children's Museum at noon (line up at 11:45 am).

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**What:** The Great American Bake Sale. The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers is hosting The Great American Bake Sale! The Hotel's Executive Chef, JJ Fernandes will join other pastry chefs from Davios, Finale and many other Back Bay restaurants in baking their signature desserts and other delicious treats to be sold at the hotel.

**When:** Sunday, April 17 – Monday, April 18, 2005

**Time:** Sunday: 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Monday: 6:00 am – 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Boston Park Plaza Lobby, 64 Arlington Street, Boston  
**Cost:** Free admission; All sales to raise money and awareness of hunger  
**For more info:** 617-457-2404; [www.bostonparkplaza.com](http://www.bostonparkplaza.com)

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**What:** Belmont World Film's Family Festival. Belmont World Film's third annual Family Festival features a variety of animated feature films and shorts, Japanese Anime and live action films for children ages 3-12.  
**When:** Saturday, April 16 – Wednesday, April 20, 2005  
**Time:** Showtimes vary  
**Where:** Studio Cinema, 376 Trapelo Road, Belmont  
**Cost:** \$3.00 per person  
**For more info:** [www.belmontworldfilm.org](http://www.belmontworldfilm.org)

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**What:** Maritime Fun. Have some hands-on maritime fun! Learn about the oldest commission warship afloat in the world, USS Constitution, through unique hands-on activities at the USS Constitution Museum.  
**When:** Wednesday, April 20 – Saturday, April 23, 2005  
**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Where:** USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown  
**Cost:** Free  
**For more info:** 617-426-1812

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**What:** Gore Place Sheepshearing Festival. Gore Place, the Federal era house museum and National Historic Landmark in Waltham, presents its Annual Sheepshearing Festival! This popular outdoor event takes place over several acres of this beautiful 45-acre estate. Visitors enjoy demonstrations of sheep shearing, herding dogs, spinning, weaving, lacemaking, wool-dyeing, and more. Children try their hand at weaving and spinning with the Boston Area Spinners and Dyers, and everyone enjoys the crafts fair, live music, puppeteer, gardening activities, historic demonstrators, and farm animals!  
**When:** Saturday, April 23, 2005  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Where:** Gore Place, 52 Gore Street, Waltham  
**Cost:** Free for children (12 and under); \$10.00 for teens and adults  
**For more info:** 781-894-2798

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**What:** The 92.9 WBOS 12th Annual EarthFest. Enjoy a free concert at this festival on the Esplanade to salute the environment!  
**When:** Saturday, April 23, 2005

**Time:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
**Where:** Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston  
**Cost:** Free  
**For more info:** [www.wbos.com/events](http://www.wbos.com/events)

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**What:** 20th Annual Street Performer Auditions at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Boston's aspiring performers premiere opportunity to showcase their talents in front of a panel of celebrity judges! Each candidate will have 10 minutes to "wow" both the judges and the public with their skills. Winners will join Faneuil Hall's world famous roster of street performers and be recognized during the Street Performer's Festival in May.

**When:** Saturday, April 23 – Sunday, April 24, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Where:** Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** [www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com)

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**What:** Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race. Watch canoe & kayak races for teams and individuals, ages 12 and up! Over 1,500 athletes participate in a 26-Mile Marathon, 24-Mile Canoe Relay, and 19-, 9- and 6-Mile canoe & kayak races wind along the Charles River.

**When:** Sunday, April 24, 2005

**Time:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** Along the Charles River through Dedham, Needham, Newton, Wellesley, and Waltham; Finish Line Festival at Herter Park, Soldiers Field Road, Brighton

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 508-698-6810; [rotc@charlesriver.org](mailto:rotc@charlesriver.org)

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**What:** Love of the Red Sox. New archival photos at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum convey Mrs. Gardner's Love of the Red Sox! View 5' X 20' installation of an "Oh you Red Sox" banner.

**When:** Tuesdays – Sundays through May 5, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston

**Cost:** Free for children (18 and under); \$11.00 for adults

**For more info:** 617-566-1401; [www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org)

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**What:** Earth Day at the Garden in the Woods. New England Wild Flower Society will celebrate Earth Day at its botanical garden, Garden in the Woods. Activities include guided tours, live animal programs, music performance by Divi Zheni, and family activities. Join nature illustrator and author Gordon Morrison for a sketching demonstration, and signing of his books. Every half hour, guide will offer garden tours pointing out seasonal highlights. As visitors stroll along

woodland trails, they will see splendid early spring wildflowers such as Trout Lilies, Twinleaf, and the Mass. State flower - The Mayflower.

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2005

**Time:** 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Where:** 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 508-877-7630

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**What:** Spring Fling at Franklin Park Zoo. Spring into spring at Franklin Park Zoo! As Mother Earth starts to awaken from a long winter's slumber, celebrate with spring-themed games and crafts. Also opening on Saturday, April 30, is the new wildlife carousel located next to Butterfly Landing. Be sure to take a spin!

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2005

**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Where:** Franklin Park Zoo, One Franklin Park Road, Boston

**Cost:** \$5.00 for children (15 and under); \$9.50 for adults

**For more info:** 617-541-5466

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**What:** 92.9 Earth Day Music Festival at the Hatch Shell. Enjoy a free concert, festival and salute to the environment at the 92.9 WBOS EarthFest. This celebration of Earth Day is one of the largest in the nation.

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2005

**Time:** 12:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Where:** Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-931-1111

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**What:** The Walk for Hunger. Project Bread's Walk for Hunger is a 20-mile trek in and around Boston that raises \$3 million to benefit 400 emergency food programs across the state. Join the 40,000 people expected to participate in this fun event for a serious cause!

**When:** Sunday, May 1, 2005

**Time:** Registration: 7:00 - 9:00 am; Walk: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Where:** Start at Boston Common, Boston

**Cost:** Free or make donations

**For more info:** [www.cityofboston.gov/calendar/pdfs/closings.pdf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/calendar/pdfs/closings.pdf)

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**What:** Harvard Square Mayfair. The annual MayFair brings an expected crowd of 100,000 happy people to Harvard Square! MayFair combines the excitement and spontaneity of street theatre all within a six-block circuit of Harvard Square. The annual Mayfair bursts with entertainment, with three stages of live music,

children's rides, face painters, balloon twisters, puppeteers, dance troupes, and Harvard Square's famous street performers.

**When:** Sunday, May 1, 2005

**Time:** 12:00 – 6:00 pm

**Where:** JFK Street, Brattle Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Charles Square in Harvard Square, Cambridge

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-491-3434

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**What:** Sunday in the Park: May Day Celebration. This afternoon festival features arts and crafts, music, a fishing lesson with park rangers, and more! The Esplanade Association will be collecting new toys and games, and gently used books, movies, and CDs for the children at Mass General Hospital.

**When:** Sunday, May 1, 2005

**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Where:** Miriam and Sidney Stoneman Playground, Between Fairfield and Massachusetts Avenue, Boston

**Cost:** Free

**For more info:** 617-227-0365