RSA Boston 2025
A brief list of "On your own" excursions and events available in Boston during the week of March 17-23, 2025

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Early Music Concerts

Lunchtime concert at Emmanuel Church in the city of Boston
"Lindsey Chapel Noon Concert 3: Peter Watchorn"
Thursday, March 20, 2025
12:00-1:00 p.m. EDT
Johann Sebastian Bach, English Suite #6, BWV 811
Performed by Peter Watchorn, harpsichord
Free general admission but reservation required: Lindsey Chapel Noon Concert

Concert and lecture at St. Paul's Parish Harvard Square
"When Notre Dame Was New: Music and Liturgy in Paris c. 1200"
Thursday, March 20, 2025
7:00 p.m. EDT
St. Paul's Harvard Square, Arrow Street, Cambridge and Live Streamed
Pre-registration required
Presentation: Thomas Forrest Kelly (Harvard)
Demonstration and performance: The Boys and Schola of Saint Paul's Choir with Soloists
Brandon Straub, Music Director

Concert of "Music from Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Istanbul," presented by DÜNYA
Saturday, March 22, 2025, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (performed without intermission)
Boston Marriott Copley Place, Salon F
Open to all RSA and SAA conference attendees, free of charge; admission requires a name badge from either the RSA or SAA

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Exhibition

McMullen Museum at Boston College
Wonders of Creation: Art, Science, and Innovation in the Islamic World
Note: Due to the various conferences taking place that week, the museum will be open extra hours, until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, and Saturday, March 22, for anyone

who would like to visit. Information on the exhibition, getting to the museum, and parking are available on their website.

Organized by the San Diego Museum of Art in collaboration with the McMullen Museum of Art, "Wonders of Creation: Art, Science, and Innovation in the Islamic World" explores intersections of art and science in Islamic intellectual and visual culture from the seventh century to the present day. The exhibition employs the lens of "wonder" as defined by thirteenth-century Islamic scholar Zakariyya al-Qazwini (d. 1283) in his cosmography, *The Wonders of Creation and Rarities of Existence*. Qazwini's richly illustrated book catalogues the wondrous qualities of the natural world and its inhabitants. *Wonders of Creation* illuminates the global impact of science and artistic production from the Islamic world while introducing audiences to its diverse geographies and multifaceted visual cultures. Over 170 works, including illustrated manuscripts, maps, scientific instruments, architectural elements, and contemporary art, evoke wonder through a visual journey.

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Libraries (check their websites to confirm opening hours and details)

Boston Public Library
- Open until 8:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Harvard Library
- A multi-library system

Houghton Library
- Materials need to be ordered ahead of time

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Museums (check their websites to confirm opening hours and details)

Harvard Art Museums
- Free admission to all

Institute of Contemporary Art
- Open until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Open until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays

Museum of Fine Arts Boston
- Open until 10:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays

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Sightseeing

Boston Harbor Cruises and other activities, offered by Boston City Experiences

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Theater

Huntington Theatre Company
Marivaux, "The Triumph of Love"
March 7-April 6, 2025