
HARVARD

ARTS FIRST

FESTIVAL

Festival Program



APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2022

WELCOME

We are overjoyed to welcome you to the 2022 ARTS FIRST Festival, where you can encounter the many arts at the heart of Harvard's diverse, creative community of students, faculty, staff, affiliates and alumni. Produced by the Office for the Arts at Harvard, this four-day celebration represents the musicians, actors, dancers, painters, writers, video artists and so many other innovative artmakers at the center of the imaginative world we foster and revel in every day at Harvard. Sharing this with you, and with classmates, family members, colleagues, neighbors or passersby, is our absolute delight. Experience the magic of the arts in our community. Discover something transformative. We couldn't be happier to see you.

#ARTSFIRST: Share your favorite moments on social media!

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arts@fas.harvard.edu

Save the date for next year: April 27-30, 2023

INFORMATION

COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies

In the case of a surge in the pandemic, please be prepared to wear a mask, and/or present your Harvard ID or photo ID and proof of full vaccination at the door, for entry to indoor spaces.

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 5-8 PM

Saturday 10 AM-10 PM

ARTS MEDAL



Rubén Blades, LL.M. '85

RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 HARVARD ARTS MEDAL

Rubén Blades, LL.M. '85 launched his music career at the forefront of the '70s salsa movement, and his landmark albums are marked by rock, jazz, pan-Latin and international influences. He has collaborated with rock, jazz, pop, hip-hop, reggaeton and salsa artists, and has composed hundreds of songs. He has won 18 Grammy and Latin Grammy Awards. As an actor, Blades has been featured in *Fear the Walking Dead* and many other TV shows and movies. He also ran for president of his native Panama in 1994 and served as minister of tourism there from 2004-2009. He holds degrees in political science and law from the University of Panama and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. The Loeb Music Library at Harvard University houses The Rubén Blades Archives.

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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Inside: Obasi Shaw '17 and Ceramics staff by OFA/Jake Belcher

Back: Rubén Blades by Luis Carlos García

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4 PM **Harvard Arts Medal Ceremony**
Join us for a celebration of the 2022 Harvard Arts Medal recipient Rubén Blades LL.M '85—musician, actor, politician and luminary of the salsa movement. Includes a conversation with Blades, John Lithgow '67, Art.D. '05 and Yosvany Terry, who will lead the Harvard Jazz Band in a musical appreciation. Special appearance by Devon Gates '23, Veronica Leahy '23 and Kyra Teboe '22. Free. Tickets required. Tickets: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Sanders Theatre

5-9 PM **Harvard Art Museums at Night**
Stop by Calderwood Courtyard for the launch of a new monthly town-square-style event that includes a live DJ, snacks and drinks at Jenny's Café and, of course, galleries filled with world-class collections of art. Reservations: harvardartmuseums.org
Harvard Art Museums, 32 Quincy St.

6 PM **Harvard Playwrights' Festival**
A celebration of undergraduate playwrights with professionally directed readings over the course of four evenings.
Tickets: tdm.fas.harvard.edu
Farkas Hall Studio 303, 12 Holyoke St.

7:30 PM **TDM Spring Production: Marriage or Maid/Made**
Directed by Obie Award-winning director and playwright Stevie Walker-Webb. Tickets: tdm.fas.harvard.edu
Farkas Hall, 12 Holyoke St.

7:30 PM **All the Natalie Portmans**
BlackCAST and the Harvard-Radcliffe Dramatic Club present an imaginative new play by C.A. Johnson: a coming-of-age comedy.
Tickets: [Bit.ly/ATNP2022](https://bit.ly/ATNP2022)
Loeb Experimental Theater, 64 Brattle St.

7:30 PM **7 Sacrilege Street: A First-Year Musical**
Plucky salesmen encounter religion and riches, conflict and chaos, bad guys and baked beans. Created by the Class of '25.
Tickets: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Agassiz Theatre, Radcliffe Yard, 10 Garden St.

8 PM **Brattle Street Chamber Players Spring Concert**
Classical music repertoire performed by a conductorless string chamber orchestra. Tickets: brattlestreetchamberplayers.com
Paine Hall, 3 Oxford St.



5 PM **Finding Elle Woods: An Asian American Story**
The legendary character Elle Woods staked her (fictional) fame at Harvard in a popular movie and musical. Harvard College Asian Student Arts Project (ASAP) re-imagines her as the star of a series of musical numbers and commentary by Asian and Asian American students.
Plaza Tent

6-8 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.

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An outdoor celebration of Harvard community filmmaking and digital artistry, featuring short films, animation, music videos and more. Meet multiple generations of Harvard video artists!
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Farkas Hall, 12 Holyoke St.

8 PM **Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610**
The Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum presents Claudio Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610*, featuring an orchestra of period instruments and professional soloists.
Tickets: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Sanders Theatre

8 PM **Bach Society Orchestra's Season Finale Concert**
The Bach Society Orchestra presents its season finale concert, featuring the winners of the Concerto and Composition Competitions and the incoming Music Director. Free. Tickets required. Tickets: bachsoc.org
Paine Hall, 3 Oxford St.

11 AM-3 PM **Letterpress Printing Open House**
Retro letterpress studio Bow & Arrow Press presents demonstrations on Vandercook, intaglio and platen presses. Tour this 40+ year old studio and make a print of your own!
Adams House B-Entry basement, 29 Bow St.

Performance Fair Opening Events

Plaza Tent

11:30 AM THUD
((▷)) Get your toes tapping with The Harvard Undergraduate Drummers – THUD! This group turns just about everything into a percussion instrument. We dare you to sit still.

11:45 AM THUD Meets Harvard College Opera
What happens when a scrappy percussion group meets classically trained opera singers? Find out when THUD and HCO do a mash-up of music styles. The combo is unbeatable!

12 PM Harvard College Opera: Singers and Selections
Don't miss this operatic lineup of favorite tunes from a beloved genre and company. Come for the high notes. Stay for the joy.

12:30 PM Welcome by actor John Lithgow '67, Art.D. '05
Our ambassador of the arts delivers his annual message followed by the shenanigans of the Harvard University Band.

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

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8 PM **Kuumba Singers of Harvard College's Annual Dr. Archie C. Epps Spring Concert**
A night of fulfillment and fun, with song, dance, poetry and more.
Tickets: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Sanders Theatre

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.	Catherine Deskur '24 & Jake Boettcher '23 Handel-Halvorsen's <i>Passacaglia</i>	Eloise Hodges '22 & Eliot Hodges '25 Kodaly's <i>Sonata for Violin and Cello</i> , first movement	Matty Groves (Another Spring) Singing, dancing, banjo and original poetry	Form and Content Tracy K. Smith hosts readings of original poetry by her students	AI Story Jam Collaborative, spontaneous human-AI storytelling by the Creative Human-AI Initiative	Daniel Hasegawa '22 Original folk music	Nicole Alexander '24 (Nikki Nicole) Original pop music	Vivaldi & Dance Contemporary dance accompanied by Vivaldi's <i>Concerto for Two Cellos in G Minor</i> , performed by Harvard alums	
JAMS & JOKES Mass Ave Stage 1350 Massachusetts Ave. in front of Smith Campus Center	Mariachi Veritas Traditional mariachi music	Glee Club Lite A cappella folk and pop songs	SHAM Magic Show Magic tricks by the Society of Harvard Magicians	On Thin Ice Improv comedy	Mai Nguyen '24 Vietnamese poetry with flute improvisation	THUD Bucket drumming	Din & Tonics A cappella jazz	Harvard University Band Selected traditional Harvard fight songs	
VOCAL VIBES Yard Stage Harvard Yard in front of Grays Hall	Radcliffe Pitches A cappella classic jazz tunes	Callbacks A cappella pop, R&B and funk songs	'Cliffe Notes A cappella pop music and standards	Opportunes A cappella pop, soul, funk, R&B and jazz music	Fallen Angels A cappella contemporary pop songs	VoxJazz A cappella jazz standards	Eliot Min '23 Freestyle beatbox routine	Veritones Contemporary a cappella songs	
GRACE NOTES Harvard Art Museums Calderwood Courtyard 32 Quincy St.	Kristin Qian PhD G4 & Christine Xu HMS '22 Beethoven's <i>Violin Sonata No. 9, Op. 47</i> in A Major	Anne Larsen '22 & Liana Owen '22 Beethoven's <i>Violin Sonata No. 5</i> , first movement	Hyuntae Choi '24 Beethoven's <i>Piano Sonata No. 31</i>	Music 189 Chamber Ensembles Performance: Students of the Parker Quartet Excerpts of works by Arensky, Brahms, Dvořák, Franck, Schubert, Shostakovich and Strauss				Catherine Deskur '24 & William Swett '22 Barriere's <i>Cello Sonata No. 4 in G Major</i>	
HYBRID HARMONIES Holden Chapel Harvard Yard	Strychnine Rock/punk covers and original songs	Quambo! Quad Jazz Combo Original experimental jazz music	Lily Marie Antonini Berklee '22 Original pop and dance music inspired by synesthesia	BOB Jazz Quartet Jazz fusion and creative improvisations by students from the Harvard-Berklee dual degree program	Payam Yousefi PhD '23 & Ria Modak '22 Rain and Wind: A musical dialogue between classical guitar, flamenco, traditional Persian music and sounds from South Asia	Charles Revival Pop, rock, jazz, and R&B songs by a first-year student band	Yard Bops Pop and pop-funk songs	New Not Normal Quintet Original compositions and improvisations by Harvard-NEC and Harvard-Berklee students	
FINELY TUNED Memorial Church Main Sanctuary Harvard Yard	Harvard University Choir André J. Thomas's <i>Mass: A Celebration of Joy and Love</i>		Cong Tony Sun Solo piano arrangement of <i>Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto</i>	Longwood Chorus Selections from spring repertoire	Harvard Organ Society Selections from spring repertoire	Khaleem Ali '14 Songs to Celestial Objects: Works by Bellini, Glass and Hahn that invoke the sun or moon	Brattle Street Chamber Players Selections from Suk's <i>Serenade for Strings</i> and Coleridge-Taylor's <i>Perkinson Sinfonietta</i>	Harvard College Piano Society Classical repertoire and original compositions for solo piano	Camden Archambeau '23 & Ethan Cobb '22 Concert of classical cello duets
TRADITIONS & VARIATIONS Paine Hall Behind Science Center	Mozart Society Orchestra Ludwig van Beethoven's <i>Piano Concerto No. 3</i> featuring concerto competition winner Ariel Wang '23			Amir Siraj '22 Solo piano works by a Steinway Young Artist	Harvard Wind Ensemble Selections from spring repertoire	Chung Hon Michael Cheng '19 JD '24 Solo piano works by Bach and Beethoven	Mimi Lam HMS staff Original improvisations for solo piano	Radcliffe Choral Society Original student compositions from the Harvard Choruses New Music Initiative	Cambridge Common Voices Original student compositions from the Harvard Choruses New Music Initiative
MODERN MELODIES Harvard Commons Smith Campus Center	Kate Vandermel '25 & Regina Lin '25 Solo voice and piano	Noteables Musical theater and cinema songs	Charlotte Daniels '23 Original indie pop songs from her new album <i>Boy Goes to Mars</i>	Lucas Pao '23 Pop songs by the self-proclaimed "human jukebox"	A Gilbert & Sullivan Sampler A selection of pieces from the beloved Gilbert & Sullivan canon	Michael Osei '22 (MJangles) Original soul and jazz influenced hip hop	Harvard Undergraduate Songwriters' Collective Showcase of original songs in genres from EDM to Western to folk		
ARTS ON THE PLAZA Plaza Tent In front of the Science Center	Devon Gates '23, Veronica Leahy '23 & Kyra Teboe '22 Jazz and creative music	BlackCAST & TEATRO Songs from <i>Into the Woods</i>		Advent: Galoost Dance and opera performance of works by Armenian composer Dikran Gevorki Tchoukhajian	Lowkeys A cappella contemporary pop pieces	DanceFest Breakdancing, bhangra, ballet, bachata, Bollywood and beyond: a celebration of more than 20 dance traditions from around the world. See website and sign in Plaza Tent for list of groups and performance order.			
SYMPHONIC SOUNDS Sanders Theatre Memorial Hall Kirkland and Quincy Sts.	Cremona Sextet Arnold Schoenberg's <i>Verklärte Nacht</i> featuring solo violin by Skye Park '24	River Charles Ensemble Robert Schumann's <i>Piano Quintet in E-flat Major</i> , Op. 44	Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra Max Bruch's <i>Scottish Fantasy</i> , Op. 46. Featuring solo violin by Kevin Miura '25			Lindenbaum Festival Ensemble Original chamber works & AI-generated musical interpretation of COVID-19 antibodies	Harvard Pops Orchestra Classical music and well-loved orchestral film scores		

SUNDAY

PUBLIC ART

12 PM

In Our Own Words

Harvard faculty, staff, students and alumni elevate the lived experience of the Harvard Asian diaspora and kick off Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
Lowell Lecture Hall, 8 Oxford St.

12 PM-3 PM

Mather Spirit

Visit Mather House for a Mather Mascot-themed art display, with accompanying music.
Three Columns Gallery, Mather House, 10 Cowperthwaite St.

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)

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6:30 PM

Un Viaje por el Mundo: Candela Latin Dance Troupe

Latin dance performance. Tickets: boxoffice.harvard.edu
Harvard Dance Center, 66 Garden St.

7 PM

Harvard College Student Composers Festival: Normal Led to This

Two Office for the Arts-commissioned works are at the heart of this keynote event for CompFest, a culmination of student collaborations with composers Stew Stewart of Theater, Dance & Media at Harvard and Kris Davis of the Berklee College of Music. Inspired by a phrase from journalist Ed Yong (*The Atlantic*), the works will be performed by Harvard students, organized by Veronica Leahy '23, Ian Chan '23 and the OFA.
Sanders Theatre

On view Thursday-Sunday outdoors in Harvard Yard

2022 Assembly

In a world of separation and isolation, how do we reimagine connections? This interactive sculpture records your movements through drops and ripples of color.

Sijia Zhong GSD '22, Yuton Jiang GSD '21

Harvard Yard, Tercentenary Theatre near Memorial Church

As Above, So Below

A floating, inflatable homage to Harvard's subterranean steam tunnels. Amir Halabi GSD '24, Ian Erickson GSD '24, Jonathan Levine GSD '23, Leon Fong GSD '24, Justin McElderry GSD '24

Harvard Yard, Tercentenary Theatre near University Hall

Self Compass

This wooden pavilion, with augmented reality animations, is a reflection on the relationship between you and Harvard's campus.

George Guida GSD '22, Ana Gabriela Loayza GSD '21

Harvard Yard, Old Yard near Harvard Hall

Garden Party

In this audiovisual installation, plants are guests of honor in a garden party.

Sonia Ralston GSD '22 and the Office Party Collective (Simon Lesina Debiasi, Christina Moushoul, Chase Galis)

Harvard Yard, Tercentenary Theatre near Sever Hall

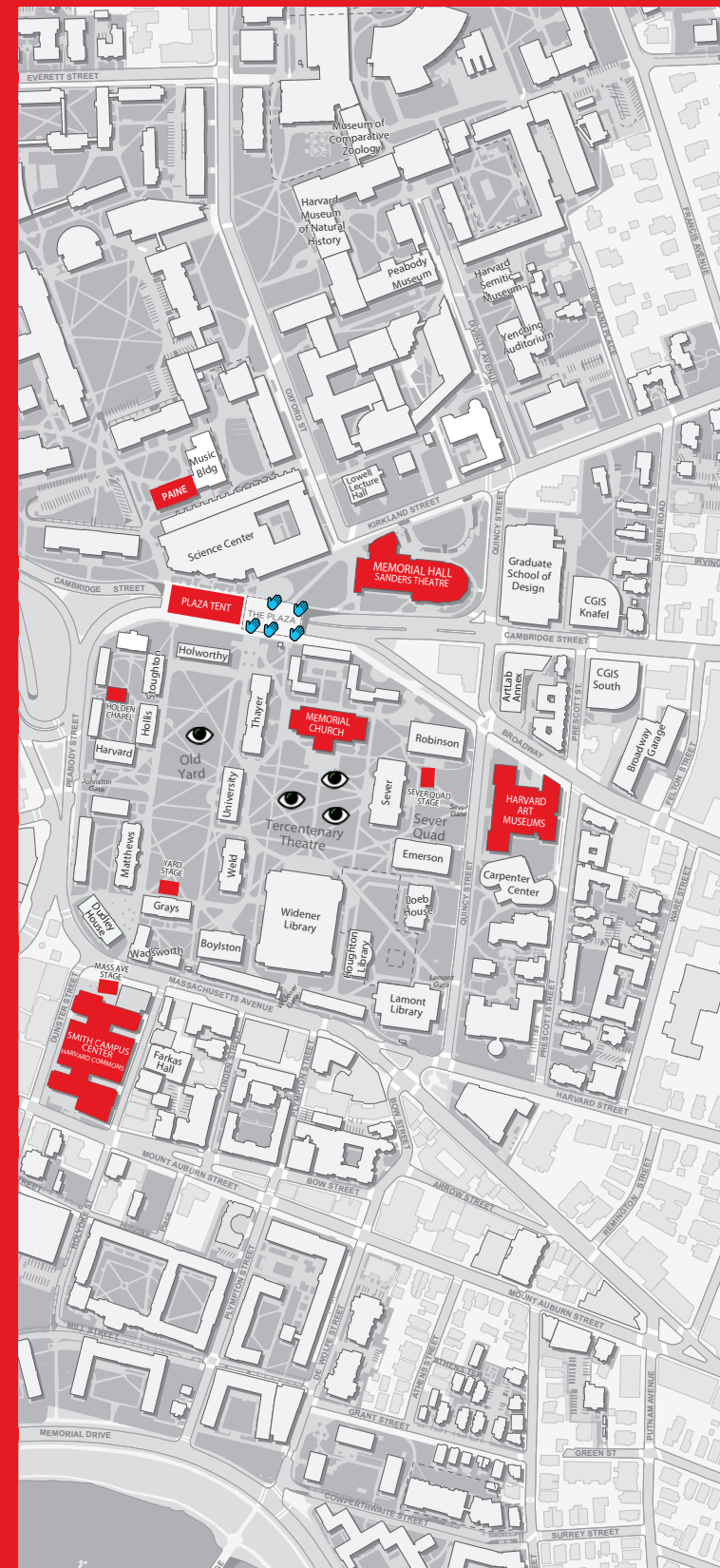
Inclusions (2022)

This installation displays new bricks carved with student engravings, affirming that just as Harvard has shaped its students, so too have the students shaped Harvard. This project is a collaboration of the OFA, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) and the OFA Ceramics Program.

Kiana Rawji '23, Cecilia Zhou '23, Luke Reeve MDE '23

Harvard Yard, Old Yard near Thayer 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 1-5pm 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!

Printing with Plants

Join the Harvard Art Museums' Materials Lab to learn how to make sun prints with fruit, veggie and flower extracts and to create prints with potato stamps and seaweed-based jelly printing plates.

Bug Painting

We're not painting pictures of bugs. We're painting *with* bugs. Join the Harvard Museum of Natural History to explore how cochineal insects can be used to make a beautiful red color.

Painting a Life Tile

Decorate a tile with a representation of your favorite memories. Tiles will be assembled into a mosaic to be given to the Cambridge Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.

Silken Petals, Fabric Blooms

Learn the art of making eternally blooming flowers, bows and other small decorations with just a needle, thread, ribbon and maybe a bit of glue.

Performance Fair Venues in red

 = Make Art Stations: Wheel Throwing | Printmaking with Plants | Bug Painting | Painting a Life Tile | Silken Petals, Fabric Blooms

 = Public Art Installations: 2022 Assembly | As Above, So Below | Self Compass | Garden Party | Inclusions (2022)

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