



Choose your own adventure with our Music Education Tours! These tours are fully customizable and suitable for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults, in groups from 10 - 200.

## Boston Music Education Tours

### MORNING ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

#### Option 1: Boston Symphony Orchestra Visit and Tour (3 hours)

Go behind-the-scenes of the BSO on your guided backstage tour and hear how it all happens pre-concert. There are also add-on opportunities to connect directly with a member of the Pops or Orchestra for a Q&A, depending on availability.



#### Option 2: Berklee College of Music & Duck Boat Tour (5 hours)

Students will tour Berklee College of Music, the largest independent college of contemporary music in the world, followed by a prospective student information session, and finally enjoy a Duck Boat Tour of Boston.

#### Option 3: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (3 hours)

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston is one of the world's great art museums. Students can view over 1,100 musical instruments from around the world, ranging from ancient times to the late twentieth century.

#### Option 4: Boston's Freedom Trail and North End (3 hours)

Walk Boston's Freedom Trail, an iconic 2.5-mile-long path that passes by 16 locations significant to the history of the U.S., including the site of the Boston Massacre, Paul Revere's house, the USS Constitution, and more.

### AFTERNOON ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

#### Option 1: The Intersection of History, Art & Music (3 - 3-1/2 hours)

Explore the rich history of music, art & culture in the highly diverse city of Framingham. Start the tour at the **Framingham History Center** to see the **Fife Tunebook of Thomas Nixon Jr from 1778**, one of only 14 handwritten books of the period known to exist, and the only one that clearly has harmony parts written. Next, explore the relationship between sound and vision with examples in the **Danforth Art Museum's** collection, then have their art educators show students how to make an artful instrument, a lyre, which intertwines music and the visual arts. Finally, walk the neighborhood to see several of the heart statues that comprise the **Framingham Centre Common Cultural District's "Many Cultures, One Heart" public art project**.



#### Option 2: Music-On-The-Go Masterclass (90 min)

This flexible masterclass led by Berklee College of Music faculty caters to each school or organization's unique needs. Presentations are part performance, part lecture, and part interactive, with a variety of instruments and voice. A Q&A session is included.

#### Option 3: Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra Masterclass & Community Concert (2 - 3 hours)

Your group will have a 60-90 minute rehearsal with a guest conductor and professional musicians from Claflin Hill Symphony as mentors, providing feedback and coaching throughout the rehearsal. Afterwards, Claflin Hill will host the group for a community concert with your choice of 2 to 6 Claflin Hill musicians joining the ensemble.

## **AFTERNOON ACTIVITY OPTIONS:**

### **Option 4: College Prep Clinics**

#### **Preparing for your College Music Audition and Interview (90 min.)**

This clinic will give a large overview of college audition expectations as well as one-on-one practice examples to individual students within the audience. Topics will include musicianship, professionalism, organization and student portfolios. Clinics are given by long-time college music faculty from Berklee College of Music, University of New Hampshire and Northeastern University.



#### **Masterclass for College Music School Auditions (2 hours)**

This is a hands-on masterclass where students will be able to perform and receive critique from clinicians who are current faculty at Berklee College of Music, University of New Hampshire and Northeastern University. All clinicians actively participate in student auditions at their respective colleges. This clinic is appropriate for groups of up to 50 students, however, only 8 students will be individually adjudicated during the masterclass.

\* Multiple workshops can be planned simultaneously or throughout your stay to accommodate larger groups.

## **EVENING ACTIVITY OPTIONS:**

### **Option A: Dinner and a Show (3 - 3-1/2 hours)**

#### **For small to mid-sized groups:**

Treat your group to a cultural staple of Framingham for dinner: a Brazilian steakhouse! With the largest population of Brazilians outside of Brazil, this is a unique place to try this ethnic cuisine. Following dinner, attend a performance at a local performing arts center.



#### **For large groups:**

Dinner at the hotel will be followed by a private concert and a talk-back with the band! Choose from one of the following: the Kaye Kelly Trio (vocals, piano & bass), the Kaye Kelly Quartet (vocals, piano, bass & drums) or SheGrooves.

### **Option B: Claflin Hill Symphony Open Rehearsal and Concert**

Watch an open rehearsal for one of Claflin Hill's orchestral performances, followed by a Q&A session where their conductor will give a talk on how professional regional orchestras function, what it takes to join an orchestra, and the realities of working for a professional ensemble. Students will be able to ask questions of both the conductor and musicians. Several nights later, attend the public performance the orchestra was rehearsing for.

### **Option C: Museum of Science & Music Planetarium Show (5 hours)**

Science and technology come alive at the Museum of Science! Immerse yourself in the power of discovery through more than 700 interactive exhibits, experience indoor lightning storms in the Theater of Electricity, surround yourself with beautiful creatures in the Butterfly Garden, or take off on an adventure in the 4-D Digital Cinema! This evening adventure includes one of the music-based planetarium shows: Laser Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon, The Coldplay Experience, The Prince Experience, and more.

### **Option D: Dinner & Indoor Amusement Park (2-1/2 - 3 hours)**

Spend the evening at Apex Entertainment Center, a palace of indoor fun all under one roof! Groups will have the option of one hour of bowling plus their choice of additional activities: an arcade game card, laser tag, ropes course, bumper cars, and sports simulators that include everything from tennis, zombie dodgeball, golf, soccer, basketball, and more! This option may be stacked on top of the group's community concert for late night fun until 11pm, or as a stand-alone evening activity to include dinner at Apex.

Additional dining and entertainment options are available, including movies and live performances such as concerts, theater, dance, and stand-up comedy, which can be arranged as group tickets to an area venue, or as a private event at the hotel or other location. Depending on the time of year, seasonal events may include harvest festivals, Halloween events, Holiday Strolls, multicultural festivals, art fairs, and outdoor concerts. Based on travel dates, we can advise you on additional entertainment options available.

For help coordinating your group tour, contact Executive Director Stacey David at [sdavid@metrowestvisitors.org](mailto:sdavid@metrowestvisitors.org). For other itineraries, events calendar, links to venues, and more, please visit us online at [www.metrowestvisitors.org](http://www.metrowestvisitors.org)