

### Boston Pride Event Listings



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#### SATURDAY JUNE 18

##### PRIDE GAYMER PARTY

6pm, Alley Bar, 14 PI Alley, Boston

#### WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

##### LOVE ALWAYS WINS

2pm, Alley Bar, 14 PI Alley, Boston

#### SATURDAY JUNE 25

##### TRANS RESISTANCE MARCH & FESTIVAL

Begins 11:30a.m. Marching from Nubian Square in Roxbury to Franklin Park Playsted, with performances and celebration to follow. This, the third annual event, is a celebration by and for TQBIPOC (trans and queer Black and indigenous people of color) in Massachusetts.

11:30am Franklin Park Playstead [transresistancema.com](http://transresistancema.com)

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### Juneteenth Event Listings



#### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

##### JUNETEENTH BOSTON MARCH TO FREEDOM

Melnea A. Cass Recreational Complex, 120 M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Boston, 3pm-5:30pm

##### KING BOSTON'S NUBIAN SQUARE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

King Boston, a nonprofit continuing the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the city, is hosting an Embrace Ideas Festival at area sites, such as Harvard Medical School and the ICA.

Blair Parking Lot, Palmer Street, Harrison Ave, Boston, 4-9pm

##### EMBRACE IDEAS FESTIVAL

Mass College of Art, 621 Huntington Ave., Boston 6pm

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

##### JUNETEENTH JOY: FOCUS ON FREEDOM. A HYDE PARK CELEBRATION

Francis D. Martini Memorial Shell Park and Moynihan Recreation Area

1015 Truman Pkwy, Boston 10am-2:30pm

##### ART ON THE PLAZA:

##### CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

MassArt Art Museum, 621 Huntington Ave, Boston, 4pm

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## Historic partnership: Disney and BGMC

**Disney PRIDE in Concert,** performed by Boston Gay Men's Chorus, at Boston Symphony Hall, June 25-26. 617-542-SING or [bgmc.org](http://bgmc.org)

Last year Boston Gay Men's Chorus music director Reuben M. Reynolds III announced that BGMC and LGBTQ experiences, observed, would present "Disney PRIDE in Concert" June 25-26, 2022 at Symphony Hall. The concert is slated to be "a musical celebration of LGBTQ life, love, family and perseverance." It will also reimagine Disney's song

catalog. Reynolds III, speaking of the affinity between Disney characters and LGBTQ experiences, observed, "Characters are often struggling to fit in and to accept themselves." The Disney Concerts-BGMC collaboration represents the first time Disney

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Chad Weirick has been the Principal Accompanist and Assistant Music Director of the BGMC since 1993 (courtesy BGMC)

## Two delights for the summer

BY JULES BECKER  
Contributing Writer

Are 65 minutes enough time to make a play sing on stage? Gifted multi-talent Jacqui Parker (IRNE and Norton Awards), in her playbill director's note for the Lyric Stage Company of Boston area premiere of "The Light," calls the Loy A. Webb work "my theater song." While the engaging play seems to tackle too many issues, its evolving romance does take on a striking jazziness—particularly thanks to strong performances by Dominic Carter and Yewande Odetoynbo as the lovers in question.

As the play opens, large photos of

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**The Light,** Lyric Stage Company of Boston, through June 26. 617-585-5678 or [lyricstage.com](http://lyricstage.com)

**Wicked,** tour presented by Broadway in Boston at Citizen Bank Opera House, Boston, through June 26. [BroadwayinBoston.com](http://BroadwayinBoston.com)



Dominic Carter and Yewande Odetoynbo in Lyric Stage Company's production of "The Light." Photo: Mark S. Howard.

## South End Honor Roll

### Jason Veroff Earns Degree from the University of Vermont

Jason Veroff of Boston graduated with a Bachelor of Science in

Mechanical Engineering during commencement ceremonies in May, 2022.

This year's commencement at the University of Vermont—the 221<sup>st</sup>

in its history—marked a return to a traditional celebration outdoors on the University Green after two years of re-imagined ceremonies due to pandemic restrictions.

The ceremony was especially

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## Free Zumba



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Starting every Tuesday through September 27, free Zumba returns to the South End. 6:30PM-7:30PM at Blackstone Square, 1535 Washington Street.

## 2022 Tito Puente Latin Music Series: Gozarsa



2016 Tito Puente Latin Music Series

July 7. Created in honor of Latin music icon Tito Puente, this series celebrates 15 years of bringing live Latin music with a strong salsa influence to Boston parks. The series is sponsored in part by Berklee College of Music, and Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion. Free salsa lessons are led by MetaMovements

7:00PM, Day Playground, 75 West Newton Street.

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## Two delights

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Maya Angelou, Beyonce, Michelle Obama and Ruth Bader Ginsberg on the backdrop dining room wall of a handsome Hyde Park, Chicago condo (kudos to scenic designer Baron E. Pugh) promise serious attention to women. The condo owner is Genesis, the savvy principal of a black charter school. Her fireman boyfriend Rashad grooves as he enters before her.

If their conversation and body language display true feeling and love, their future together is uncertain. Although Rashad proposes marriage, a dispute about the integrity of a performer—for whose concert he has V.I.P. tickets—erupts into a verbal debate about the relative worth of Black women and Black men and threatens the future of their relationship. Towards the end of the play, there are significant revelations—especially regarding the performer. Rashad assures Genesis that he is there if she needs him. Audience members will have to decide on their own if the ending is convincing.

Reservations about the overly busy play aside, Parker's sharp direction and the fine performances of Carter and Odetoynbo make the play worth seeing. Carter captures Rashad's embrace of life, deep love for Genesis and insecurities about his career. Odetoynbo finds all of Genesis' passionate feelings for Rashad as well as her ongoing uncertainty about the durability of their love in the face of personal differences.

Rashad and Genesis, richly characterized and likable, may ultimately have more to offer than Webb's earnest play. The true radiance in "The Light" proves to be the chemistry between director Parker and actors Carter and Odetoynbo.

"Wicked" lost out for the 2003 best musical Tony Award to "Avenue Q" for good reason. While glossy and "popular," it needed more of the latter's heart and a stronger score (as was the case with composer Stephen Schwartz's "Pippin"). Even so, Idina Menzel was electrifying as Elphaba and Kristen Chenoweth radiant as Glinda—so much so that they established a stage twosome that has helped the visually stunning show—rightly honored with scenic and costume design Tony's (respectively for Eugene Lee and Susan Hilferty)—run for many years.

The good news about the tour at the Citizen Bank Opera House is a strong performance that will please the musical's legions of fans.

Under the taut direction of veteran Broadway director Joe Mantello ("Assassins," "Take Me Out"), the leads and supporting cast bring vocal magic to strong and middling numbers alike. Lissa deGuzman has the right perseverance and strong will as Elphaba and properly builds the power of "Defying Gravity," the show's best song. Jennafer Newberry, who displays operatic tone, and deGuzman make the most of the friendship anthem "For Good." Jordan Litz has all of Fiyero's independent demeanor and his growing love for Elphaba. Lisa Howard captures Madame Morrible's singular meanness.

To borrow from the score, "Wicked" is clearly dancing through life. Musical buffs know that like Glinda it has more style than substance (not to mention sizable changes from Gregory Maguire's novel in Winnie Holzman's book). Still, there is a lot of enjoyable life in this tour.



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**JUNE 25 - 26**

### DISNEY PRIDE IN CONCERT, BGMC

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Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 3pm  
Boston Symphony Hall, 301 Mass. Ave., Boston [www.bgmc.org](http://www.bgmc.org)

**JUNE 30 - JULY 4**

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**THURSDAY JUNE 30**

### NIGHT OF 1000 BEYONCES, CLUB CAFÉ

6pm, Club Café, 209 Columbus Ave., Boston

## Juneteenth

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### JUNETEENTH FAMILY BEACH DAY

Carson Beach, 165 HarborWalk, Boston 1p-7pm

### JUNETEENTH SLAM - IN-PERSON & ONLINE!

Nubian Gallery, 2164 Washington St., Boston, 7:30pm-9:00pm

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

### JUNETEENTH: ICA FREE ADMISSION

The Institute of Contemporary Art, 25 Harbor Shore Dr., Boston, 10am-5pm

### THE CANADIAN CONSUL HONORS HARRIET TUBMAN

The Canadian Consul will be laying a wreath at the Harriet Tubman statue in the South End on Juneteenth Day in recognition of Tubman's connection to St. Catherines, Canada where she led some enslaved people to freedom. Harriet Tubman Square, 450 Columbus Ave., Boston, 1pm

### JUNETEENTH ROYALTY GALA

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St, Roxbury, 7p-12m

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23**

### EXPLORE BOSTON: MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL

INTO Suffolk, 73 Tremont St, Boston, 1p

## The Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund

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On June 12, 1982 5 Star Travel Services opened its doors on the top floor of 176 Newbury Street in the Back Bay of Boston. The first owner of the Agency was Anne Romano, who opened the agency with her friend Shari Didinsky. Ms. Romano was the mother of the then Manager of the Boston Ramrod bar on Boylston Street. This indicates that there has been a connection between the Agency and the Gay community since day one.

In 1986 Anne sold the Agency to Erika and Neil Daykin who moved the Agency to the Penthouse at 164 Newbury Street. They remained the owners of the Agency until 1991 when Paul Moreno and Stephen Barlow took over the helm, and have been the owners since. To this date the Daykins are still involved with 5 Star Travel.

Moreno and Barlow focused their clientele to cater mostly towards the Gay Community. They joined the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA) where Moreno was elected twice as a Board Member. The Agency received several Travel and small business awards in the 90's and early 2000's. Their business grew from a mere \$700,000 in annual sales, to over \$3.5 million a year, and were at one point the top selling Agency for the popular gay chartered cruises in the East Coast. Then came the internet and travel-sites.

In 2004 5 Star moved to Columbus Avenue in the South End as more space was needed for their office space. *"This was the best move we ever made"* Moreno said *"We were on a corner location and had several more walk-ins."*

In 2018 5 Star Travel joined the Tzell New England Travel Group, a conglomerate of nearly 50 Travel Agencies in New England. With their combined sales of well over \$1 Billion, the Agency Network (and all its affiliated agencies) are able to provide their clients with competitive deals such as the major travel sites, but still provide the small personal 'pop 'n pop' Agency touch.

Last year 5 Star Travel lost its Manager, Jack Campbell, after a battle with cancer, who worked for the Agency for 27 years. He was a beloved associate of the Beantown Softball League, Boston's Gay Softball Teams, arranging most of their group travels to tournaments and World Series.

Moreno and Barlow look forward to many more years as part of the 5 Star Travel family, and would like to remind everyone that *"Without a Travel Agent, you are on your own"*.

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meaningful for UVM President Suresh Garimella-his third as president but the first one on the Green. Garimella conferred degrees on an estimated 3,332 graduates, including 2,558 bachelors, 515 masters, 131 doctoral and 118 medical degree recipients. Degree recipients hail from 44 states; among the graduates were 122 international students from 27 foreign countries. Approximately 1,057 of the graduates are from Vermont.

The graduating class includes approximately 415 students of color.

### Carrie He of Boston named to Lasell University Dean's List

Carrie He of Boston was named to the Lasell University Dean's List for their academic performance in the spring 2022 semester.

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