

Class of 2008

Graduation Guide

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Dear Seniors,

Well, it won't be long now. Soon you'll be out in the real world. Hopefully, the great education and experience you've gained here at Berklee have prepared you well for what lies ahead.

But now is not the time for speeches; there will be plenty of time for that during commencement. Now is the time to plan for graduation events.

We prepared this booklet to help you and your family get a handle on the events that are part of commencement at Berklee. There will be more information coming to you, but this guide gives you a great overview.

If you or your family has any questions about Commencement 2008, contact my office at 617 747-2231 or email us at vpsa@berklee.edu. If you or your guests need accommodations because of a disability, contact my office for assistance.

Graduation is an exciting time of the year at Berklee, and the most important event in your college experience. I wish you the best and hope you enjoy every minute of the events planned for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence E. Bethune". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Lawrence E. Bethune
Vice President for Student Affairs
Dean of Students

Commencement

Monday, May 5

Graduation Party: 8:00 p.m. to midnight

Tequila Rain (inside Jillian's/Lucky Strike Lanes)

3 Lansdowne Street

Boston, Massachusetts

The faculty and staff of Berklee College of Music cordially invite you and your guest to attend a party welcoming you into the ranks of Berklee's distinguished alumni. Music, dancing, and beverages will be provided. (Come early for hors d'oeuvres.) You must be at least 18 years of age to attend. Bring your Berklee I.D. Alcoholic beverages will not be served to persons under 21. Proof of age is required.

Friday, May 9

Commencement Concert: 7:30 p.m.

Agganis Arena

925 Commonwealth Avenue

Boston University

Boston, Massachusetts

This is a student concert in tribute to our honorees. Tickets are required for entrance.

Saturday, May 10

Commencement Rehearsal: 7:00 a.m.

Commencement Ceremony: 10:00 a.m.

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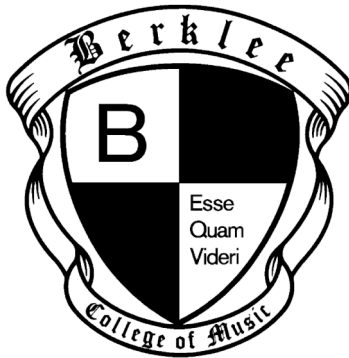
Graduates should arrive at 7:00 a.m. for rehearsal. Invitations are required for your guests. Division receptions will immediately follow the ceremony.

Submit Music and Memorabilia for the Senior Farewell Video

To have the video truly represent the class of 2008, your help is needed. You can submit memorabilia (pictures, photo CDs) and original music materials (recordings of songs, instrumental pieces) that can be included in the presentation, preferably in CD format. Submit any photos and music to the Student Activities Center, 939 Boylston St. (accessible through 921 Boylston St., level 3A) **by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1**. Please make sure that your materials are in an envelope and clearly labeled with your full name, student mailbox number, phone number, and email address, so that we can return all materials to you. For more information, contact studentactivities@berklee.edu or call 617 747-2560.

Seal and Motto

The Berklee seal has been a symbol of the college since its earliest years. The seal uses the traditional shield as its basic design. The upper left quadrant is adorned by the classic “B” for Berklee. The surrounding ribbon is inscribed with the name of the college. Berklee’s motto is *Esse quam videri*. The translation of this Latin phrase is “to be, rather than to seem” or “to be, rather than to appear to be.”



Official Colors

The official colors of Berklee College of Music are red and gray.

A Message to the Class of 2008

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations to you on your upcoming graduation this May. In a few months you will be joining the impressive roster of Berklee alumni, and in welcoming you, I would like to take a quick moment to share a few services that the college provides to alumni.

Several years ago, the college introduced lifetime email accounts for all alumni; to date, we have approximately 9,000 alumni using the service. In addition, use of the alumni website has dramatically increased, and more graduates are taking advantage of the alumni directory, the employment and performance listings, *Berklee Today* online, alumni notes, alumni event listings, gig listings, message boards, alumni discounts, and news and information regarding the college.

As we continue to build Berklee's online presence, we urge you to become involved. Exciting initiatives such as Berkleemusic.com and the alumni grant program have provided additional resources to graduates, and more plans are forthcoming.

The college continues to be committed to providing more services to our alumni, and by staying connected to Berklee, you will see the benefits firsthand. We know the importance of networking in this industry. A great way to stay connected with friends, the college, and the alumni community is through the alumni publication, *Berklee Today*, and through our domestic and international alumni chapters.

The Office of Alumni Affairs continues to promote alumni activities, and hosts more than 60 alumni events annually. Recent events have included Opportunities in the Film and TV World, Getting Paid to Play, How Music Gets Out of the Clubs and into the Press, AES and IAJE alumni receptions, and alumni showcases.

As you prepare for post-graduation plans, I urge you to begin thinking about how our office can assist your future endeavors. The Berklee alumni community is more than 40,000 strong, and we look forward to helping you continue your relationships with each other and with the college. Feel free to contact me directly at 617 747-2449, or stop by my office in room 6A on the sixth floor of the 1140 Boylston Street building.

Congratulations once again,

Karen A. Bell '90
Director, Alumni Affairs

Directions from Berklee to Agganis Arena, at Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Avenue

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)

The MBTA is a handy alternative to driving and parking. With Green Line stops conveniently located at our doorstep, the "T" is a transportation option to consider when traveling to and from the arena.

MBTA Bus

Take any of the following bus routes to Kenmore Square: 8, 57, 60, 65, 8A. Board the westbound "B" train, take the "B"; train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the arena.

Subway (the "T")

Green Line: Lechmere, Science Park, North Station, or Haymarket. Take any Green Line train to Government Center. Transfer to the westbound "B" train.

The "C" (Cleveland Circle) or "D" (Riverside) trains. Take any train inbound to Kenmore Square. Transfer to the outbound "B" train.

The "E" (Heath Street) train. Take any train inbound to Arlington station. Transfer to the outbound "B" train.

Take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the arena.

Red Line: Take the Red Line to Park Street. At Park Street, transfer to the westbound Green Line "B" train, and take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the arena.

Blue Line: Take the Blue Line train to Government Center. At Government Center, transfer to the Westbound "B" train. Take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the arena.

Orange Line: Take the Orange Line train to Downtown Crossing. Once at Downtown Crossing, follow the underground concourse to the Park Street station on the Green Line, board the westbound "B" train, and take the "B" train to either the St. Paul Street or Pleasant Street stop; both are approximately one block from the arena.

Driving Directions

From the North

Take I-93 or Route 1 South to Boston. Exit onto Storrow Drive. Continue on Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square exit. At the first set of lights, turn right onto Beacon Street. Bear right at the far end of Kenmore Square onto Commonwealth Avenue. Continue on Commonwealth Avenue to Agganis Arena (approximately 1 mile).

From the South

Take I-93 Route 3 (Southeast Expressway) North to Boston. Exit onto Storrow Drive. Continue on Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square exit. At the first set of lights, turn right onto Beacon Street. Bear right at the far end of Kenmore Square onto Commonwealth Avenue. Continue on Commonwealth Avenue to Agganis Arena (approximately 1 mile).

From the West

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) East. Take Exit 18 on the left (Brighton/Cambridge). Follow signs to Cambridge. At the second set of lights, turn right. Continue on Storrow Drive to the Kenmore Square exit. At the first set of lights, turn right onto Beacon Street. Bear right at the far end of Kenmore Square onto Commonwealth Avenue. Continue on Commonwealth Avenue to Agganis Arena (approximately 1 mile).

Accessibility Guide for Agganis Arena at BU

The following services have been implemented to help accommodate the needs of our guests with disabilities.

Accessible Seating The Agganis Arena offers accessible and companion seating located on the concourse and event levels for all events (accessible seating locations are subject to change based on the seating configuration for various events). Contact the Dean of Students Office 617 747-2231 if you require accessible and companion seating.

Drop-Off Location/Main Lobby Entrance The accessible drop-off location is located on the corner of Harry Agganis Way and Commonwealth Avenue. The main lobby entrance is accessible to guests with disabilities as are all arena entrances, hallways, and pathways.

Parking Accessible parking spaces are available in all parking lots associated with the arena.

Elevators Guests with disabilities receive preferential access to elevators during all arena events. The Agganis Arena has four passenger elevators: two in the southeast corner of the arena serving Lot A, and one each in the southwest and northwest corners of the arena providing access from the arena lobby to the concourse level.

Restrooms All public restrooms are equipped with accessible sinks, stalls, and amenities. There are 15 public restrooms located throughout the arena. Nine public restrooms are located on the concourse level, four are located on the entry level, and two are located on the event level. All public restrooms are equipped with baby-changing stations and are accessible to guests in wheelchairs.

Telephones The arena has two public pay phones adjacent to the main lobby ticket box office. All the public pay phones are accessible to guests in wheelchairs and one is equipped for TTY/TDD use.

Assisted Listening Devices (ALD) Assisted listening devices are free of charge and available for all events courtesy at Guest Services, located in the northeast section of the arena on the concourse level. For security purposes, a valid driver's license or major credit card is required and will be returned when the listening devices are returned to Guest Services. A text messaging service is also available in which the announcements are sent to a handheld device for the guest to read. This service is free of charge but requires the guest to give 48 hours notice prior to event.

Service Animals Service animals that assist guests with disabilities are welcome in the arena. Service animals must remain on a leash or in a harness at all times. Please contact the Office of the Dean of Students if you intend to bring a service animal to an event so an aisle seat may be reserved for you.

Special Assistance The Agganis Arena offers special assistance to guests with disabilities through Guest Services. Guests are encouraged to provide as much advance notice as possible to the arena prior to the start of an event to help ensure that their request for special assistance may be met. For further details or to arrange for special assistance, contact the Dean of Students Office at 617 747-2231.

Congratulations to the Class of 2008!

The Berklee Bookstore will be at the commencement ceremony providing the opportunity to purchase Berklee apparel, gifts, and graduation announcements, as well as recognition rings and jewelry.

The bookstore, located at 1080 Boylston Street, will also be open for your added convenience on the day of the ceremony.

For more information about graduation announcements etc. please visit the Berklee Bookstore website at <http://berklee.bncollege.com>

Hotels

****Special commencement rates:** You must mention Berklee College of Music Commencement 2008 when making a reservation to receive these reduced rates. Special rates depend on availability at each hotel and do not include tax or parking. ******

Sheraton Boston Hotel

39 Dalton Street, Boston, MA 02199

Reservation toll-free number: 888 627-7054

Phone: 617 236-2000

Rates: \$259 plus tax for singles and doubles/twins; \$299 plus tax for club; and \$359 plus tax for suites; \$40 plus tax extra for an additional person.

The reservation cut-off date is April 11, 2008.

The Eliot Hotel

370 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

Reservation toll-free number: 800 44ELIOT

Phone: 617 267-1607, fax: 617 536-9114

Rates: \$245 plus tax. **The reservation cut-off date is April 9, 2008.**

Hotel Commonwealth

500 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

Reservation toll-free number: 866 784-4000

Phone: 617 532-5019, fax: 617 266-6888

Rates: \$289 plus tax. **The reservation cut-off date is April 9, 2008.**

***To make reservations at the Hilton, please ask only for the Berklee College of Music rate (as opposed to mentioning Commencement 2008):*

Hilton Boston Back Bay

40 Dalton Street, Boston, MA 02115

Reservations for the Hilton should be made online at hiltonfamilyboston.com with the corporate account No. 4143159 or by calling the hotel at 800 874-0663 and asking for the Berklee rate.

Rates: \$249 plus tax for singles and doubles.

Other hotels in the area:

The Colonnade: 120 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116-2699

Phone: 617 424-7000, toll-free: 800 962-3030

Area Restaurants

29 Newbury

29 Newbury Street
617 536-0290*
New American
(\$12–\$25)

Arirang House

162 Massachusetts Avenue
Japanese/Korean buffet
(\$7–\$15)

Bangkok City

167 Massachusetts Avenue
Thai
(\$10–\$15)

Bangkok Blue

651 Boylston Street
(617) 266-1010*
Thai \$7–\$15)

Bottega Fiorentina

264 Newbury Street
617 266-0707
Italian
\$6–\$10

Brasserie Jo

120 Huntington Avenue
617 425-3240*
French
(\$15–\$25)

Cactus Club

939 Boylston Street
Mexican
(\$8–\$15)

Café Jaffa

48 Gloucester Street
Middle Eastern
(\$7–\$12)

Casa Romero

30 Gloucester Street
617 536-4341*
Mexican (\$15 plus)

Charley's Eating and Drinking

284 Newbury Street
American (\$6–\$20)

Chili Duck

829 Boylston Street
Thai
(\$5–\$15)

Ciao Bella

240A Newbury Street
Seafood and Italian
(\$5–\$25)

Daisy Buchanan's

240 Newbury Street
American
(\$5–\$12)

Davio's

269 Newbury Street
Italian; outdoor seating
(\$17–\$25)

Fire and Ice

205 Berkeley Street
617 482-3473*
Improvisational grill
(\$8–\$20)

Hard Rock Café

131 Clarendon Street
617 424-7625*
American
(\$12–\$25)

Kashmir

279 Newbury Street
617 536-1695*
Indian
(\$5–\$15)

La Famiglia Giorgio's

250 Newbury Street
Italian
(\$7–\$20)

Legal Sea Foods

Prudential Center
617 266-6800*
Copley Place
617 266-7775*

New England seafood
(\$15 plus)

Lir Irish Pub and Restaurant

903 Boylston Street
(\$5–\$15)

Oak Room at Copley Plaza Hotel

138 St. James Avenue
617 267-5300*
Steak and Seafood
(\$30 plus)

Other Side Café

407 Newbury Street
Salads, sandwiches; outdoor seating
(\$8–\$20)

The Palm

200 Dartmouth Street
617 867-9292*
Steak and Seafood
(Lunch: \$10–\$20, dinner: \$25 plus)

Pour House

909 Boylston Street
American
(\$5–\$15)

Rattlesnake Bar and Grill

384 Boylston Street
617 859-7772*
American
(\$5–\$15)

Sonsie Restaurant

327 Newbury Street
New American eclectic
(\$12–\$45)

Steve's Greek/American Restaurant

316 Newbury Street
Greek/American
(\$5–\$15)

Thai Dish

636 Beacon Street
Thai
(\$7–\$15)

Vinny Testa's

867 Boylston Street

Italian; outdoor seating
(\$8–\$25)

Wisteria House

264 Newbury Street
Chinese
(\$5–\$14)

Woody's Grill and Tap

58 Hemenway Street
Italian/American (wood-fired pizza)
(\$5–\$25)

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Emack and Bolio's

290 Newbury Street
Ice cream and fresh juice bar
(\$5)

Bon Bon

197A Massachusetts Avenue
Gelato, ice cream, and candy
(\$5)

JP Licks

352 Newbury Street
Ice cream and frozen yogurt
(\$5)

Trident Café

338 Newbury Street
Breakfast served all day
(\$7–\$15)

Food Court at the Prudential Center

111 Huntington Avenue
(\$5 plus)

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