

Today, musician and activist Rubén Blades LL.M. '85 receives the Harvard Arts Medal.



Welcome to the first day of Harvard's annual ARTS FIRST Festival! You're invited to our four-day celebration of creativity from our students, faculty, staff and affiliates. The festivities begin this afternoon with the Harvard Arts Medal Ceremony honoring 18-time Grammy Award-winning musician and activist Rubén Blades LL.M. '85 and featuring the Harvard Jazz Band. Stick around for a DJ dance party at the Harvard Art Museums and many other activities including music, dance, theater, film, exhibitions and so much more.

Check out all the arts in the ARTS FIRST Calendar, including many livestreaming events. Welcome to the arts at Harvard!

Thursday April 28

- **Harvard Arts Medal Ceremony** will honor Grammy Award-winning musician, actor and activist Rubén Blades LL.M. '85 (pictured above) with actor John Lithgow '67, Yosvany Terry and Harvard Jazz Band. **4-5:30pm, Sanders Theatre. Free tickets here. **This event will NOT be livestreamed.****
- **Harvard Art Museum at Night**, a town-square-style event with a DJ, snacks, drinks at Jenny's Cafe and of course galleries filled with world-class art collections. **5-9pm, Harvard Art Museums. RSVP here.**

Friday April 29

- Reimagine legendary Elle Woods through the eyes of Harvard College Asian Student Arts Project (ASAP) in *Finding Elle Woods: An Asian American Story* with song and dance, and original stories. **5pm, Science Center Plaza Tent.**
- New this year is **ARTS FIRST Film & Video Art Night**, a lineup of creative arts on the big screen. **7:30-8:30pm, Science Center Plaza Tent. *Livestreamed here.**
- The 50th Anniversary Concert by Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Museum includes *Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610*. **8pm, Sanders Theatre.**
- **Bach Society Orchestra's Season Finale Concert. 8pm, Paine Hall, 3 Oxford St.**

Saturday April 30

- Wake up fast with The Harvard Undergraduate Drummers – THUD – and the gorgeous voices of Harvard College Opera at the *Performance Fair Kick-Off!* **11:30am, Science Center Plaza Tent. *Livestreamed here.**