

T H E L I S T

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LARGEST PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS IN MASS.

RANKED BY TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR ALL PERFORMANCES HELD IN FISCAL 2019

Organization/Prior rank (*unranked in 2018)/ URL	Address Phone	Total attendance for fiscal 2019	No. of performances in fiscal 2019	No. of performers	No. of paid staff	Type of performances	Top local executive(s)
1 Boston Symphony Orchestra ① bso.org	301 Massachusetts Ave. Boston, MA 02115 888-266-1492	1,339,560	462	94	387	Symphony music, chamber music, light classics and popular music with the Boston Pops	Mark Volpe, President, CEO
2 Huntington Theatre Co. ② huntingtontheatre.org	264 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02115 617-266-7900	184,776	745	77	263	Theatrical productions of new works and classics made current	Michael Maso, Managing director Peter DuBois, Norma Jean Calderwood Artistic Director
3 Boston Ballet ③ bostonballet.org	19 Clarendon St. Boston, MA 02116 617-695-6950	168,056	93	69	656	Ballet/dance	Max Hodges, Executive director Mikko Nissinen, Artistic director
4 American Repertory Theater ④ AmericanRepertoryTheater.org	64 Brattle St. Cambridge, MA 02138 617-547-8300	119,476	454	956 ¹	188	Theatrical productions of new and classic plays and musicals, and theatrical events by a diverse range of artists	Diane Berger, Executive producer Diane Paulus, Terrie & Bradley Bloom Artistic Director
5 Celebrity Series of Boston ⑤ celebrityseries.org	20 Park Plaza Boston, MA 02116 617-482-2595	73,000	80	116	30	Classical music, jazz, folk/bluegrass music, spoken word, dance	Gary Dunning, President, executive director
6 Handel and Haydn Society ⑦ handelandhaydn.org	9 Harcourt St. Boston, MA 02116 617-262-1815	41,705	43	935	26	Baroque and classical music	David Snead, President, CEO
7 Boston Gay Men's Chorus ⑨ bgmc.org	539 Tremont St. Boston, MA 02116 617-542-7464	40,000	23	325	6	Concerts, community outreach, cabaret	Craig Coogan, Executive director
8 Global Arts Live² ⑩ globalartslive.org/crashfest.org	720 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02139 617-876-4275	37,481	66	NA	7	Multidisciplinary performing arts presenter, including international music, contemporary dance and jazz	Maure Aronson, Founder, executive director/artistic director
9 SpeakEasy Stage Co. ⑬ speakeasystage.com	539 Tremont St. Boston, MA 02116 617-482-3279	35,335	198	NA	8	Plays and musicals	Paul Daigneault, Producing artistic director and president
10 Lyric Stage Co. of Boston ⑪ lyricstage.com	140 Clarendon St. Boston, MA 02116 617-585-5678	35,000	NA	140	20	Live theater	Spiro Veloudos, Producing artistic director
11 Merrimack Repertory Theatre ⑥ mrt.org	50 East Merrimack St. Lowell, MA 01852 978-654-4678	33,595	193	25	23	Professional theater	Bonnie Butkas, Executive director
12 Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University ⑧ wheelockfamilytheatre.org	200 Riverway Boston, MA 02215 617-353-3001	30,000	70	25	25	Theatrical productions for a family audience	Keith Orr, Administrative director Emily Ranii, Artistic director
12 Boston Landmarks Orchestra ⑫ landmarksorchestra.org	214 Lincoln St. Boston, MA 02134 617-987-2000	30,000	15	125	6	Classical music and dance	Jo Frances Meyer, Executive director
14 Revels Inc. ⑮ revels.org	80 Mount Auburn St. Watertown, MA 02472 617-972-8300	23,900	29	319	11	Musical and theater performances	Kate Stookey, Executive director
15 New Repertory Theatre ⑭ newrep.org	321 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA 02472 617-923-8487	21,443	155	45	12	World premieres, musicals, contemporary and classic plays	Jim Petosa, Artistic director Harriet Sheets, Managing director
16 Gloucester Stage Co. ⑰ gloucesterstage.com	267 E. Main St. Gloucester, MA 01930 978-281-4433	19,700	189	147	18	Professional theater	Christopher Griffith, Interim managing director
17 Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra ⑲ bysoweb.org	855 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, MA 02215 617-353-3348	18,000	25	500	21	Classical music	Catherine Weiskel, Executive director
18 Boston Lyric Opera ⑱ blo.org	11 Avenue de Lafayette Boston, MA 02111 617-542-4912	17,000	24	275	28	Fully staged opera productions	Esther Nelson, Stanford Calderood General & Artistic Director
19 Rehearsal for Life Inc. ⑳ rehearsalforlife.org	670 Centre St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 617-524-6405	16,971	30	373	9	Children's theater	Francie Karlen, Executive director
20 Boston Philharmonic Orchestra ㉑ bostonphil.org	236 Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02115 617-236-0999	15,582	14	100	9	Symphonic orchestra	Elisabeth Christensen, Managing director
21 City Ballet of Boston ㉒ cityballetofboston.org	284 Amory St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 617-524-3066	11,318	16	91	5	Ballet/dance	Anthony Williams, Founder, executive director, artistic director
22 The Footlight Club ㉓ footlight.org	7A Eliot St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 617-524-0149	5,500	33	89	NA	Community theatre group	Kristin MacDougall, President
23 Boston Chamber Music Society ㉔ bostonchambermusic.org	60 Gore St. Cambridge, MA 02141 617-349-0086	4,665	11	12	3	Chamber music concerts with a repertoire ranging from the baroque era to the present day	Wen Huang, Managing director
24 Cantata Singers ㉕ cantatasingers.org	729 Boylston St. Boston, MA 02116 617-868-5885	2,100	9	65	5	Classical music	Nick Adams, Executive director
25 Boston Modern Orchestra Project ㉖ bmop.org	376 Washington St. Malden, MA 02148 781-324-0396	1,596	5	60	4	Contemporary classical music concerts, recordings	Gil Rose, Artistic director

¹ Includes performers in locally, independently produced events supported by the A.R.T.

² Organization was previously listed as World Music/CRASHarts.

³ Company is home of the Urban Nutcracker.

NOTES: NA - not available.

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MICHAEL MASO
Managing director,
Huntington Theatre

Michael Maso, who serves as managing director at the Huntington, has led the Huntington's administrative and financial operations since 1982. He has produced more than 200 productions in partnership with three artistic directors. Under his tenure, the Huntington has received more than 140 Elliot Norton and Independent Reviewers of New England Awards, as well as the Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. Maso received the 2016 Massachusetts Nonprofit Network's Lifetime Achievement Award, as well as TCG's 2012 Theatre Practitioner Award, the Huntington's 2012 Theatre Hero Award, StageSource's 2010 Theatre Hero Award, the 2005 Commonwealth Award (the state's highest arts honor) in the category of Catalyst, and the 2000 Norton Prize for Sustained Excellence. Maso previously served on the Boston Cultural Planning Steering Committee as well as a member of the board for ArtsBoston, Theatre Communications Group (TCG), and StageSource and as a site visitor, panelist and panel chairman for the National Endowment for the Arts. In 2005, he was named as one of a dozen members of the inaugural class of the Barr Fellows Program.

ABOUT THE LIST

Information was obtained from organization representatives. Ties are ranked by number of performances in fiscal 2019.

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