



# SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON

## STUDIO DIPLOMA, BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS, AND COMBINED DEGREE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation is your opportunity to learn about how the Museum School works, to meet your studio advisor and speak with faculty. It is **very important** for new students to participate in all events. *Please note: this schedule is subject to change.*



### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

● 10 am–3 pm

**Artists Residence Hall (ARH) Check-In:** For students who received student housing assignments only. The ARH is located at **600 Rear Huntington Avenue**. For parking, enter via Ward Street.

● 6–8 pm

**ARH Orientation:** Mandatory for all ARH Residents. (ARH)



### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

● 1–1:30 pm

**Check-in (WA)**

● 1:30–3:30 pm

**Area Presentations:** Rolling, on the half-hour, talks with area faculty covering course offerings, studio equipment and facilities. Move freely between sessions. (Locations and maps will be posted in WA)

● 3:30–5 pm

**Studio Advisor Meetings:** This is your chance to meet your assigned faculty studio advisor, show them your work, and discuss your plans for the semester. (TBA)

● 5–6:30 pm

**Welcome Reception:** New students and parents are invited to join faculty, staff and student orientation leaders for refreshments in the Atrium. (WA)



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

● 8:15–9 am

**Check-in with continental breakfast.** (WA)

● 9:00–9:45 am

**Welcome meeting:** Words of welcome from the President of the School, Director of the Museum and other faculty, administrators and students. (RA)

● 9:45–11 am

**Studio Information Session:** A general overview of the studio program, from registration to review boards. You'll learn what to expect in the semester ahead, how the studio component works and how to function successfully within it. This session is key for students in all undergraduate programs. (RA)

● 11:15am–12 pm

**Info Session - Part 1 with Student Orientation Leaders:** Meet with current students who have volunteered to be your guide during your first days at the School. Refer to your check-in sheet for your group assignment and meeting location. (SG)

● 12–1 pm

**Lunch (WA)**



● 1–2:30 pm

**Artists Materials Safety Presentation:** This is a required information session that addresses the proper use and handling of hazardous materials in the studios. (RA)

● 2:30–3:45 pm

**Program Info Sessions:** An overview of the specifics of your particular program of study. Studio Diploma Session (A202); BFA Session (RA)

● 4–6 pm

**Info Session – Part 2 with Student Orientation Leaders** (same location as Part 1)

● 6–8:30 pm

**Social Event (TBA)**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

● 9:30–10:30 am

**International Student Breakfast:** For all new international students (required for those with F-1 visas). Meet the International Student Advisor and review important information related to your immigration status. (A202)

● 10:30 am–12 pm

**Info Session – Part 3 with Student Orientation Leaders** Grab breakfast on the go from the Atrium and meet with your SOLs (same location as Parts 1 & 2).

● 12–5 pm

**Social Activity:** TBA –Lunch will be provided!

### SUNDAY & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 + 5

● **SMFA buildings will be closed for the Monday holiday;** no orientation activities are planned. Take advantage of this opportunity to settle into your new home, visit with new friends and get ready for the start of classes.

Consult the *Out + About* page of the Orientation 2011 Website for fun things to do: [orientation.smfa.edu](http://orientation.smfa.edu).

Don't forget that you have free admission with your student ID to the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and the ICA.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

● **Classes Begin!!** Log in to your mySMFA account to view or print a copy of your course schedule and find room locations for your classes.

● **Faculty Hour:** Faculty will be available from 1–2 pm on the first day of classes to meet with students. Take advantage of this one-on-one opportunity to ask questions about classes, their art practice and the School. (A308, A310, A312)

**Room Identification Key:**  
TBD = To Be Determined

RA = Remis Auditorium  
WA = Weems Atrium

ARH = Artists Residence Hall  
SG = Assigned by SOL groupings, see your welcome sheet

CA = Conf. Room, B-side



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## PARENTS & FRIENDS ORIENTATION EVENTS



### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

● 12:30-1:30pm

**Information Session for parents of students with disabilities** – an informal lunch with the disabilities officer to discuss accommodations for learning, mental, and physical. (2<sup>nd</sup> Flr. Conference Rm., B-Bldg)

● 1:30-3pm

**Parents and Friends Information Session:** Join representatives from various administrative departments for an informative presentation followed by a question and answer session. (Rm. A202)

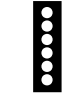
● 3pm-4pm

**SMFA 101 with Student Orientation Leaders:** Meet current students and hear about their experiences at the Museum School. There will be time for question and answer and a tour of the School. (Rm. A202)

● 5–6:30pm

**New Student, Parents and Friends Reception:** New Students and family members are invited to join Faculty, Staff and Student Orientation Leaders for refreshments in the Atrium. (Weems Auditorium)

Our formal Parent & Friends Orientation program concludes with the evening reception.



### ONGOING

● 8:30am-5pm

**Office hours:** Departmental offices will be open for business on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Feel free to stop by with questions or to take care of any unfinished business.

**Tour the MFA!** Get your complimentary pass to the MFA from our Admissions office and tour the world class museum we proudly consider part of our campus.



### NEW STUDENT ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

Please make sure these items have been taken care of.

● **High School or Undergraduate Transcript:** Students must submit a final official high school or undergraduate transcript to the Admissions office.

● **Immunization Form:** All students must submit verification of immunizations to the Registrar.

● **Special classroom or learning accommodations:** If special classroom or learning accommodations are required, complete the confidential disabilities survey and accommodation request form with Academic Affairs.

● **Health Insurance:** New students must enroll in the SMFA health insurance plan or provide proof of comparable health insurance by completing the School's health insurance waiver with the Business office.

● **Tuition:** Financial arrangements should be made with the Business office by the time of the student's arrival.



### DINING OPTIONS IN THE AREA

Pick up a free map of Boston at Student Affairs.

**Thaitation, 129 Jersey Street,** (617) 585-9909; The best pad-Thai in Boston, simply amazing food!

**Basho Japanese Brasserie, 1338 Boylston Street,** (617) 262-1338; <http://bashosushi.com/>

**Canestaro Restaurant & Pizzeria, 16 Peterborough Street,** (617) 266-8997; Great Italian food.

**Chipotle, 148 Brookline Avenue,** Burrito heaven!

**The Upper Crust, 1330 Boylston Street,** (617) 266-9210, Specialty pizza.

**Burtens Grill, 1363 Boylston Street,** (617) 236-2236; Classy burgers, sandwiches, pasta and seafood

**JP Licks, 352 Newbury Street; 1 Brigham Circle,** Local Ice cream and coffee shop.

**Espresso Royale Cafe, 44 Gainsborough Street, Boston,** Good coffee and local artwork.

**Betty's Wok, 250 Huntington Avenue,** (617) 424-1950; Asian-Latino inspired noodle and rice-based dishes.

**The Elephant Walk, 900 Beacon Street,** (617) 247-1500; Upscale French and Cambodian cuisine.

**Tasty Burger, 1301 Boylston Street,** (617) 425-4444, <http://www.tastyburger.com/>

### THINGS TO DO WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

Explore the area while new students are in their orientation sessions!

**Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum,** 280 The Fenway, diagonally across the street from SMFA.

**Warren Anatomical Library at the Harvard Countway Library of Medicine,** 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 10 Shattuck St. (at Brigham Circle off Huntington Ave), free entry.

**The Shops at The Landmark Center: Blick Art Supplies, Bed, Bath & Beyond, R.E.I., Best Buy,** Corner of Park Drive and Brookline Ave

**Take a Fenway Park Tour,** 4 Yawkey Way, (617) 226-6666, Adults \$12. Non-Game Days: 9 am- 4 pm daily; tours run every hour on the hour until 4 pm. Game Days: 9 am - three and a half hours prior to game time

**Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library,** 200 Massachusetts Ave, at Symphony Station, Adults \$6. This world-famous, three-story, painted-glass globe shows a three-dimensional perspective of the world of 1935.

**Boston Duck Tours, Prudential Center** (617) 267-DUCK, <http://www.bostonducktours.com/>

### STAY CONNECTED

Visit [www.smfa.edu/parents](http://www.smfa.edu/parents) and register to receive a monthly e-newsletter during the school year, with information about upcoming exhibitions, events at the School and more.