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Boston is Bursting with new Special Event Venues for Groups of All Sizes

BOSTON, MA (April 2, 2014): Just when you thought you knew all that Boston had to offer for groups of all sizes, more venues have been added and expanded. You will find that the top Boston must-sees on your favorite app are also the best special event venues for your group. Here's a quick guide to what's new in Boston venues:

As one of the most historical cities in the nation, visitors flock to Boston to see traces of the Revolutionary War and learn more about our Founding Fathers. If Boston history intrigues you, you may try the **Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum**. The Tea Party Museum, which opened in 2012, commemorates one of the nation's most famous revolutionary events, and visitors truly step into the past as reenactments of the events surround them. Hold your event in the Tavern & Tea Room or on the decks of the Museum any evening of the week.

If you value culture, like famous works of art or masterly pieces of music, two of Boston's icons may prove to be the perfect backdrop to your event. Located on Huntington Avenue, the newly expanded **Museum of Fine Arts** is one of the most comprehensive art museums in the world with over 450,000 pieces of work. The new expansion doubled the size of the museum to include the new Art of the Americas Wing, a renovated European gallery, and a glass enclosed courtyard, beautiful spaces that can accommodate intimate luncheons for 30, a seated dinners for 500, or a reception for 3,000. Just down the street from the MFA, the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** recently expanded with a Renzo Piano addition, providing a collection of fine and decorative art and a vibrant, innovative venue for contemporary artists, musicians and scholars.

As an educational hub, Boston & Cambridge have been the host to many brilliant minds over the centuries. Scholars, professionals, and experts' legacies are preserved and underlined in museums and libraries throughout the city. Newly established by Mass General, the **MD Museum of Medical History and Innovation** explores the hospital's history of research, patient care, and medical discovery across three centuries. Welcome your guests amidst the great history of medicine and the future of medicine.

Go across the river into Cambridge and explore invention and innovation as the **MIT Museum** inspires guests of all ages about the possibilities and opportunities offered by science and technology. Also in Cambridge, the **Harvard Art Museums**, among the world's leading art institutions, will offer an opportunity to meet in the Arthur M. Sackler Museum and the Adolphus Busch Hall while the Fogg Museum of Art and Busch-Reisinger Museum currently undergoes a major renovation and expansion designed by architect Renzo Piano. The Harvard Museum will be re-opening November 2014.

From the Public Garden, to the Harbor, to the Esplanade, Boston has an abundance of beauty. The best event venue may not pertain to what is inside the building, but rather what you can see out the windows. Located on the Charles River, **Community Rowing** is an internationally recognized attraction for rowing and a gem within the Massachusetts park system. Treat your group to a teambuilding event crewing on the Charles, followed by a dinner in the boathouse. With beautiful balconies overlooking the water, windows that frame the setting sun and provide a stunning 150-degree view of the River, Community Rowing's Boathouse is the most elegant and inviting new space in Boston.

Another gem is the **Larz Anderson Auto Museum**. Home to America's oldest car collection, the museum offers the perfect setting for a special event, whether inside the 1888 Carriage House or outside on the lawn. Guests will be entertained in the main gallery amid the Museum's priceless automobile collection and exhibits, fully enjoying all that the Museum has to offer.

It's clear that being rich in history, innovation, and beauty, Boston continues to offer a broad range of venues for special events of any size that will make your experience extraordinary.

For more information, go to <u>http://www.bostonusa.com</u>.