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## Outdoor Concerts This Summer

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That wretched winter is over. The cherry blossoms and magnolias are painting Comm. Ave in pink and white, Romeo & Juliet have returned as ambassadors of the Public Garden, and a strong breeze today won't cause a snowdrift.

Months of single digit temps and never-ending white flakes can take their toll. Shake off the dust from being inside with an outdoor live concert at Manfield's Xfinity Center and Boston's Blue Hills Bank Pavilion.

You can't miss its white shell-shaped half-dome nestled under Boston's skyline by the Harbor. Formerly BankBoston Pavilion, the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion is an outdoor amphitheater right on the waterfront. With an intimate capacity, it's akin to throwing a big outdoor party with 5,000 of your closet friends. And let's face it—there's nothing like having the music lifted to you on an ocean breeze.

Just a short drive from Boston, you could get out of town and hit the outdoor Xfinity Center amphitheater. Renamed from the Comcast Center, this is the perfect place to get outdoors and get into the music. Although reserved seats are coveted for an up-close look, never underestimate the power of the lawn. There are 7,000 lawn seats to share, so a mini-picnic with friends while jamming

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out to music is something all should experience.

Whether you're with your family, your one true love, or a few friends, there's a show for every occasion and every reason to rock out now that winter has left the building.

### Let off Steam

Still harboring some wintertime frustration? Scream and stomp it out with some serious music. Unlike when a snowstorm threatened your plans, these bands give you a good reason to bang your head.

- Nine Inch Nails & Soundgarden, July 29, Xfinity Center: Pulverize your shoveling memories with Trent Reznor's industrial dance and Soundgarden's metal/punk.
- Motley Crue, August 24, Xfinity Center: Say goodbye to winter during a farewell tour of one of the '80's top heavy metal bands.
- Aerosmith, July 16, Xfinity Center: Rock out with the locals. They know what winters in New England are like.

### Dance Party

- Widespread Panic, Friday, Jun 13, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: Get ready for some blues/rock jams that last as long as January.
- Phish, July 1, Xfinity Center: Known for their extended jams of jazz, funk, bluegrass and pop, chances are you'll be dancing with Phish fans from around the country.
- Panic! at the Disco, The Gospel Tour, August 3, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: Quirky techno beats mixed with theater and pop put on a show that gets you moving.

### GNO

Getting the girls together for a night out and you can finally wear heels instead of snow boots? Yes, please.

- Kings of Leon, August 9, Xfinity Center: The trifecta of raspy lead vocals, Southern charm and garage band bad boy status make this is a great GNO band.
- Backstreet Boys & Avril Lavigne, Xfinity Center, Friday, June 20: A boy band and skater girl come together for a night of tough but sweet sounds.
- Sarah McLachlin, July 19, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: The deeply emotional songs of this Lilith Fair founder should be on every girl's must-see show list.

### Baby Boomers

Whether you're remembering your youth or just what it was like to not have to shovel your driveway, there's a show to return to a simpler time.

- John Fogerty, Saturday, July 16, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: His guitar-based rock concoctions take you back all the way to the '60s, man.
- Steely Dan, Saturday, September 6, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: With hits like "Hey 19," "Reeling in the Years" and "Rikki Don't Lose That Number," their tight harmonies grab your attention.
- Jimmy Buffet and the Coral Reefer Band, Saturday, July 19, Xfinity Center: Join your fellow parrotheads and get wasted away with his smooth island sounds.



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Although dates inside have their appeal (wink, wink), the setting sun is the ultimate in romance as you unwind outdoors with a glass of wine, great music, and your love.

- Matt Nathanson & Gavin DeGraw, Saturday, August 23, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: Between Nathanson's music-meet-laughter performance and DeGraw's sensitive, R&B-leaning songs, this is love at first listen.
- Dave Matthews, Saturday, June 7, Xfinity Center: Is he jazz, funk, or worldbeat? It's complicated and fun, just like a relationship.
- One Republic, June 24 and 25, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: Thing don't get any more romantic than their "Apologize" and "Counting Stars."

Enjoy these and many other great LiveNation outdoor shows this spring and summer. Who knows? You might even be able to leave your coat at home.

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