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**VISUAL ART, FILM OFFERINGS AT FIRST NIGHT 2010**

*Note: The complete press kit for First Night Boston 2010, including program guide and images can be viewed at <http://www.firstnight.org/PressRoom/Default.aspx>*

(BOSTON) First Night Boston is the country's oldest and largest New Year's arts celebration. On Dec. 31, 2009 from 1 p.m. to midnight, First Night presents a day-long festival of art, music, dance, ice sculpture, fireworks and more. First Night is an alcohol-free event that welcomes children, families and revelers of all ages to celebrate community and unity through the arts. First Night Boston offers a wide array of visual arts this year. For complete schedules including updates, please visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org).

**Roxbury Film Festival**

Hynes Convention Center, Room 200

The Color of Film Collaborative, Inc. curates this series of short films featuring some of the best from this year's Roxbury Film Festival. RFF is produced every summer by ACT Roxbury and The Color of Film Collaborative. Visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org) for film synopses.

7:00-7:35 *Nora*

7:35-8:10 *Calling My Children*

8:15-8:45 *Santa Claus in Baghdad*

8:50-9:15 *Jump the Broom*

9:20-10:40 *Business is War*

**Bombay Cinema**

Hynes Convention Center, Room 311

Boston's own Bombay Cinema programs the best of Bollywood film. Visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org) for synopses.

12:30-3:00 *Zubeidaa*

3:00-5:30 *Lago Raho Munna Bhai*

5:30-8:20 *Rang De Basanti*

8:20-11:00 *Om Shanti OM*

**New England Anime**

Hynes Convention Center, Room 311

Back by popular demand! The New England Anime Society, convention organizers of Anime Boston, presents the best in old and new Japanese animation.

1:00-1:30pm *Kimba the White Lion*

1:30-2:00pm *Panda Z*

2:00-2:30pm *Science Ninja Team Gatchaman (aka Battle of the Planets)*

2:30-3:00pm *Cat Soup*

3:00-3:30pm *Astro Boy (2003)*

3:30-4:00pm *Marmalade Boy*

4:00-4:30pm *Fancy Lala*

4:30-5:00pm *His and Her Circumstances*

5:00-5:30pm NEAS Event Highlights

7:30-8:00pm *Paradise Kiss*

8:00–8:30pm *Android Kikaider*  
8:30-9:00pm *Revolutionary Girl Utena*  
9:00-9:30pm *Mushi-shi*  
9:30-10:00pm *Nana*  
10:00-10:30pm *Gurren Lagann*  
10:30-11:00pm *Giant Robo - The Day the Earth Stood Still*

### **Aesthetic Evidence: elements/response**

Hynes Convention Center, Room 210, 8 and 9 p.m.

Aesthetic Evidence will create a partially scripted, partially improvised element-themed audio-visual environment, inspired by spoken human voice recordings. Group members recorded responses to questions from a variety of participants over the past several months. These recordings, along with video, are integrated with traditional and electronic instruments.

### **Neil Horskey - Fluxusignment 57: a Bicycle Powered Shadow Puppet Theater**

Boston Common, Visitor's Center, all day and night

This installation engages First Night participants in a collaborative performance that is both whimsical and nostalgic. One participant rides an exercise bicycle equipped with a generator light that illuminates a miniature stage. Adjacent to the stage is a diagram of numerous hand positions for shadow puppets. Using this diagram and their own imagination, another participant performs a shadow puppet play cast upon the stage's back panel.

### **Park Street Studios: Beacon to a Better Year**

Boston Common, Railroad Mall, all day, illuminated at dusk

As humans have for millennia, we look forward with hope to a better year. The "Beacon" is a large-scale installation designed to attract a better, happier vibe for the year 2010, the beginning of a new decade. The three 20-foot sculptures are composed of bamboo armatures skinned with white shrink wrap plastic. All materials will be recycled afterwards including the shrink wrap. During the day the beacon is a stunning white, silver and mirrored machine of good will and hope. At dusk, with theatrical lighting it transforms into a magical jewel lighting up the night.

In addition to these and other great events, First Night will also feature **Kaiju Big Battel**; **Kristin Hersh**; **Anat Cohen**; five ice sculptures; **The FedEx Family Festival**; **The Metro Boston First Night Grand Procession**; the **Boston Family Fireworks** presented by Mayor Menino and The Mugar Foundation; the traditional **midnight fireworks over Boston Harbor** sponsored by Cape Dairy; and a midnight countdown with WBZ-TV's Jack Williams and Lisa Hughes at Copley Square. For a complete listing, visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org).

All First Night outdoor events are free, though supported by sales of the First Night button (artwork by Ekuia Holmes), which is the ticket for admission to all indoor events. Buttons are \$18 (children under 4 admitted free) and are available at Boston-area Shaw's and Star Markets, Tedeschi's, Store 24, Au Bon Pain and dozens of other locations. For a complete list of advance sale locations or to buy buttons online, visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org). Buttons are available at a special web price of \$15 at [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org) through Dec. 26. For more information, visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org).

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