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## 9 CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS Boston Celtic Music Fest

It's probably hard to find a place in the United States that's more Irish than Boston, which explains why the Boston Celtic Music Fest, now in its sixth year, has so much genuine Celtic spirit. (And we're not talking about the NBA champs.) BCMFest is a musician-run, grassroots, community-oriented festival that celebrates the area's rich heritage of Irish, Scottish, and Cape Breton music and dance. More than 40 of the Boston area's finest traditional and neo-traditional acts—seasoned performers and promising newcomers—tune up their fiddles, flutes, accordions, pipes, and voices to play dozens of shows for two days at venues throughout Harvard Square in Cambridge. Families stroll from the famed Club Passim, where folks like Joan Baez got their start, to the venerable First Parish Cambridge Church, a stone's throw away from each other across the cobbled walkways of Harvard Yard. The celebratory finale will focus on Celtic-style dance, both traditional and contemporary, plus a showcase of bands playing music on the "fringe" of traditional/Celtic styles. Go green! [bcmfest.com](http://bcmfest.com)