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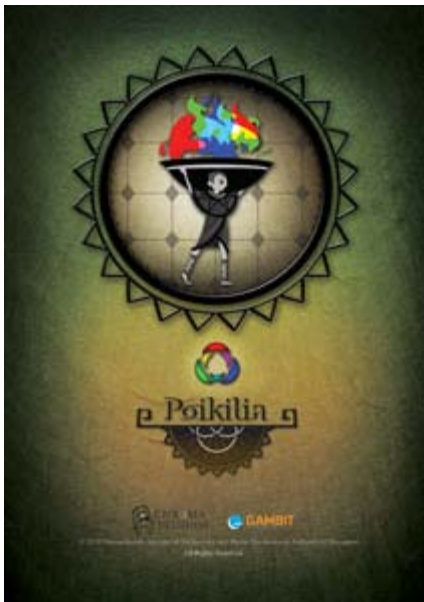
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Featured Event



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[Video Games 101](#)

TODAY, Thursday, May 5, 6-8:30pm,
[MIT Museum](#),
265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. Free.

Class is in session at the MIT Museum, as the Boston video game industry comes together with the Singapore-MIT GAMBIT Game Lab for this unique event. Representatives from local game companies including Harmonix, Moonshot Games, SCVNGR, 38 Studios, Owlchemy Labs and Fire Hose Games will showcase the diversity of work that goes into the creation of games. Enjoy a series of short talks, then break for recess to play with games, prototypes and demos. No prerequisite classes required.

Featured Exhibition

[Occupation Forces @ the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway:
Mark Skwarek](#)



*Occupation Forces Lasers at South Station,
at the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Park
AR visualization by Mark Skwarek*

TODAY, Thursday, May 5-24,
[Rose Kennedy Greenway](#), Boston.
Free.

Experience the occupation of Boston's Greenway Park, CyberartsCentral, and the Boston Children's Museum by virtual alien invaders. *Occupation Forces* is an augmented reality art project that allows the public to experience the invasion of the public space around them by aliens. These invaders can only be seen with the use of a smart phone,

equipped with a special alien detection app. Otherwise, the invasion takes place undetected by an unsuspecting population. The project mixes alien invasion mythology with a cartoon-like, kid robot esthetic.

As users cross the length of the Greenway Park, visit CyberartsCentral and walk over to the Boston Children's Museum they will encounter the invaders at multiple locations. They will witness the occupation intensify as they near the center of the park and the aliens interact with other park users, attempting to control foot traffic. Viewers experience an unfolding narrative through time and space, transforming daily real-world existence into something visually stunning and otherworldly. The project encourages people to explore the urban environment of the Greenway, letting them see the world like they never have before.

Artist Mark Skwarek leads guided tours of *Occupation Forces* this Saturday, May 7. Leaving from CyberartsCentral at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Email autumn@bostoncyberarts.org to RSVP!

For instructions visit: www.occupationforces.com/greenway.html

Tomorrow, tomorrow...

Here's a look at what's happening tomorrow at the Festival:

[Opening Reception: Perspectives on a Dance in Sol LeWitt's "Bars of Colors Within Squares."](#) Friday, May 6, 5:30-7:30pm, [Carroll and Sons](#), 450 Harrison Ave., Boston. Free.

[Lostwax Multimedia Dance presents: Blinking](#), Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at 8pm, BU Fitness and Recreation Center, 915 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Admission Fee.

AR with the Pros

Can't get enough augmented reality? Think AR is cool, but don't know where to start? Want to make sure you find every alien and UFO on the Greenway, at CyberartsCentral at Atlantic Wharf and around The Children's Museum? Take a tour of [Occupation Forces](#) with AR artist Mark Skwarek. Mark will be leading tours on Saturday, May 7, at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

Want to claim a spot on the tour? Send an email to autumn@bostoncyberarts.org to RSVP. A reservation is required for the tour.



Occupation Forces

Celebrate Cyberarts Tomorrow

[Boston Cyberarts Gala](#)
Friday, May 6, 6:30-9:30pm

It's nearly time: the Cyberarts Gala is tomorrow. We still have a few tickets left, so get yours [here](#).

Celebrate the last weekend of the Festival with food, drink, music, prizes for "cyber" attire and the ceremony for the IBM Innovation Awards. Can you imagine a better way to spend your Friday night?



So much to do...



CyberartsCentral

...so little time. Plan ahead so you don't miss any Cyberart.

Visit our online [Events Schedule](#) to search for events and exhibitions by name, date, type or location.

Pick up a copy of our Festival Guide (courtesy of Dig Boston) to carry with you, or [download a pdf](#) version to read at home.

Stop by [CyberartsCentral](#) to chat with one of our docents who can personally help you plan your Festival experience.

With all of those options for navigating the Festival, you don't have any excuse for missing

out!

Memories...

We know how many of you are running around with your smart phones and fancy cameras taking pictures of everything you see -- and we love it! Why don't you share some of those pictures with the rest of us? Post them to our [Facebook Page](#) or tag them on [Flickr](#) with #BCF2011...and [Tweet](#)

about it while you're at it, too.

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George Fifield, Director

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