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**Enjoy Boston's Central Holiday Planning Website,
the 6th Annual MayorsHolidaySpecial.com**
Mayor Menino invites residents and visitors to start their planning here.

*Featuring over 8,000 half-price holiday show tickets,
plus deals to help you shop, dine, stay, even park for less!*

*December 6 ordering deadline for half-price tickets to
Disney on Ice and The 101 Dalmatians Musical!*

BOSTON (MA) -- Mayor Thomas M. Menino welcomes residents and visitors to enjoy www.MayorsHolidaySpecial.com, the City of Boston's central holiday planning website, which now offers over 8,000 half-price tickets to Boston's favorite holiday events, showcases free and low-cost celebrations around the City, and features unique discounts for dining, shopping, overnight stays and even parking.

"I invite residents and visitors to bring their families into the city to enjoy a show, holiday shopping, a festive meal, a stroll through the holiday lights, an overnight stay, and even a skate on The Frog Pond," said Mayor Menino. "MayorsHolidaySpecial.com is the ticket to a great Boston experience and memories you'll cherish for a lifetime."

Visitors to MayorsHolidaySpecial.com will find deals and holiday gift ideas as they plan their complete Boston holiday experience. Discounts include 20 percent off hotel stays and dinner entrees, free access to shopping discount passes, and low, flat parking rates. The three-month program runs until January 18, 2010, three weeks later than in previous years.

- FOR HOLIDAY SHOWS, over 8,000 half-priced tickets (more than ever before!) and convenient access to regular-price tickets are available to The Huntington's "A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration," Boston Ballet's "Nutcracker," Holiday Pops, Handel & Haydn Society, "Black Nativity," Christmas Revels and dozens more. Half-price offers for two shows -- "The 101 Dalmatians Musical" and Disney On Ice -- expire on December 6, so order soon!

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- RESTAURANTS offering a free dessert with your entree include: Brasserie Jo, Durgin, Mantra, Omni Parker House and others. Restaurants offering 20% off each entree include: Avenue One at The Hyatt Regency Boston, the Oak Room Restaurant at The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Fajitas & 'Ritas on Boston Common and Club Café in Back Bay, among others.
- SHOPPING specials range from a free Preferred Shopping Card at The Shops at Prudential Center to offers at David Yurman, Montblanc Boutique, Sony Style - Copley Place, Betsy Jenney, the IHCDstore and Macy's Boston.
- HOTELS AND LODGING welcome guests with specials such as: 20% off room rates (breakfast included); stay-2-nights-get-the-3rd-night-free; and more. Participating hotels and B&Bs include: The Liberty Hotel, Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro, The Colonnade Hotel, Hilton Boston Logan Airport, The Seaport Hotel, Doubletree Hotel Boston, The Inn at Longwood Medical, Encore Bed and Breakfast, The Kendall Hotel at the Engine 7 Firehouse, Le Meridien Cambridge and Hotel Indigo, Boston-Newton Riverside, among others.
- PARKING discounts include a \$10 flat rate at the Copley Place Parking Garage for anyone presenting a same-day, paid-ticket stub from any museum, theater or concert venue, and low rates at The Garage at Post Office Square.
- FREE AND LOW-COST EVENTS: MayorsHolidaySpecial.com also provides a complete guide to beloved Boston holiday traditions, such as the Tree Lightings, Skating on the Frog Pond, and the Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour, plus deals such as 15% off on the GoBoston Card.

Mayor Menino and the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events present this free service in collaboration with ArtsBoston and its year-round, half-price arts box office, BosTix, and many partners. A complete list of participating organizations, events, and deals is available at www.MayorsHolidaySpecial.com. Businesses and organizations are invited to add their own discounts and events to the listings by visiting the site at any time during the holiday season.

About the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events

The Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events fosters the growth of the cultural community, promotes public participation in the arts and public celebrations, and advances cultural tourism in Boston. For more information, visit www.cityofboston.gov/arts/

About ArtsBoston

ArtsBoston is the voice and resource for the arts in Greater Boston, representing more than 170 theatre, music, and dance member groups. Through a complete guide to Boston's arts scene at ArtsBoston.org, discount ticketing programs at BosTix.org and BosTixJr.org (for families), our BosTix kiosks at Copley Square and Faneuil Hall, and innovative marketing programs, ArtsBoston offers audiences in Greater Boston and visitors a way to discover, access, and enjoy live performances. Since its origin in 1975, ArtsBoston has brought more than three million people to the arts and returned more than \$42 million to Greater Boston's arts community. For more information, visit www.ArtsBoston.org.