

36th Annual

# Best of Boston

2011

**JAZZ BAR**  
**REGATTABAR**

**CHARLES HOTEL**  
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With all that energy and spontaneity rippling off the stage, hearing jazz live is always best. Less clear-cut is the choice between the atmospheric, loosey-goosey neighborhood haunt or the more polished concert venue, with the Hub having sterling examples of both. Inman Square's Ryles excels at being that corner joint, and its jazz brunch and weekly salsa lessons are bona fide fun. But show for set, it's the Charles Hotel's upscale yet intimate Regattabar—with its unparalleled roster of talent, from young bloods like Joshua Redman to legends like Coltrane pianist McCoy Tyner—that consistently hits the high note.

**RUNNER-UP:**  
**RYLES**

**LAST YEAR:**  
**WALLY'S CAFÉ**



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North End to South Shore, East Boston to MetroWest. We made a lot of stops in our hunt for the finest of everything the Hub has to offer, an annual quest that we took in a whole new direction this year: see "How We Did It," next page. And now, 12 months, hundreds of miles, and about a gazillion calories later, our Best of Boston journey has finally ended. Yours, however, is just getting started...

**BEST** DINING SHOPPING SERVICE NIGHTLIFE NORTH WEST SOUTH

J. Kent Ahl, Alison Amett, Matthew Reed Baker, Rachel Baker, Elizabeth Blitzer, Jamie Corbin, Anne & Craig, Geoffrey Daguerre, Dennis Garough, Sasha de Grandfort, Ariana Giacchino, Jason Kellerman, Brittany Jannett, J. L. Johnson, Charles Kelley, Paul Kim, Rachel Lester, Wyndham Lewis, Eric Ryan Murray, Andrew Quinn, Jason Schwartz, Francis Stern, Craig Swanson, Amy Trautman