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## Top picks of the week

By Sarah Tomlinson, Globe Correspondent |  
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### MR. LIF CD RELEASE SHOW:

Boston's hometown hip-hop pride, Mr. Lif (above), fetes the release of his new CD, "Mo' Mega," with his local crew at this CD release show. The album dropped last week on the revered Definitive Jux label, which is also home to the likes of Aesop Rock and up-and-comer Cage. Mr. Lif will show off his dark, frenetic rhymes at the show, which are drawn from a troubled childhood and years of drug addiction and institutionalization. Also on the bill are Plus, Elemental Zazen, Pangea Fam, Yak Ballz, and Camu Tao. The CD celebration begins at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$17 advance; \$20 the day of the show. 18+ Middle East Downstairs, 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge. 617-931-2000. [www.mideastclub.com](http://www.mideastclub.com)

THURS 6.22

**POPS ON THE EDGE:** It's the kind of thing aspiring musicians fantasize about when they're sitting around drinking beer, instead of practicing, and waxing poetic about making it big. The Boston Pops is inviting select musicians to perform at Symphony Hall, backed by the full Pops orchestra as part of the Pops on the Edge series. Tonight's installment features Louisville's transcendent alt-country rockers My Morning Jacket (right), which Rolling Stone magazine has called nothing less than America's answer to Radiohead. Early birds and night owls will enjoy pre- and post-concert sets by local blues rockers Jake Brennan & the Confidence Men, and indie rockers the Slip and Unbusted, who play beginning at 7 p.m. The show is at 8. Tickets: \$17-\$74. Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-1200. [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org)

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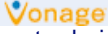


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## SAT 6.24

URBAN NETWORKS: "In the city, there's a thousand things I want to say to you," sang the Jam's Paul Weller back in 1977. Nearly 30 years later, the subject of how people interact and communicate in urban spaces has inspired this group exhibition of artists from around the country. Employing the latest technologies, these five interactive art projects by Finishing School, John (Craig) Freeman, Urban Atmospheres, URBANtells, and Jody Zellen examine social encounters in the contemporary metropolis. Through Aug. 6, the show runs from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Free. Art Interactive, 130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge. 617-498-0100.

[www.artinteractive.org](http://www.artinteractive.org)

## SAT 6.24

BRATTLE ANIME FESTIVAL 2: Anime fans are known to be a devoted lot. And so they may approach this 24-hour Japanese animation marathon as just another day when they don't see the sun while they indulge their passion. But those who have only dabbled in anime in the past will get a rare and intensive schooling on the art form, thanks to the event's many special screenings. Expect to catch "Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children," "Cowboy Bebop," and "Fullmetal Alchemist," plus other assorted goodies, prizes, and giveaways. The anime odyssey begins at noon. Attendees can come and go throughout the festival. Tickets: \$30, \$25 advance. Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge. 617-876-6838. [www.brattlefilm.org](http://www.brattlefilm.org)

## MON 6.26

"COASTAL VISIONS" BY MORGAN DAVIS AND HAL DEWALTOFF: Summertime means soaking up as much picturesque scenery as possible, and this new exhibit offers double the sightseeing pleasure. The South Street Gallery is near some of the South Shore's finest water views, and the show features work by two accomplished landscape painters. Boston-based Morgan Davis applies 18th-century techniques to her luminescent paintings, while Cape Cod resident Hal DeWaltoff captures the region's natural beauty with bold oil paintings. The show runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, through July 7. Free. South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. 781-749-0430.

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