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## Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market retail pop-up returns for the summer

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Boston, MA Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market returns to the Seaport neighborhood for its fourth year with a record of over 60 vendors for the market's 2023 season. Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market was named the "Best Retail Pop Up of 2021" by Boston Magazine for its eclectic collection and innovative ways to support local businesses owned by traditionally underrepresented groups. This season's market debuts on May 21 and represents the ongoing successful collaboration between WS Development, Boston Seaport and Black Owned Bos.

The open-air market will feature a different theme each month: May 21 "Flower Power", June 25 "Music", July 23 "Fun in the Sun", August 20 "ZaZ Fest", September 24 "Back to School" and October 8 "Fall Fest". The market is open from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Seaport Common (85 Northern Ave.) and is free to the public. Each month, special themed activities will vary as well, including a

family-friendly Tot Spot play space, games provided by The Little Cocoa Bean Co., beverages by Progressive Wine Co., food from Caribbean Latin fusion ZaZ Restaurant, live music by DJ Slick Vick & KNSZWRTH, along with entertainment and giveaways unifying the theme.

Celebrating local entrepreneurship, craftsmanship and art, the Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market will feature over 30 vendors each weekend from a rotating collection of over 60 vendors throughout the season. All vendors featured at the market are members of Black Owned Bos.' distinguished local network and each will have their own tented area to showcase their wares. Newcomers to the line-up include: handcrafted scented candles from Lumiere Rene Candle Co; cotton and silk headwraps from Tafari Wraps, a Fort Point business; stylish eyewear from Niraji; all-natural hair care products from Helen Dawn Haircare; artisan earrings from Airi Jewelry; and couples-matching swimwear from Bae Beaux.

A number of vendors return to the lineup this season, after participating in both past Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Markets and The Holiday Market at Snowport, including Ankhara By Luciana home décor and designs; House of Art and Craft handmade scented goods; GP Organics organic skincare products; women's clothing brand iLoveFGC; Nussli118 plant-based foods; and lifestyle brand BLACK LABEL.

"We are excited to continue growing our partnership with Black Owned Bos. and are humbled that this year marks our largest market yet! We are proud to welcome such a talented array of Black entrepreneurs and artisans to the neighborhood," said Emily Soukas, associate director, community & partnerships, WS Development Seaport.

"This season of the Seaport x Black Owned Bos. will be our best yet! Our goal for this season is to create a destination experience where people look forward to something new each month and can spend the day with us eating, shopping, and discovering their new, favorite retail brands," said Jae'da Turner, founder and managing director of Black Owned Bos.

A selection of participating Black-owned businesses is listed below:

- 748 Wood Designs
- Adorn Me Africa
- Airi Jewelry
- Ankhara by Luciana Home Décor & Designs
- Nussli118
- Bae Beaux
- BLACK LABEL

- Boogie Down Baby
- CrownBox Gifts
- Elevated Queen Essentials
- Emerald City Plant Shop
- Happy Beans Roaster
- Helen Dawn Haircare
- Hope Design
- House MVP
- iLoveFGC
- Jevela
- Krio Skincare
- Lexi Nails & Beauty
- Little Cocoa Bean Co.
- Luminere Rene Candles Co.
- Maxine Lorenzo Designs
- Niraji
- Phia Art
- Preciously Polished Jewelry
- Still Cute Vintage
- Stinky's Kittens & Doggie Too
- Tafari Wraps
- Tokens of Light

- True 9 Accessories
- Unplugged Essentials
- ZNT Arts

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