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## Boston Seaport by WS Development debuts Black Owned Bos. Market

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Boston, MA Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market has returned to the Seaport neighborhood for its fifth year with 45 vendors for the market's 2024 season. Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market is known for its eclectic collection and innovative ways to support local businesses owned by a celebrated community of Black creators and makers. It is an ongoing collaboration between Boston

Seaport by WS Development and Black Owned Bos.

The open-air market on Seaport Common will feature a different theme one Sunday a month: May 19 (Rhythm and Blooms), June 23 (The Cookout), July 21 (Island Style), August 25 (Afro-Soul), September 22 (Fall Fest) and October 20 (Hearty Harvest). The market is open from 12:00pm to 6:00pm on Seaport Common (85 Northern Ave.) and is free to the public. Each month, special activities will vary, including a family-friendly area to relax and play games called The Tot Spot provided by The Little Cocoa Bean Co., beverages by JK Catering & Events and food from rotating vendors, giveaways and more. Market goers can get a photo by Snapped in the themed photo booth while they enjoy live music by DJ Slick Vick & KNSZWORTH.

Celebrating local entrepreneurship, craftsmanship and art, the Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Market will feature 45 vendors each weekend from a rotating collection 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: wellness and crystal brand Body Stone & Soul, handmade wearable art from DLACHAE, Fairtrade African snack brand Gria Food Co., and nonprofit social enterprise, More Than Words, that empowers system-involved youth to take charge of a business where 100% of its proceeds go directly to training and educating youth.

A number of vendors return to the lineup this season, after participating in past Seaport x Black Owned Bos. Markets or The Holiday Market at Snowport, including modern wire jewelry and Best of Boston winning brand Airi Jewelry, handcrafted soul care brand GP Organics, Roxbury-born lifestyle brand Hope Design, New England's first Black-owned plant shop and community incubator space Emerald City Plant Shop, luxury eyewear brand Niraji and many more.

"We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with Black Owned Bos. and are proud to once again welcome such a talented array of Black entrepreneurs and artisans to the neighborhood," says Emily Soukas, associate director, community & partnerships, WS Development Seaport.

"I am excited to usher in the 5th season. This year, we're dedicated to curating a vibrant atmosphere where every visit promises fresh delights, from delectable bites to discovering your new favorite brand. Join us each market for community, commerce, and culture on Seaport Common," said Jae'da Turner founder and managing director of Black Owned Bos.

A selection of participating Black-owned businesses listed below.

AIRI Jewelry & Gallery

Akosua's Closet

Ankhara By Luciana Home Décor & Designs

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Ayana Mack Design

BGM Apparel

Body, Stone and Soul

CrownBox Gifts

DARK MODE

DLACHAE

Elevated Queen Essentials

Emerald City Plant Shop

Glow'd by KRS

GP Organics

GRIA Food Co

Hope Design

House of Art and Craft

iLoveFGC

Inside Out Creations

Jahzara Fashion House

Krio skincare

Layostore

LBM Jewelry

Lumiere Rene Candle Company

MAHOGANI

Maxine Lorenzo Designs

Mayté Ifeya

Mi Esencia By So

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