

51st Festival Betances Celebrates Vibrant Sounds and Soul of Latinx Culture

New England's longest-running Latino cultural festival draws over 3,000 attendees

SUBMITTED BY IBA

On Saturday, July 20th, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) hosted Festival Betances: Un Verano en Betances, a day-long celebration of Latinx culture, soul and sound, which brought the vibrant energy of summer in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and South America to the heart of Boston. The festival, which took place in the South End's Plaza Betances, marked over 50 years of community, music, and joy.

The event, which is New England's longest-running Latino cultural festival, featured a star-stud-

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IBA CEO Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, Luz Gladys Oliveros, Latinx Cultural Advisor for the Office of Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn, Boston City Councilor At-Large Julia Mejia and IBA Board Member Hector Cruz. Photo courtesy of IBA.

Team Impact Honors Campuses At 4th Annual Fellowship Awards Ceremony



Boston-based nonprofit hosted the awards presentation at the annual Fellowship Summit honoring the fellows' outstanding work with Team IMPACT. Photos courtesy of Team IMPACT.

SUBMITTED BY TEAM IMPACT

As part of Team IMPACT's 2024 Fellowship Summit, the nonprofit—which matches children facing serious illness and disability with college sports teams—hosted its

fourth annual Fellowship Awards to honor the college campuses and student-athletes for the above and beyond work fellows have done this year for Team IMPACT. More than 170 student-athletes from Team IMPACT's Fellowship

Program traveled to Boston for the Fellowship Summit at Boston University. Among other honorees, Princeton was honored as the Division I Fellowship Campus of the Year, and Tufts was the Division III Fellowship Campus of the Year.

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GUEST OPINION

Medicare Savings Program, Property Tax Workoff & City Savings for Older Adults

BOSTON MAYOR MICHELLE WU

I'm excited to let you know about two important programs that help our older residents save more money:

The first is the Medicare Savings Program (MSP)—which now offers more savings to more residents. Thanks to changes that went into effect earlier this year, assets are no longer counted against your eligibility for this program, eliminating a major barrier for access. And, on top

of that, the amount of money you could save on Medicare-related costs like premiums, copays, and prescriptions has increased as well—from \$2,500 a year to \$3,000.

The second program I want to tell you about is Age Strong's Property Tax Workoff Program (PTWOP). The PTWOP invites Boston homeowners age 60 and older to volunteer with the City in order to work money off of their property taxes. PTWOP

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South Ender Colin Fisher named a Paula Apsell/GBH STEM Scholar

SUBMITTED BY GBH

As part of its longstanding commitment to supporting science education, Boston public media producer GBH announced the 2024 recipients of the Paula Apsell/GBH STEM Scholarship. Seven Boston



Continued on page 3 Colin Fisher. Photo courtesy of GBH.

Open Call BCA Playwright Residency Apply by August 4



Reading of (UN)HOUSED by BCA Playwright Resident Fabiola R. Decius, 2024. Photo by Michaila Cowie.

SUBMITTED BY BCA

Apply soon for the 2024-2025 BCA Playwright Residency — the application deadline is August 4. We

are accepting two playwrights for the year-long residency that starts September 2024. This residency

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D-4 Officers Arrested Armed Robbery Suspect In The South End

FROM BOSTON POLICE

At about 5:02 PM, on Friday, July 12, 2024, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) arrested a 29 year-old man, of Boston, on robbery and assault charges.

Officers responded to the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Shawmut Avenue for a report of an armed robbery in progress. Boston Police Operations advised officers that someone was

getting robbed and a male suspect had a knife.

Upon arrival, officers observed two males fighting with each other. Officers observed the suspect to be holding a knife and ordered him to drop it which he complied. Officers quickly placed the suspect into handcuffs.

The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Intent to Rob While Armed, and Assault and Battery.

Festival Betances

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ded musical lineup that included legendary salsa singer Charlie Aponte, award-winning salsa and timba group Pirulo y La Tribu, salsa vocalist Luis Matos Burgos, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Zayra Pola, and salsa singer and vocal powerhouse EhShawnee.

"Festival Betances has been New England's premiere Latino cultural festival highlighting the need for Latinx-focused programming. We're dedicated to ensuring the Latino communities of Massachusetts are celebrated and empowered through arts and community development," said IBA CEO Vanessa Calderón-Rosado. "Festival Betances is a declaration that Latinx culture is integral to Boston's diverse tapestry and it's heartening to see a growing diverse audience, including non-Spanish speakers, and strong corporate and donor support, signaling a shared commitment to inclusivity and cultural celebration."

In addition to the musical performances, Festival Betances highlighted the diversity

of Latinx culture through a lively parade, a variety of food trucks and vendors offering traditional cuisine, and arts, crafts and children's activities like face painting and inflatables. The festival drew a multicultural audience of over 3,000 people from across Boston, the Commonwealth and beyond.

The event also featured guest emcees Rubi Tiburcio from Mega 96.5 FM, and Abimael Castro from Telemundo Nueva Inglaterra. Notable attendees included Luz Gladys Oliveros, Latinx Cultural Advisor for the Office of Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn, Boston City Councilor At-Large Julia Mejia, and more.

Festival Betances is IBA's flagship arts event, in addition to year-round programming encompassing the Tito Puentes Latin Music Series, Holiday Concert, jazz concerts, and gallery exhibitions. Sponsors and supporters of IBA's programming include the City of Boston's Parks and Recreation Department, Berklee College of Music, Amazon, Eastern Bank, Verizon, Mass Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for Arts.

STEM

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public high school graduates will receive a \$4,700 award toward post-secondary STEM education.

The scholarship is named for Paula Apsell, Senior Executive Producer Emerita of the science series NOVA, which is produced by GBH and seen nationally on PBS. The scholarship application process is open to all Boston public high school seniors planning post-secondary education in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

"GBH is proud to support the 2024 cohort of Paula Apsell/GBH STEM Scholars as they pursue careers in STEM," said GBH President and CEO Susan Goldberg. "With a growing demand for a talented and diverse STEM workforce, we honor and support this remarkable group as they enter college and equip themselves with

the skills needed to succeed."

The scholarship winners represent five Boston public schools: Boston Latin, John D. O'Bryant School of Math & Science, New Mission, Boston International Newcomers Academy, and Boston Arts Academy. They plan to study STEM related fields at colleges and universities across the country this fall, including Brown University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Simmons University, Boston University, and Cornell University.

The scholarship, which launched in 2020, is endowed by GBH for 10 years. To date, 61 students representing high schools from across the city have been awarded the Paula S. Apsell/GBH STEM Boston Public Schools Scholarship for their future studies. More about the students can be found here:

<https://www.wgbh.org/foundation/paula-apsell-stem-scholarship>.

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GUEST OPINION

The Passing Of Jack Connors

CARDINAL O'MALLEY

Jack Connors has gone to God and left us all with the legacy of a life lived in the service of others. To his wife Eileen, to his four children and their spouses, and his thirteen grandchildren I extend my prayers and consolation.

The tributes to Jack's legacy will undoubtedly come from many sources, commending his leadership in the world of commerce, his vision of what a good society should be, and his seemingly endless generosity to others. When I first came as Archbishop of Boston,

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Jack combined a life of civic leadership and Christian generosity. The generosity was never confined to one area of need or suffering; it was boundless in its content. Jack's influence could be found across the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the Church, he served so well.

While his gifts of intelligence and wisdom enhanced the Archdiocese of Boston in multiple ways, it was the education of children which captured his heart and engaged his enormous energy. The founder and the continuing inspiration of the Campaign for Catholic Schools, Jack drew a broad range of talented women and men together in the service of providing quality education for children of all faiths and from all social strata of our civil society.

He is widely praised for his commitment and leadership involving many important organizations that serve the common good. Here I feel particularly privileged to be able to acknowledge his impact on Catholic education

in an Archdiocese where schools have been the pathway in the past and continuing today for children of citizens and immigrants to become successful members of our society.

Jack brought his widely esteemed business acumen to his life as a citizen and a Catholic. I use this tribute to particularly emphasize his commitment to build a better American society one marked by social justice and fairness. Jack's faith and Jesuit education grounded his conviction to honor the human dignity of every person of every faith and every ethnic or racial community which make up the mosaic of the United States. His position and role in Boston offered him the opportunity to enhance human dignity, to foster human equality and to provide a model for others who joined him in so many endeavors across several decades.

We have lost a great friend and a great leader of our common life in Greater Boston, but we are a better community of neighbors, friends, and citizens because he lived and worked among us for so long.

May he rest in peace and may his legacy be continued.

Mayor Opinion

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volunteers have the freedom to determine their own schedules and provide support to various City departments from the Boston Public Library and our senior centers, to the Disabilities Commission or the Office of Veterans Services. This year—thanks to advocacy from AgeStrong and our partners in community—older adults can now earn \$2,000 off their property taxes—up from \$1,500. Examples of past PTWOP projects include helping children with school work at the Leahy Holloran Community Center, directing traffic at the annual Boston Americans with Disabilities Act event, and assisting with the

distribution of free air-conditioning units to Boston families.

Applications for PTWOP are now open. For more information, call Age Strong at 617-635-4366 or visit

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/age-strong-commission/senior-property-tax-work>.

There are also a number of other savings available to Boston residents age 60 or older. Age Strong's trained advocates can help you find out if you're eligible for savings on transportation, food resources, fuel assistance, water and sewer discounts, and health insurance.

Call to schedule an appointment with an advocate at 617-635-4366 or ask an Age Strong advocate the next time you see one at one of our in-person events in your neighborhood.

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I hope these programs help save you money and make Boston a better home for you and your loved ones.

Open Call

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supports rising playwrights by providing space to write, rehearse, and workshop a new work.

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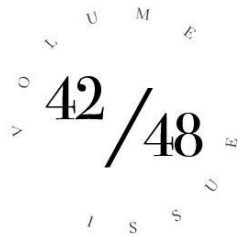
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rising playwrights by providing space to write, rehearse, and workshop a new work. Support is tailored to the selected artist, including mentorship, professional development to create, produce and reach expanded audiences, as well as further their creative process. This program aims to provide a container for playwrights who are invested in developing experimental work that sheds light on underrepresented stories and narratives. The playwright must create a new work while in the program.

As part of the program, the awarded play-

wrights will have access to free space for a mid-year workshop, as well as a final staged reading. The playwrights will have access to a studio space located in the BCA Artist Studios Building, located at 551 Tremont St. The studio space will be shared between both playwrights, and it is already equipped with desks, chairs and power. The playwrights will also be able to work with up to 5 collaborators for the mid-year workshop and final stage reading.

Visit: bostonarts.org/event/open-call-bca-playwright-residency/ to apply.



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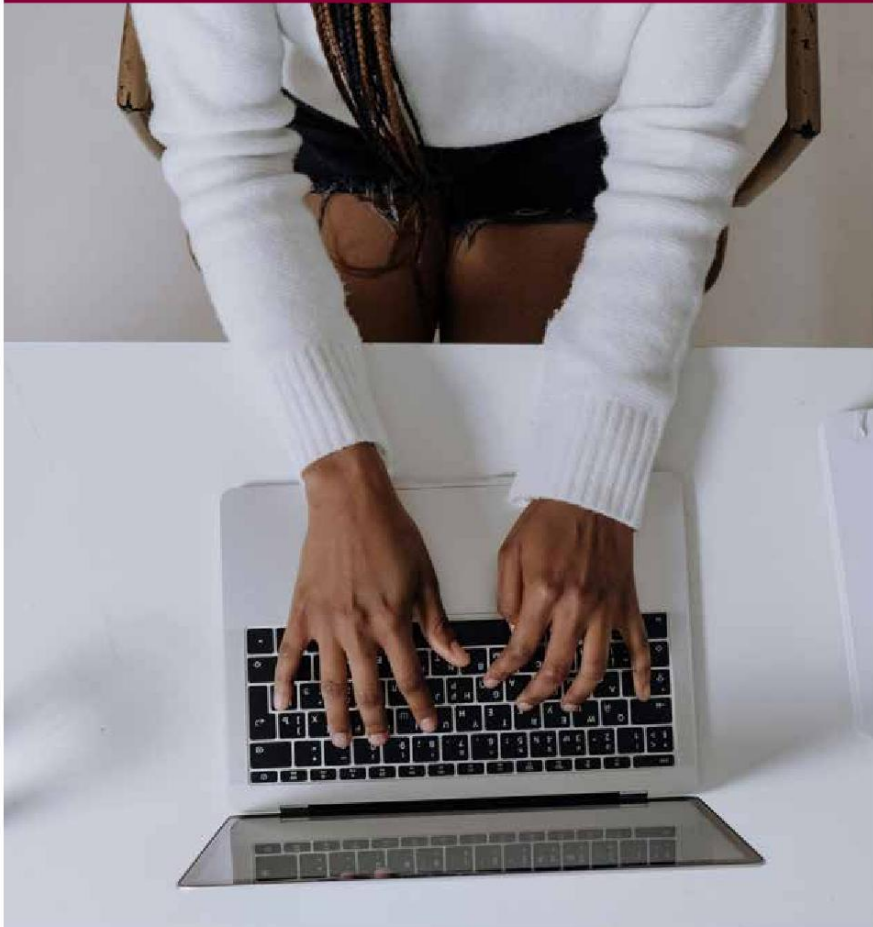
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In the matter of: David Thompson Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent Of: Boston, MA	
Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114, (617) 788-8300	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the First account(s) of Jonathan J. Davey, Esq. of Quincy, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.	
You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/12/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of account(s).	
Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.	
You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.	
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 05, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate	

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
In the Estate of: Wayne Joseph Desserres, Jr. Also Known as: Wayne J. Desserres, Jr. Date of Death: October 9, 2023 Docket No. SU24P0109EA	
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Catherine M. Weber of Hanover MA.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
Catherine M. Weber of Hanover MA, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.	
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Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.	
It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before August 29, 2024. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.	
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Date: 6/12/2024	<i>Hon. Judge Abbe L. Ross</i>

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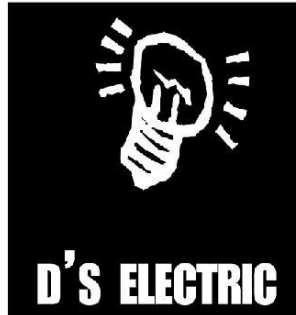
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