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## **Faneuil Hall Marketplace Is The Place To Be For Any Season**

*Every day is a holiday at Faneuil Hall Marketplace*

**(Boston, MA) – May 1, 2016** – Faneuil Hall Marketplace is constantly buzzing with events, performances and activities throughout the year. From live street performances throughout the spring, summer and fall to the holiday light show during Blink!, there is something for visitors of all ages to enjoy at the Marketplace.

Starting late spring, Faneuil Hall Marketplace will have free outdoor activities such as ping-pong and chess or channel your inner Picasso at the Art Studio. Pride Day at Faneuil Hall returns to kick off Boston Pride Week on June 4 for its 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Meet this year's Pride Parade Marshals and enjoy live entertainment by local artists, Zumba classes, karaoke and a massive dance party. At the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston Area MG Club Classic Car Show Series through the months of June, July and August at the West End of the Marketplace visitors can view a vast selection of antique cars and chat with the owners. From July 1 to July 4 celebrate America's Independence and honor the city's colonial roots at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Harborfest featuring around 35 different activities.

"We place a strong focus on ensuring there is always something fun to do for visitors of all ages," said Ed Hurley, Marketing Director of Faneuil Hall Marketplace. "This year we are excited to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the renovation of Faneuil Hall Marketplace where we will offer several promotional opportunities to honor the legacy of the property."

August 26, 2016, marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Faneuil Hall Marketplace's renovation into the premier urban destination that it is today. There will be festivities all summer long to mark the important date in the history of the re-opening of the Marketplace.

The Marketplace gets busy in October with the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual A'Capella Competition where the best a'capella groups in New England go head-to-head as they entertain the crowds while competing in the West End of the Marketplace. The month ends with a "woof" at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pet Parade. Visitors are encouraged to bring their pooch or feline to strut their stuff in costume for a chance to win fantastic prizes.

Kick off the holiday season with Faneuil Hall Marketplace's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Spectacular. The program features songs, dance and merriment with the lighting of the tree as the grand finale. For the next six weeks, the Marketplace is transformed into a magical state-of-the-art sound and light show where more than 350,000 lights blink to the songs of the Boston Holiday Pops. This light extravaganza is known as Blink! and runs through January 1<sup>st</sup>. That's not all! Don't miss out on the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tuba Christmas, presented by Harvey Phillips Foundation, where an estimated 150-200 tuba players serenade the crowd with favorite holiday classics at their outdoor performance in the West End.

Below are highlights as to some of the history, dining and shopping options that Faneuil Hall Marketplace offers. Visitors are encouraged to visit the [Faneuil Hall Marketplace website](#) for more complete listings.

### **What You'll Learn**

At Faneuil Hall Marketplace, you'll visit the Faneuil Hall that served as a platform for the country's most famous orators, where colonists first protested the Sugar Act in 1764 and established the doctrine of "no taxation without representation." You'll walk through Quincy Market, which opened in 1826 to accommodate merchants' growing need for market space. Here are some additional historical exhibits and tours you'll have access to on your visit:

- The Marketplace is right along Boston's Freedom Trail. Search here for guided and self-guided tours:
  - At the various trolley tour booths, you can reserve spots on a trolley tour around historic Boston, or take the nautical route with a duck tour.
  - The marketplace is just a short walk from the Paul Revere House in the North End.
  - Check out the free Boston Marathon exhibit, *Boston: America's Greatest Marathon Exhibit*, which details the history of The Boston Marathon. It is located on the second floor of the Best of Boston store.
  - Visit the free *Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company Museum* located on the fourth floor of Historic Faneuil Hall. This museum is the oldest chartered military organization in the western hemisphere whose mission is to preserve historic and patriotic traditions of Boston, MA and the U.S. Additionally, visitors are invited to enjoy a free talk in Historic Faneuil Hall every hour on the half hour.

### **Where You Can Eat**

The Marketplace offers 14 restaurants and pubs including local staples like Cheers and Durgin Park. You'll also find over 31 international food vendors inside of the Quincy Market Colonnade, the largest food hall in New England.

### **Where You Can Shop**

Faneuil Hall Marketplace is home to nearly 100 of the finest shops and specialty pushcarts. Shop for clothing, jewelry, souvenirs and much more.

## **About Faneuil Hall Marketplace**

Faneuil Hall Marketplace is one of the nation's premiere retail destinations combining a rich history with innovative retail concepts. The cobblestone streets are lined with famous restaurants, ethnic food stalls and a wide variety of stores. Renowned for outdoor entertainment, Faneuil Hall has hosted many events and performances from acrobats and magicians to musicians and more. This one-of-a-kind marketplace has something for everyone and promises a memorable experience every time.

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