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**BALTIMORE FARMERS' MARKET & BAZAAR RETURNS**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7–SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> opener of the **Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar** offers a can't-miss food experience! The market produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) begins Sundays **April 7 through December 22, 2019 from 7am to noon**, located on Saratoga Street between Holliday and Gay streets, underneath the Jones Falls Expressway. On opening day, the first 100 visitors to the Welcome Tent receive a **market tote bag**; young musicians with the **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's OrchKids** perform starting at 9:30am; and **BOPA's Brand Ambassadors** hand out giveaways and news on BOPA's events and programs.

The annual market features a variety of fruits, vegetables, dairy, meats and seafood, breads, plants and made-to-order food, in addition to handmade accessories, vintage clothing, natural bath and body products, home furnishings, souvenirs and original works of art. Marketgoers' favorites return for the 2019 season as well as **new food and bazaar vendors**: Brooklyn Farm, Cajou Cream, DanCandle, Frog Farm Arts, Glass Adornments, Guacamole Specialists, Hemp and Healthy, Lucky Bat Paper Co., Lucky Bean Jewelry, Miller Productions, NEGUS CRE8, Sagamore Spirit, SamunTea Shop, Sporty Dog Creations, Tavon's Beard Butter, The Salad Lady, Utopian Dreamer, and Victorine Q Adams Community Garden.

Additionally, throughout the year, marketgoers who receive **FMNP** (Farmers Market Nutrition Program, both WIC and Senior) and **SNAP** (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) may access these federal nutrition benefits, as well as matching dollars through the **Maryland Market Money** program.

Each Sunday from May to December, the market holds a **First Sundays** event with giveaways, discounts, crafts and special guests, vendors and organizations. The 2019 themes include: Bike to Market Day (May 5), Nurse Appreciation Day (June 2), Independent Women

(July 7), First Responder Day (August 4), Back to School Teacher Appreciation (September 1), Fall Harvest (October 6), Meet the Farmers (November 3) and Holiday Art Expo (December 1).

Also during the first Sunday of each month from May to October from 9am to 10:30am, the market hosts free **Chef Egg Live: Farmers' Market Family Classes** supported by the Bright StARTS program, preceded by a shopping tour of the market. Visit [Eventbrite](#) for online registration. Plus, the market features a new **Pop-up Farmers and Food Vendors** program where businesses have an opportunity to sell their products to thousands of marketgoers throughout the year. Interested farmers and food vendors with availability for four consecutive Sundays in a month may apply in advance until November 2019. Applications for the pop-up vendor program are available at [www.promotionandarts.org](http://www.promotionandarts.org). Additional new and returning programs include: Composting Drop-off Zone with the Baltimore Office of Sustainability; Ask a Farmer; fresh food cooking demonstrations; Master Gardener; and Wilde Thyme cooking demonstrations.

The Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar is produced by BOPA and supported by the Mayor and City of Baltimore.

*The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, events center and film office. By producing large-scale events such as Artscape, the Baltimore Book Festival and Light City, and providing funding and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the city, BOPA's goal is to make Baltimore a more vibrant and creative city.*

For more information on the Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar, visit [www.promotionandarts.org](http://www.promotionandarts.org) or call 410-752-8632. [Sign up](#) for the monthly market newsletter, and stay connected through Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bmorefarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/bmorefarmersmarket) and Twitter at [www.twitter.com/bmorefarmersmkt](http://www.twitter.com/bmorefarmersmkt) using the hashtag #bmorefarmersmkt.

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