

# Bargains of the week: Iced coffee, fashion show, and a musician's dream festival

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This week, it's safe to say Boston's *hot* — in scorching temperatures and loads of free things to do around the city. Check out a local iced coffee class, a free fashion show, and the oldest Latinx festival in Boston. Plus, conduct your own orchestral masterpiece at a block party.

## Free events

**BUILD UP** The Museum of Fine Arts is bringing in certified Lego Master Model Builders to help you tap into your creativity. The Lego Discovery Center will host this family-friendly event with guided workshops to make Lego creations based on the museum's "Hallyu! The Korean Wave" exhibit. These 30-minute workshops are first come, first served. *July 15, noon to 5 p.m. Free with admission. Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Family Courtyard at the MFA, 465 Huntington Ave. mfa.org*

**PUT YOUR STAMP ON SUMMER** Siobhan Mahaney of Weston's Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History is coming to The Boston Public Library's Faneuil Branch to provide a lecture geared toward adults. As an educational consultant, Mahaney will reveal stamps' historical and cultural insights, and how to get into stamp collecting as a hobby. *July 16, 6 to 7 p.m. Free. BPL, Faneuil Branch, 419 Faneuil St., Brighton. bpl.org*

**CONDUCT YOUR MASTERPIECE** Mid-week, Boston Landmarks Orchestra hosts its Community Block Party on the banks of the Charles. Four Strings Academy, a multicultural classical music program, and HONK!, which hosts activist street bands in its annual festival, will perform. Attendees can try their hand at string instruments with Johnson String Instruments, plus face painting and free snacks. Don't miss the "Maestro Zone," where guest conductors will give a brief lesson so you can "conduct" your own masterpiece. *July 17, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. DCR Hatch Memorial Shell, 47 David G Mugar Way. landmarksorchestra.org*

**OUTDOOR GROOVE** North End Music and Performing Arts Center's Jazz in the Park series is hosting Grammy-nominated Cambridge native Debo Ray. In 2023, the Globe raised the question: "Is there anything Debo Ray can't sing?" Find out by heading to the Greenway. *July 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Rose Kennedy Greenway, Cross Street between Hanover and North streets. nempacbos-ton.org*



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Let the music wash over you at Boston Landmarks Orchestra's Community Block Party. Below left: Jazz in the Park is sure to have everyone dancing, here's proof. Below right: A previous lineup of coffee at George Howell Coffee House.



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GEORGE HOWELL COFFEE

**GET ICED** There's nothing like an iced coffee in the summer — and now you can learn how to perfect your at-home barista game at George Howell's Downtown Crossing location. Head over to see how different brewing techniques affect the taste of New England's favorite beverage, just in time to enjoy it all summer. Space is limited, so registration is encouraged. *July 20, 1 to 2 p.m. Free. George Howell Coffee, 505 Washington St. george-howellcoffee.com*

**WORK IT** If you can't wait for "The Devil Wears Prada" sequel, snag a runway seat at Abigail Ogilvy Gallery. The South End gallery hosts its first-ever fashion show, hosted by Lucius Mitton. Titled "The Garden of the Octopus," 15 local designers will show 47 looks centering on the theme of sustainability. There will be two shows, and registration is required. *July 20, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. Free. Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, 450 Harrison Ave. #29. eventbrite.com*

**¡WEPÁ!** The longest-running Latinx festival in Boston is back for another year! Charlie Aponte, who was the lead singer of El

Gran Combo for more than 40 years, is this year's headliner. He'll be joined by EhShawnee, Luis Matos Burgos, and others on the lineup. The festival will also host an El sabor de La Dura kiosk with frituras, piña coladas, and other Puerto Rican food for purchase. Plus, there's a parade! *July 20, noon to 8 p.m. Free. Plaza Betances, 100 W. Dedham St. ibaboston.org*

## Deals and steals

**FIND YOUR FLOW** Every Wednesday this summer, Down Under Yoga is partnering with South Standard to offer free workout and yoga classes. This week, Down Under instructor Cam Barach teaches a strength and conditioning class, which is sure to have you breaking a sweat under the sun. Be sure to bring a mat — they won't be provided. *July 17, 6 to 7 p.m. Free. 235 Old Colony Ave. eventbrite.com*

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