

CAPE ANN Museum

200th Brazilian Independence Day Celebration at Cape Ann Museum

Sunday, August 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.



Capoeira MDP at CAM Green during the Gloucester Juneteenth Festival – Aram Boghosian

GLOUCESTER, MASS. (August 2022) – Independence Day of Brazil, or Sete de Setembro, is officially celebrated on September 7 to mark Brazil’s Declaration of Independence from Portugal in 1822. This year, to celebrate the 200th anniversary, the [Cape Ann Museum](#) and Action Inc. are working with local Brazilian community members to share Brazilian food, culture, music and dance in Downtown Gloucester. Taste salgadinhos, dance capoeira and make your own Brazilian flag during this afternoon celebration.

“We are surrounded by Brazilian culture here on Cape Ann and are excited to see this reflected within the Museum,” said Oliver Barker, Director of Cape Ann Museum. “The Museum exists to tell the unique story of this place and the multiple communities that call Cape Ann home and we hope that everyone will join in this fun afternoon of activities and celebration with several of our community partners.”

The Brazilian community has been growing on Cape Ann, mostly Downtown Gloucester, for over 35 years. Over 4,000 Brazilians currently live across Cape Ann and have started businesses including local restaurants, hair salons, stores and cleaning companies.

In 2022, Independence Day of Brazil is one of a number of key community celebrations that have been spearheaded by the Cape Ann Museum including Gloucester's So Salty; 2nd Annual COVID Memorial; Gloucester Juneteenth Festival; Courtyard Concert Series; and concludes with Indigenous Heritage Day on September 24th at the Cape Ann Museum Green campus.

Independence Day of Brazil activities on August 28th include:

- Live music from Vidinha de Balada in the Cape Ann Museum (CAM) courtyard
- DJ Marks in the Cape Ann Museum courtyard
- Photographs by Sergio Oshira on display inside the CAM
- Capoeira MdP performance at City Hall
- Jiu Jitsu performance by DF Fitness at City Hall
- Food for sale by Oliver's Harbor Restaurant
- Make your own Brazilian Flag in the CAM Sculpture Garden
- Free face painting and balloons in the CAM Sculpture Garden
- Community tables from the Sawyer Free Library, the Open Door, the Gloucester Education Foundation, North Shore Community Health Center, Schooner Adventure, the Gloucester Human Rights Committee, and more.

The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national, and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, three historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum opened the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the [Cape Ann Museum Green](#). The campus also includes three historic buildings – the White-Ellery House (1710), the recently acquired Babson-Alling House (c.1740), and an adjacent Barn (c. 1740), all located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester.

The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 adults, \$12.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors, and students. Youth (18 and under) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on the second Saturday of each month. For more information please call (978)283-0455 x110 or visit www.capeannmuseum.org.

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