

Five ways to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month around Boston

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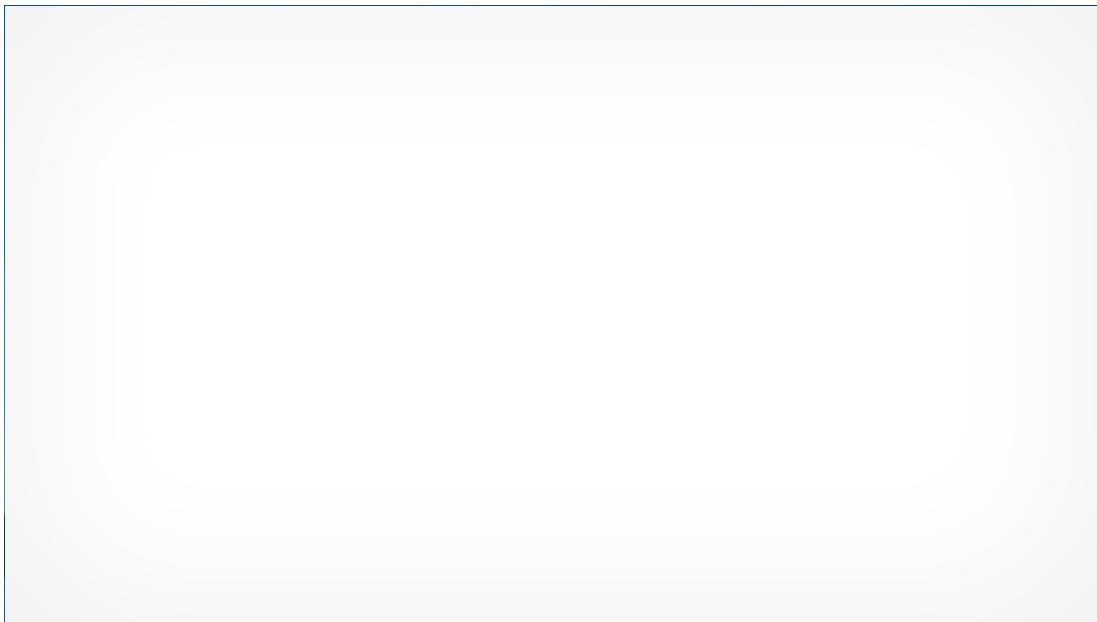
Gund Kwok Asian Women's Lion and Dragon Dance Troupe performed a lion dance in Chinatown Aug. 14, 2016. The group will perform during AAPI Month celebrations around Boston in May. KEITH BEDFORD/GLOBE STAFF

Since 1992, the month of May has been officially designated Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the United States, often recognized as just [AAPI Heritage Month](#). In 2021, the name was officially updated to include “Native Hawaiian.” This year, there is no shortage of ways to commemorate the occasion. Here are five ways to celebrate in and around Boston.

AAPI NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK To kick the month off, Fenway Park and the [Boston Red Sox](#) are hosting their annual Asian-American & Pacific Islander Celebration. Any fans who purchased tickets to Wednesday's game against the San Francisco Giants through a now sold-out offer will get a red, navy, and gold-trimmed Red Sox jersey mailed to their address. Tickets to the game still remain, and anyone who attends will be treated to special food and drink offers as well as cultural performances prior to first pitch. *May 1, 7:10 p.m. first pitch. Tickets start at \$17. Fenway Park. mlb.com/redsox.*

STREET FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL For the second year, the Harvard Square Philippine American Alliance is putting on the Asian Street Food & Music Festival this Sunday in Harvard Square. The festival features live music, dance performances, vendors, and features artists Paul Sapiera, Denise Kim, and Aztech. The event is a part of the annual MayFair celebration, which highlights many different celebrations across Harvard Square. *May 5. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free, donations are accepted. Church Street Parking Lot, Cambridge. hspaa.org.*

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STORIES OF CAMBRIDGE Take a trip through the culinary history of [Cambridge](#) with this panel discussion featuring three Chinese American speakers with ties to the restaurant and food service industry. Stephen Chen, Paul Lee, and Richard Ning will

discuss how the restaurant business has shaped their personal and familial experiences as well as the Chinese American experience at large. This event is being hosted by History Cambridge in collaboration with Chinese Historical Society of New England and One in a Billion Productions. *May 6. 6 p.m. Free, donations are accepted. Cambridge Public Library Lecture Hall, 449 Broadway, Cambridge. historycambridge.org.*

GUND KWOK WOMEN'S LION & DRAGON DANCE Gund Kwok, the first Asian Women's Lion & Dragon Dance Troupe in the United States, will be putting on two spectacles at the Faneuil and Hyde Park branches of the Boston Public Library. Each hour-long event features two lion dances, an educational section on the importance of the Year of the Dragon, an interactive history of the lion dance, and a costume try-on. *May 11. noon-1 p.m. Free. 419 Faneuil St. bpl.bibliocommons.com/events. May 18. noon-1 p.m. Free. 35 Harvard Ave., Hyde Park. bpl.bibliocommons.com/events.*



The Boston Road Runners AAPI 5K in 2022. The race this year is May 18. MICHAEL MACH

AAPI 5K Support non-profits and get your blood pumping with a 5K race organized by Boston Roadrunners. The festivities will begin at Carson Beach's Metropolitan District Commission Rest and wind along a 3.1-mile trail. Bib pickup will occur on Saturday at the race site and the two days prior at lululemon on Newbury St. Proceeds from the race, which includes the entry fee for runners, will go toward supporting local AAPI non-profit organizations. The race officially begins at 9 a.m., though organizers recommend getting there at 8 a.m. due to limited parking availability. *May 18. 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Carson Beach, South Boston. T-shirts available during bib pickup. Signup prices vary depending on time. For more information, visit bostonroadrunners.org.*

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