

### EASTER AT THE CATHEDRAL



Mayor Wu and her family attended the Mass.  
Photo by Patrick O'Connor



Archbishop Henning greeting parishioners outside the Cathedral after Mass for Easter Sunday. Photo by Patrick O'Connor.



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## Moonbox's 'CROWNS' Celebrates Black Heritage Through Hats and Harmonies

BY JULES BECKER  
Contributing Writer

Regine Vital, in her director's note for the latest Moonbox Productions effort, calls "CROWNS" a "joyful musical about church ladies and their hats." This stirring Helen Hayes Award-Winning show traces the connection between Black women and their richly diverse hats all the way back to early African rituals and all the way forward to contemporary religious attire. Make no mistake. Through a variety of musical styles and dance as well as vivid stories about the show's women and their hats, "CROWNS" not only celebrates

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CROWNS, Moonbox Productions at Arrow Street Arts, Cambridge, through May 4. [moonboxproductions.org](http://moonboxproductions.org)



The company of Moonbox Productions staging of "Crowns" at Arrow Street Arts. Photo by Chelcy Garrett.

## Boston Democratic Ward Committees to Host Mayoral Forum on 5/15

SUBMITTED BY  
WARD 4 DEMOCRATS

A coalition of Boston Democratic ward committees will be hosting a mayoral forum on Thursday, May 15, at 6:15 pm.

Mayor Michelle Wu, Josh Kraft, Domingos DaRosa, and Kerry Augustin have confirmed their attendance. The forum will be moderated by Saraya Wintersmith,

Political Reporter at GBH News.

The event will be virtual. Interested attendees can RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/345td92b>.

Co-sponsors include the Democratic Committees of Boston's Wards 1, 4, 5, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, and 21.

Ward 1 includes all of East Boston. Ward 4 spans Back Bay, the Fenway, and the South End. Ward 5 spans Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Bay Village, Chinatown, Downtown,

the Fenway, and the South End. Ward 11 spans Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. Wards 15 includes part of Dorchester. Ward 17 includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan. Ward 18 spans Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Mattapan. Ward 19 spans Jamaica Plain and Roslindale. Ward 21 spans Allston and Brighton.

Contact: Jonathan Cohn, Boston Ward 4 Dems secretary, [ward4dems@gmail.com](mailto:ward4dems@gmail.com), 215-630-2633

## 30th Annual South End Garden Tour

SUBMITTED BY THE TRUSTEES

The 30th Annual South End Garden Tour will happen on Saturday, June 21, from 10am-4p, at South End Boston Public Library Park, 685 Tremont Street.

The South End Garden Tour is a self-guided tour through the

neighborhood, stopping at historical places, private and public gardens, and other significant spots. The South End hosts 10 of the 56 Trustees community gardens, which can be explored along the tour along with a plethora of private gardens homeowners have generously given access to for just one day!

Historically and today, these gardens have acted as community gathering spaces and growing spaces where residents have provided for their families, hosting unique cultural crops and cultivation techniques brought to the area from

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## Moonbox

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Black church culture but also presents the odyssey of a young African-American named Yolanda from questioning to embracing the importance of this part of her heritage. Thanks to a high energy staging by Moonbox, the 90-minute, one-act musical's timely messages about traditions and understanding should have theatergoers from all ethnic backgrounds and religions moving in happy solidarity in their seats at Arrow St. Arts.

While the musical's book by Regina Taylor (adapted from a collaboration by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry) informatively explains many social and spiritual associations of the characters' head coverings, the story through line takes Yolanda from Brooklyn to join Southern family members after the killing of her brother. Gradually she learns to appreciate the hats of relatives as well as those of other church ladies. There are humorous observations as well as serious moments. Notably a purple attired woman named Velma – owning hundreds of hats and considered a “hat queen” speaks of the importance of “hattitude.” Another churchgoer named Wanda advises against hats that look like lampshades. There is even a sequence involving an old lady named Lizzie who is actually attired with a hat in her casket. A historically telling sequence details the struggle to desegregate lunch counters (at Woolworth's) and eliminate the inability of Black women hat buyers to shop at “whites only” department stores.

The vocally talented cast make the most of the many musical numbers that both illustrate

the importance of the church ladies' devotion and spirit and capture the fascinating ties between these women. Lovely Hoffman brings a tenderness to the classic spiritual “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” that legendary performer Ethel Waters would admire. Mirrorajah captures all of Yolanda's vulnerability and growing understanding of the church ladies and their customs – especially as she exuberantly delivers the number “I've Got Joy Like a Fountain.” Mildred E. Walker finds all of Mother Shaw's wisdom and sings with striking spirit on her early solo “Ain't That Good News.” Cortlandt Barrett captures the balance of Mabel – a preacher's wife – conscious of the need to dress modestly. Cheryl D. Singleton has all of Wanda's uncommon insight. Janelle Grace sashays stylishly as Jeanette and brings notable thoughtfulness to a moving moment about her “hat man” father. Kaedon Gray smoothly portrays all of the men in the church ladies' lives – particularly a charismatic preacher.

Costume designer E. Rosser deserves high praise for the musical's amazingly wide ranging repertoire of hats. Choreographer Kurt Douglas has the entire cast moving with great feeling throughout the staging – including strong ensemble moments. At the outset of the show, audience members are invited to clap as the music – strongly directed by David Freeman Coleman – and the cast's lively renditions move them (at the performance attended by this critic, theatergoers were consistently responsive).

At one point Mother Shaw is spoken of “as saintly as England's Queen Mother.” All of the women in “CROWNS” are truly royal – and so is the spiritually regal Moonbox staging.



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The Tour is self-guided with staff, volunteers, signage, and activities placed along the way for your enjoyment.

You will receive a booklet when you check in on the day of the event with a map and information for each stop on the tour. A schedule of the day's activities will be available in your tour booklet with specific activities posted on our social media in the days leading up to the event.

Tickets are \$35 for Nonmembers and \$28 for Trustees Members. All ticket sales are final. The Tour will run rain or shine, and may only be canceled due to severe inclement weather.

The Tour will start at South End Public Library Park where you can check in and be guided by volunteers along the route. You may check in anytime throughout the day but

please be mindful that the gardens will close promptly at 4:00PM. Be sure to give yourself enough time to enjoy the event!

Three time sessions will take place: 10AM-12Noon, 12-2PM, 2PM-4PM, each with unique music and activities happening along the tour. No extra registration is needed for events or activities within the tour.

Please note, this is a walking tour through a historic neighborhood on paved and brick surfaces. Many gardens are at street level, while others require stairs to access. We strive to make the event as accessible as possible and welcome you to reach out with any questions about accessibility.

This is the Boston Community Gardens Team's largest fundraising event of the year and benefits the growth and maintenance of 56 community gardens across the City of Boston. By supporting us you are supporting families and community members City wide in developing green space and growing healthy food accessible to all. Thank you!

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13	2 BR	950 sf	\$2,861	\$68,664	80% AMI	-	-

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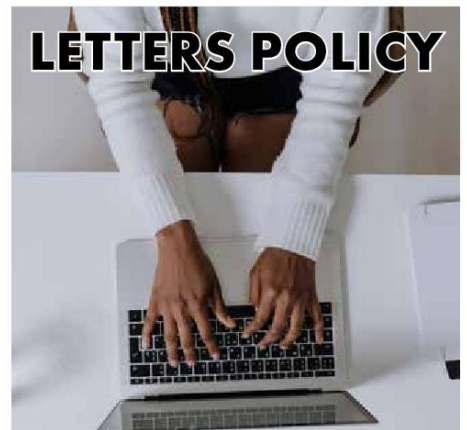
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In the Interests of: Kodjo Simpri Of: Boston, MA	RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dept. Of Mental Health of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate the Guardianship.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.	
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 05/08/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.	
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 11, 2025 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate	

<b>CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU20P0674GD
In the Interests of: Willy Duran Of: Boston, MA	RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate the Guardianship.	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 11, 2025 Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate	

<b>CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION</b>	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU25P0893EA
Estate of: William Joseph Jacobs, Jr. Date of Death: 03/18/2025	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Amanda Jacobs of Brockton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Amanda Jacobs of Brockton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.	
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/04/2025.	
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8	2	840-902	\$1,861	\$55,830	50%	-	1
2	3	1117-1120	\$2,150	\$64,500	50%	1	-
7	0	435-440	\$1,737	\$52,110	60%	2	-
9	1	600-610	\$1,861	\$55,830	60%	1	-
33	2	840-902	\$2,233	\$66,990	60%	3	1
3	3	1117-1120	\$2,580	\$77,400	60%	1	-
6	0	435	\$1,950	\$58,500	80%	-	-
8	1	610	\$2,250	\$67,500	80%	-	-
9	2	902	\$2,699	\$80,970	80%	-	-
1	3	1117	\$3,225	\$96,750	80%	-	-
15	0	440	\$2,210	\$66,300	100%	-	1
10	1	600	\$2,420	\$72,600	100%	-	-
5	2	840	\$2,922	\$87,660	100%	1	-

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4	\$82,700	\$99,240	\$130,600	\$148,900
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**Applications are available in person on the following days, dates, and times in the following place(s)**

Wednesday; May 7, 2025; 3PM - 7PM; Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119

Saturday; May 17, 2025; 10AM - 2PM; Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119

Saturday; Jun 7, 2025; 10AM - 2PM; Jamaica Plain Public Library, 30 South St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Thursday; Jun 12, 2025; 3PM - 7PM; Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119

We will hold informational meetings on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 4:00 PM, Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119**, Join virtually, too, through the following link: <https://tcbinc-org.zoom.us/j/88168272558> and **Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10:00 AM, Jamaica Plain Public Library, 30 South St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130**, Join virtually, too, through the following link: <https://tcbinc-org.zoom.us/j/82452981700>

**DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than June 29, 2025 Mailed to: 2 and 6 Lamartine Lottery, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119**

- Selection by Lottery.
- Asset & Use Restrictions apply.
- Preferences Apply.

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