

# **Zeiterion presents “Broadway meets Bollywood” spectacular Taj Express: The Musical, Nov. 17**

*“Big-Hearted Bollywood Razzle-Dazzle.” -London Evening Standard.*

*“Triumphant! Beautiful! Flawless!” -BroadwayWorld.com.*

After numerous sold-out international tours, Taj Express: The Musical returns to North America and arrives at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center on Sunday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. The cultural phenomenon showcases explosive dances, eye-catching costumes, and an endearing love story told in a way only Bollywood could dream up. Tickets to the song-and-dance extravaganza range from \$35 to \$49 (\$10 for students), and are available by calling 508-994-2900, online at <https://zeiterion.org/>, or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Group sales for 10 tickets or more can be purchased at a discounted rate by calling 508-997-5664 x123.

Set to an unforgettable soundtrack featuring the songs of Oscar winner A.R. Rahman, Taj Express answers the age-old question: do you think with your head or with your heart? The musical explodes with the sounds of India and Bollywood, capturing the vibrant, expressive spirit of the world of Bollywood movies that have been entertaining billions of people in India for generations. Told through a fusion of film, dance, and music, this dazzling international sensation has captivated audiences from London to Hong Kong (and everywhere in between) on a live cinematic journey through modern Indian culture and society.

Taj Express is choreographed by one of Bollywood's top young choreographers, Vaibhavi Merchant (Sultan, Befikre, Tiger Zinda Hai, Loveyatri) and directed by Shruti Merchant (Dhoom, Lakshya, Baghban, Devdas). They are joined by Toby Gough (writer), Salim and Sulaiman Merchant (music composers), Abhijit Vaghani (musical director), and Bipin Tanna (costume designer). Pranav Merchant serves as executive producer.

Leading the cast are some of Bollywood's biggest film stars: Mr. Ninad Samaddar Shankar, Mr. Rajitdev Easwardas (as Arjun) and Ms. Tanvi Patil (as Kareena Kaboom). They are joined by a company of eighteen dancers, plus Chandan Raina on guitar, Prathamesh Kandalkar on percussion and Avadhoot Phadke on flute.

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## **Wareham Police Department will be participating in the 18th National Drug Take Back**

The Wareham Police Department will be participating in the 18th National Take Back, which is scheduled to take place this Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This drop off location will be at the Wareham Police Department, 2515 Cranberry Highway. This event provides a safe, convenient, and anonymous way to dispose of unwanted prescription medication. This year we will also be accepting vaping devices and cartridges. For safety reasons all batteries must be removed.

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# **Sgt. Sean M. Gannon Memorial Playground to be dedicated on Thursday**

A dedication and official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Sgt. Sean M. Gannon Memorial Playground will be held at Elwyn G. Campbell Elementary School, 145 Essex Street, on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Sgt. Sean M. Gannon, a New Bedford native who grew up across the street from the Campbell Elementary School, was a Yarmouth police K-9 officer who was killed in the line of duty in April 2018. In May 2018, the School Committee voted to honor Sgt. Gannon by naming the new playground at Campbell in his honor.

The school's PTO and Playground Committee has raised funds since 2018 to support the construction of the playground. Thursday's dedication and ribbon-cutting will celebrate its completion and open the playground to the students of Campbell School.

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# **Tony Souza to Give Talk at New Bedford Whaling National**

# Historical Park

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park welcomes back Tony Souza to its historic downtown. On Friday, October 25 at 6:00PM, the past director of WHALE will reflect on his time helping to establish the National Historical Park and the preservation of the downtown area. His talk will take place in the Park theater at 33 William Street and will be hosted by Park Superintendent, Jennifer Smith. Tony will be showing slides and discussing the political landscape that led to the passage of legislation creating the park in 1996. The program is free and open to the public.

Tony Souza was a long time resident of Massachusetts before moving to Florida in 2005. His expertise in real estate and historic preservation led to the preservation of dozens of historic buildings in New Bedford. Additionally, his civic engagement in the preservation movement earned him multiple awards, including the honor of being one of the outstanding Massachusetts Preservationists of the 20th Century by Preservation Massachusetts, Inc. He is currently the chairman of the Sarasota County Historic Preservation Board in Florida and is working on a development project on the Sarasota Bayside.

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## **PACE Food Bank in New Bedford begins registering for Thanksgiving Turkeys**

From PACE's Facebook page:

Local individuals and families are invited to register for Thanksgiving Turkeys for this year's Holiday. If interested, please sign up at PACE Food Bank, 166 William Street, New Bedford, MA.

Monday 9:00am – 11:00am

Tuesday- Friday 9:00am – 11:00am; 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please bring the following:

- Proof of Household Income
- IDs for family members over 18
- Medical Cards for all members in the family

The deadline is October 31, 2019.

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## **UMass Dartmouth to host regional Youth Summit**

On October 22 and 23, 515 Fall River and 776 New Bedford students will attend the UMass Dartmouth Leduc Center for Civic Engagement Youth Summit in the Main Auditorium.

Participating schools from Fall River will visit on October 22 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and include Kuss, Morton, Talbot, Doran, Henry Lord.

Participating schools from New Bedford will visit on October 23 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and include Keith and Normandin.

Every year UMass Dartmouth brings all seventh-grade students from Fall River and New Bedford to campus for a College Positive Campus Tour lead by university students who share their journey to higher education. The following year, the now eighth-graders come back for the Youth Summit.

The Youth Summit looks to increase awareness and appreciation of the benefits and opportunities that higher education can create.

These events are made possible through funding from BayCoast Bank.

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## **Tech-Etch Inc. is HIRING and Hosting a Job Fair on October 23rd in Plymouth**

Join one of the largest employers in the South Shore – and growing!

Tech-Etch, Inc., is hosting a job fair! If you are a mechanically inclined individual looking to join a rapidly growing manufacturing company in the precision parts industry, please visit us between 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, at 45 Aldrin Road. **If you have a resume, please bring it with you as you will be interviewed by one of our department managers.** Headquartered in Plymouth, MA, Tech-Etch serves the medical, aerospace, military, automotive, electronic, and telecommunications industries just to name a few. If you can't attend the job fair you can apply ONLINE.

**VETERANS WELCOME!**

**\$1000 SIGN ON BONUS FOR SECOND SHIFT!**

First shift hours are from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Second shift hours are from 3:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Third shift hours available

Available positions include:

Entry Level Manufacturers (all shifts)

Strip Line Operator (2nd shift)

Form Press Operator (2nd shift)

Flex Inspector (2nd shift)

Manufacturing Engineer (1st shift)

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Competitive salary with excellent benefits including health, dental, vision, life, disability

401k with company matching

Employee stock ownership

Paid vacation, sick time and holidays

Exciting perks and much more!

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**TECH-ETCH IS LOCATED AT 45 ALDRIN ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MA, 02360.**

Founded in 1964, Tech-Etch operates local facilities in Plymouth, MA, Fall River, MA.



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# 14 bands set to rock New Bedford music festival on Saturday, October 19

14 bands will rock six different downtown New Bedford locations during a free music festival this Saturday starting at 3:30 pm.

The organizers have set the following schedule:

Circa (204 Court Street)

3:30 pm-Moist Boy

4:15 pm-Scare city

Alison Wells Fine Art Studio & Gallery (106 William Street)

4:45 pm-The Silent Fields

5:25 pm-Tal Vez

6:00 pm-Carl Simmons

Destination Soups (149 Union Street)

6:30 pm-Heavy Gaze

7:10 pm-Johnny and the Foodmasters

Solstice Skateboarding (801 Purchase Street)

7:45 pm-Baylies Band

8:30 pm-Hill Haints

Paradise Mcfee Studio (104 William Street)

9:10 pm-Picniclunch

9:50 pm-Leap the Dips

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10:30 pm-Bunnies

11:15 pm-Lazertuth





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Solstice

Baylies BAND (NB)

LIFE PARTNERS (Boston)

Bunnies (W. MASS)

Carl Simmons (NB)

HILL HAINTS (Albany, NY)

Johnny & the Food Masters (Boston, MA)

SCARE CITY (Worcester)

LAZERTUTH (NB)

LEAP the dips (W. MASS)

Moist BOY (NB)

Heavy Gaze (VT)

TAL VEZ (W. MASS)

Picniclunch (NB)

Alison Wells Gallery

Destination Soups

CIRCA



Paradise McFee Gallery



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# **“A New England Nutcracker,” a regional twist on a holiday classic**

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of A New England Nutcracker December 7 through 15 at the NBB Community Theatre, located at 2343 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is re-imagined through New Bedford’s historic whaling era, and prepare for the “City That Lit the World” to light up your holiday season.

Set to Tchaikovsky’s beloved score, the performance follows young Mary through a night of adventure. You’ll begin at the lavish home of Captain Ephraim Williams where many guests, including Herman Melville, arrive at a holiday party, and the family celebrates the homecoming of the Captain after years at sea. He shares tales of his travels and comes bearing gifts, including exotic, dancing animals, and of course, a beautiful nutcracker for young Mary. After Mary drifts to sleep, the real adventures begin as the audience watches battling mice and soldiers, ending with the triumphant defeat of the Mouse Queen. The magical journey continues as Mary sails through dancing snowflakes to the Land of Sweets. The performance is filled with colorful and playful characters from around the globe, including those unique to the New England region. The audience is entertained by Chinese, Spanish, French, and Russian dancers as well as whaling sailors and Native Americans. The performance brings a much-loved international holiday tale into our hometown.

This original adaptation of the traditional Nutcracker ballet, created by Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, Director of the New Bedford Ballet, features choreography by Ms. Waskiel-Marchesseault, Erin Petitjean Allen, and Eugenia Zinovieva. The

performance takes place in New Bedford Ballet's studio, offering an intimate environment charged with the dancers' energy. This simple version with narration is engaging for children, and the hour-long performance is perfect for anyone juggling the many events that fill the holiday season.

**Ten performances will take place over two weekends:**

- Saturday, December 7 at 1:30 and 3 PM
- Sunday, December 8 at 1:30 and 3 PM
- Friday, December 13 at 6:30 and 8 PM
- Saturday, December 14 at 1:30 and 3 PM
- Sunday, December 15 at 1:30 and 3 PM

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$7 for seniors, students, and children. Group rates for non-profit organizations are available. All proceeds from the ballet support the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. For over twenty years, the Foundation has granted scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. As a result of private and corporate contributions to the Foundation, the Youth Ballet will also be performing A New England Nutcracker for students from PACE Head Start, Early Learning Center, the Schwartz Center for Children, the Kennedy-Donovan Center, Hayden-McFadden Elementary School and adults from Project Independence.

Celebrate the season with this classic holiday story that never gets old. Tickets are limited and sell quickly; reserve yours soon by contacting the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387. For more information visit our website, [www.newbedfordballet.org](http://www.newbedfordballet.org).

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# Food for Tots 'Sweet Finale' scheduled for this Thursday

The Friends of Jack Foundation, Fun 107 and 1420 WBSM will hold its final Food for Tots fundraiser event of 2019 on Thursday, October 17, at locations across the SouthCoast.

This month's event, titled "Sweet Finale," features several bakeries and ice cream shops, including Acushnet Creamery, Honey Dew Donuts, Artisan Kitchen, Friendly's (Dartmouth), and Dairy Maid. It also includes a match donation of \$2,500 from Coastal Financial.

Food for Tots is an opportunity for the community to dine out at some of the area's best restaurants on the third Thursday of each month from April to October with all proceeds going directly to the Friends of Jack Foundation with the goal to elevate children's access to world-class healthcare on the SouthCoast.

For more information on the Friends of Jack Foundation and to get involved, visit [www.friendsofjack.org](http://www.friendsofjack.org) or contact Jill Fearons at [Jill@friendsofjack.org](mailto:Jill@friendsofjack.org). Also, follow the Friends of Jack Foundation on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

## About the Friends of Jack Foundation

The Friends of Jack Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2019 by Jill Fearons. It is named in honor of her son, Jack, who is living with Chiari Malformation, a rare condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal. The Friends of Jack Foundation provides overlooked programs and services that improve the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of children on the SouthCoast. Fearons discovered the importance of small but impactful gestures while navigating many emergency and high-risk medical procedures with Jack. Funds to support the

Friends of Jack Foundation are raised through efforts that include Food for Tots, a partnership with Fun107 and WBSM1420, and the Friends of Jack Foundation Annual Celebration.