

# The Upper William Street Neighborhood Festival

*Photo by Walter Vinci.*

Help us celebrate with Music, the Arts, History and the Culture of the New Bedford Area.

Saturday, Sept. 24th, 2016

11:30-4:00 PM FREE

The 1833 First Unitarian Church, The 1855 First Universalist Church (Gallery X), and the 1829 First Baptist Church are not only historic structures they are vital and can offer so much to the community This is a chance to visit and learn a bit of the history of these beautiful buildings and our efforts to save these treasures long into the future. AHA!, Your Theatre, WHALE , The City of New Bedford and many others have combined efforts to help showcase this city's incredible talent and diversity. New Bedford has recently been ranked one of the top ten most creative cities, come help us show it off.

We will be closing William Street from Sixth to Eighth from noon until 4 PM. Lots of things to do for all! Kids activities in the garden of the First Unitarian Church.

**MUSIC** Thank You to all the performers who have offered their time for this event. The Tryworks Auditorium, The Sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church and also the Garden, The First Universalist Church will all be alive with Folk , Chorale, the New Bedford Symphony, New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus, Harpoon Harmonizers, the Jethros and the Toe Jam Puppet Band and so many more and it all is FREE.

**ARTS** There will be Art and photography exhibits at Gallery X , "Ship Shape" and the benefit arts show benefit for the Schooner Ernestina- Morrissey. In the Frederick Douglass

Gallery will be paintings of Donald Beal and David Paulsen. and at the Parish House of the First Unitarian Church in Collaboration with New Bedford Beautiful of photos of New Bedford.

ALSO Attention Artists and Craft people / Also Farmer's Market, groups and Non Profits welcome, To reserve space or for more info on tables, etc contact:

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Come and meet local artists, and art trading is encouraged! Show off your work!

**HISTORY** Come learn about the important people who once walked these streets. This was a city that became the richest in the country twice, and for different reasons. Spinner Publication and other authors will be

Thank you to all who have supported, helped co-ordinate this event. It was a lot of work!

City of New Bedford, Fiber Optics Center INC, Bay Coast Bank, Bank Five, First Citizens Federal Credit Union, St. Anne Credit Union, AHA! , Community Foundation of SE MA, New Bedford Police Department. The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, Gallery X, WHALE, Your Theatre INC, New Bedford Office of Tourism , New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus, , New Bedford Parks Department, Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Island FoundationWhaling City Sound, New Bedford Beautiful, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, Schooner Ernestina/ Effie M. Morrissey, Rep. Antonio Cabral, TheIsland Foundation, Spinner Publications, New Bedford Preservation Society, Toe Jam Puppet Band, Culture Park, Downtown New Bedford INC, Harpoon Harmonizers, New Bedford Historical Society, The Jethros, Pumpkin Head Ted , James Soares, 3rd Eye, Solstice and many, many more performers, actors and musicians!