

PRESS RELEASE

Wabanaki Winter Market returns to UMaine Dec. 9

The largest holiday gathering of Wabanaki artists in New England will return with one-of-a-kind pieces, including some from new and nationally-acclaimed basket weavers, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the University of Maine Collins Center for the Arts.

During the 29th annual **Wabanaki Winter Market**, dozens of Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet and Mi'kmaq artists will showcase and sell their basketry, jewelry, beadwork, wood carvings, birchbark crafts and other artwork. The free event will also feature brown ash pounding and Passamaquoddy sweetgrass flower demonstrations, storytelling, traditional music, drumming, dancing and maple syrup.

The UMaine Hudson Museum, located inside the Collins Center, will be open during the event. Among its exhibits is the Wabanaki Gallery, which showcases historic and contemporary Indigenous art.

The market is co-hosted by the Hudson Museum and the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance (MIBA). It's supported in part by grants from Maine Office of Tourism and the Onion Foundation.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Hudson Museum Director Gretchen Faulkner, gretchen.faulkner@maine.edu.

Images and a full press kit can be found at: <https://umaine.edu/hudsonmuseum/wabanaki-winter-market/>