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## New Bedford to Celebrate Opening of Third Annual Seaport Art Walk

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** –On Saturday, June 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at State Pier, city officials, artists, organizers, and sponsors will officially open the third annual Seaport Art Walk.

*Sustainable Oceans* is a collaborative project of the Seaport Art Walk Committee, which includes City and Port officials as well as members of community groups such as NBbeautiful, the Working Waterfront Festival, Buzzards Bay Coalition, UMass Dartmouth, and Seastreak. The project, curated by Jessica Bregoli, includes nineteen sculptures and murals temporarily installed in the Seaport Cultural District, along MacArthur Blvd, and City and State Piers. This year's theme aims to bring awareness to the problems and solutions, globally, in our oceans and waterways.

New this year is the addition of a lecture series that will pair scholars and artists to discuss topics that inspired the pieces. The lecture schedule can be found at http://destinationnewbedford.org/seaport-art-walk/.

The event is open to the public and will feature the first lecturer, live entertainment, a raffle, face painting, chalk art and games for kids, food and more. The opening will also include a guided tour of the exhibit, which will be in place until October 2017.

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