Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is this market only open to Wabanaki artists?
A. No, this event is open to Indigenous people in North America as classified in the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (please see the following question for more details).

Q. Do you need proof of my tribal enrollment?
A. In order to comply with the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, the Abbe Museum Indian Market must verify that all applicants comply with the requirements of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board. Please click here for more IACB information.

Q. How can I get information? Do you have a mailing list?
A. Send an email to amim2019@abbemuseum.org with your email address and mailing address, we will add you to our distribution list. You will receive all of our notifications.

Q. How do I get an application?
A. Visit our website: abbemuseum.org/artists and scroll down to the Application and Other Docs section to download the application. Contact us if you need a copy sent via snail mail.

Q. I am interested in demonstrating, what is the process for demonstrators?
A. There will be an option on the application if you would like to be considered for selection as a demonstrator. If you are under consideration, you will be contacted directly. Demonstrators will be expected to interact with the public daily for a designated amount of time. Demonstrators are asked to share with public relevant cultural information about their art form while demonstrating the artistic process. Demonstrators must fulfill all requirements as an artist vendor juried into the market and they can sell their art.

Q. What is the selection process?
A. We will be using a blind jurying process, which involves the jurors only seeing images of your art, not your name or tribe. This ensures that the artists at the market are the best from among all the applicants and that their art is consistent with our standards. The pictures will be given a numerical ranking, this will determine if an artist is accepted, placed on the waiting list, or rejected. Image quality is key in this process: the better the images, the better your chance of being accepted into the Market.
Q. Why do you need pictures?
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Q. If accepted can I pay the booth fee in partial payment?
A. If necessary, we will accept partial booth fee payments. Email amim2019@abbemuseum.org or call us at (207) 288-3519 immediately to set up a payment plan. However, full payment must be received March 15, 2019.

Q. What is the closest airport?
A. Bar Harbor is serviced by a local airport, the Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport, located just 12 miles from downtown, and by Bangor International Airport, which is 50 miles away.