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## Best of Baltimore Readers' Poll Results 2020

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You voted, and now without further ado, here are the results of our **2020 Best of Baltimore Readers' Poll**! Thanks to everyone who voted, and don't forget to s  
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# ARTS & CULTURE

## Artist

**Winner:** J.B. Shepard

**Runners-up:** Matt Murhead; TT the Artist

## Band

**Winner:** Signal 13

**Runners-up:** When the Thunder Comes; Future Islands

## Bookstore

**Winner:** The Ivy Bookshop

**Runners-up:** Greedy Reads; Atomic Books

## Creative Space

**Winner:** Creative Alliance

**Runners-up:** Graffiti Alley; Motor House

## Dance Party

**Winner:** Save Your Soul

**Runners-up:** WERQ with Purple Dynamo; The Crown

## Exhibit

**Winner:** *Undesign the Redline*

**Runners-up:** *Elizabeth Catlett: Artist as Activist*

## Festival

**Winner:** Artscape

**Runners-up:** Hampdenfest; Honfest

## Gallery

**Winner:** Crystal Moll Gallery

**Runners-up:** Y:ART; Current Space

## Instagram

**Winner:** @killercatbaltimore

**Runners-up:** @themodestflorist; @eatmorebaltimore

## Museum

**Winner:** The Baltimore Museum of Art

**Runners-up:** The Walters Art Museum; The American Visionary Arts Museum

## Music Venue

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## MOST READ

A Baltimore Photographer Once Captured John Lennon and Yoko Ono at The Dakota:  
(https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/section/artsentert  
photographer-captured-john-lennon-yoko-ono/)  
“C’m on, Mister-all-the-way-from-Baltimore, you can do this,” Stuart Zolotorow remembers Lennon telling him.

Hampden Woman Searches for Beloved ‘Bawlmer’ Vanity License Plate  
(https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/section/communit  
woman-searches-for-beloved-bawlmer-vanity-  
license-plate/): Elizabeth Desmarais hopes to find new owner and reclaim the familial tags.

Mess in a Bottle’s Kalilah Wright Wants You to Wear Your Message:  
(https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/section/styleshop  
in-a-bottles-kalilah-wright-wants-you-to-wear-  
your-message/)The entrepreneur talks new storefront and sparking activism through clothes.

Socially Distanced First Date Ideas to Try Out This Fall:  
(https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/section/fooddrink

**Winner:** Club 66

**Runners-up:** Ottobar; Ram's Head Live

## Musician

**Winner:** Chris Jacobs

**Runners-up:** Dan Deacon; Eze Jackson

## Play or Performance

**Winner:** *Pride and Prejudice* (Peabody Opera)

**Runners-up:** *Hamilton* (Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center); *Wicked* (Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center)

## Poet

**Winner:** Kondwani Fidel

**Runners-up:** Black Chakra

## Street Art

**Winner:** Black Lives Matter Mural (Patterson Park)

**Runners-up:** Black Trans Lives Matter (Charles Village); Dog Avenue (Hampden)

## Theater (Movie)

**Winner:** Senator Theatre

**Runners-up:** The Charles Theater; The Rotunda Cinebistro

## Theater (Live)

**Winner:** Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center

**Runners-up:** Center Stage; Everyman Theater

## Writer

**Winner:** D. Watkins

**Runners-up:** Laura Lippman; Anne Tyler

## FOOD & DRINK

### Bagel

**Winner:** Towson Hot Bagels

**Runners-up:** Uber Bagels; Goldberg's Bagels

### Bakery

**Winner:** Cake by Jason

**Runners-up:** Fenwick Bakery; Woodlea Bakery

distanced-first-date-ideas-baltimore-this-fall/) Got the first date jitters? Take the edge off at these fun spots.

This Ravens Season Will Be Most Unusual to Watch—And Play:

(<https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/section/covid19/t-ravens-season-will-be-most-unusual-to-watch-and-play/>) From cardboard cutouts to ambient stadium noise, the team's "work-at-home" situation is new for everyone.

## DOCTOR FINDER



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## Bar

**Winner:** Wet City

**Runners-up:** Michael's Cafe; Don't Know Tavern

## Bartender

**Winner:** Scott Jones (Wet City)

**Runners-up:** Tod Coleman (Nepenthe Brewing Co.); Lisa Davis (Hon Bar)

## Breakfast

**Winner:** Miss Shirley's Café

**Runners-up:** Blue Moon Café; Iron Rooster

## Brunch

**Winner:** Food Market

**Runners-up:** Gunther & Co.; Gertrude's

## Brewery

**Winners:** Union Craft Brewing

**Runners-up:** Key Brewing Co.; Nepenthe Brewing Co.

## Burger

**Winner:** Abbey Burger Bistro

**Runners-up:** Hamilton Tavern; Clark Burger

## Chef

**Winner:** Brendon Hudson (Liliahna)

**Runners-up:** Cindy Wolf (Charleston); Zack Mills (True Chesapeake Oyster Co.)

## Cocktails

**Winner:** Bluebird Cocktail Room & Pub

**Runners-up:** Dutch Courage; Clavel

## Coffee

**Winner:** Zeke's Coffee

**Runners-up:** Ceremony Coffee Roasters; Baltimore Coffee & Tea

## Crabs

**Winner:** Conrad's Crabs & Seafood

**Runners-up:** LP Steamers; Captain James Landing

## Farmers' Market

**Winner:** Waverly Farmers' Market

**Runners-up:** JFX Farmers' Market & Bazaar; Fells Point Farmers' Market

## Fine Dining

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**Winner:** Charleston

**Runners-up:** True Chesapeake Oyster Co. and The Prime Rib (tie)

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## Food Truck

**Winner:** Gypsy Queen

**Runners-up:** Kooper's Chowhound; Jimmy's Famous Seafood

## Food Hall

**Winner:** R. House

**Runners-up:** Mt. Vernon Marketplace; Cross Street Market

## Ice Cream

**Winner:** The Charmery

**Runners-up:** Taharka Bros.; Bmore Licks

## Lunch

**Winner:** Atwater's and DiPasquales (tie)

**Runners-up:** Ekiben; Stone Mill Bakery

## Outdoor Dining

Winner: Citron

Runners-up: Nick's Fish House; Gunther & Co.

## Snowball

Winner: Snoasis

Runners-up: Quality Snowballs; Ice Queens

## Vegetarian

**Winner:** Land of Kush

**Runners-up:** Golden West Cafe; One World Cafe

## Winery

**Winner:** Boordy

**Runners-up:** Old Westminster; Black Ankle

# LIFESTYLE & HOME

## Auto Repair

**Winner:** Sherwood Auto Repair

**Runners-up:** Hollenshade's Auto Repair Service; K&S Mechanics

## Contractor (Home)

**Winner:** Allstar Appliance Repair

**Runners-up:** Pyle Fence Company; White Knight Remodeling Company

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## Dry Cleaning

**Winner:** J&J Alteration & Cleaning

**Runners-up:** Sanitate Dry Cleaners; Federal Hill Cleaners

## Electrician

**Winner:** Walter Electric, LLC

**Runner-up:** Clinton Electric; Dynamo Electric

## Fitness Instructor

**Winner:** Sonja Burns (WERQ Fitness)

**Runners-up:** Ali True-Smith (True Balance Studio); Reese Ashe (Reflex Functional Fitness)

## Florist

**Winner:** Radebaugh Florist and Greenhouses

**Runners-up:** Flowers & Fancies; Local Colors Flowers

## Furniture Store

**Winner:** Su Casa

**Runners-up:** Wishbone Reserve; Arhaus

## Grocery Store

**Winner:** Wegmans

**Runners-up:** Eddies; MOM's Organic Market

## Gym

**Winner:** Brick Bodies

**Runners-up:** True Balance Studio; Reflex Functional Fitness

## Handyman

**Winner:** The Baltimore Handyman Company

**Runners-up:** Hamby's Handyman Services

## HVAC

**Winner:** Perry Hall Heating and Air Conditioning, PIPCO, and BlueDot (tie)

## Kids' Clothing

**Winner:** The Pied Piper

**Runners-up:** Wee Chic Boutique; Carters

## Landscaping

**Winner:** Maxalea, Inc.

**Runners-up:** Green Fields Nursery & Landscaping; Lerch Brothers, LLC

## Men's Clothing

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**Winner:** JS Edwards

**Runners-up:** Christopher Schafer Clothier; Different Regard

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## Personal Trainer

**Winner:** Guy Cragwell (Federal Hill Fitness)

**Runners-up:** Ali True Smith (True Balance Studio); Oksana Koval (Fitness by Oxy)

## Pet Care

**Winner:** BEK Petsitting

**Runners-up:** Snazzy Jazzy; Best Friends Fur Ever

## Plumber

**Winner:** Saffer Plumbing & Electric

**Runners-up:** Len The Plumber; Bruce Solomon Plumbing, Heating & Air

## Salon

**Winner:** Form Salon

**Runners-up:** Mallia's Salon & Spa; Studio 921

## Shoe Store

**Winner:** Van Dyke and Bacon

**Runners-up:** Matava; Poppy and Stella

## Sporting Goods

**Winner:** Dick's Sporting Goods

**Runners-up:** Princeton Sports; Charm City Run

## Toy Store

**Winner:** Shenanigans

**Runners-up:** Amuse Toys

## Veterinarian

**Winner:** Ruxton Animal Hospital

**Runners-up:** Timonium Animal Hospital; Eastern Animal Hospital

## Women's Clothing

**Winner:** Brightside Boutique

**Runners-up:** South Moon Under; Sassanova

## Yoga Studio

**Winner:** YogaWorks

**Runners-up:** Core Power; Yoga on York

# OUTDOORS & SPORTS

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## Biking Trail

**Winner:** NCR

**Runners-up:** Patapsco Valley State Park; B&A Trail

## Campground

**Winner:** Assateague National Park

**Runners-up:** Elk Neck State Park and Rocky Gap State Park (tie)

## Dog Park

**Winner:** Paw Point Dog Park at Lake Roland

**Runners-up:** Patterson Park Dog Park; Canton Dog Park

## Hiking Trail

**Winner:** Oregon Ridge Park

**Runners-up:** Irvine Nature Center; Loch Raven Reservoir

## Oriole

**Winner:** Trey Mancini

**Runners-up:** Chris Davis; Hanser Alberto

## Park

**Winner:** Patterson Park

**Runners-up:** Druid Hill Park; Riverside Park

## Place to Paddle

**Winner:** Gunpowder State Park

**Runners-up:** Loch Raven Reservoir; Middle River Park

## Pool

**Winner:** Padonia Swim Club

**Runners-up:** Sparrows Point CC; Meadowbrook

## Raven

**Winner:** Lamar Jackson

**Runners-up:** Justin Tucker; Mark Ingram

## Race

**Winner:** Baltimore Running Festival

**Runners-up:** Under Armour Charles Street 12; Kinetic Sculpture Race

## Rec League

**Winner:** Volo City

**Runners-up:** Lutherville Timonium Recreation Council; Towson Recreation

## Running Trail



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**Winner:** NCR Trail

**Runners-up:** Irvine Nature Center; Inner Harbor Promenade

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## Sports Team

**Winner:** Baltimore Ravens

**Runners-up:** Baltimore Orioles; Baltimore Blast

## Urban Garden

**Winner:** Sherwood Gardens

**Runner-up:** Whitlock Farms; Cylburn Arboretum

# NEWS & MEDIA\*

## Columnist

**Winner:** Dan Rodricks

**Runners-up:** Dan Clark; Justin Fenton

## Community Group

**Winner:** B & Dee's Baltimore Love

**Runners-up:** Hack Baltimore and Baltimore Ceasefire (tie)

## Facebook Page

**Winner:** Canton Neighbors

**Runners-up:** Baltimore Supper Club; Justin Berk Weather

## News Website

**Winner:** WBAL-TV 11

**Runners-up:** Baltimore Brew; Baltimore Fishbowl

## Photographer

**Winner:** Devin Allen

**Runners-up:** The Puptrait Studio; Joseph M. Giordano

## Podcast

**Winner:** No Pix After Dark

**Runners-up:** Baltimore Positive; The City that Breeds

## Politician

**Winner:** Gov. Larry Hogan

**Runners-up:** City Council President Brandon Scott; Councilman Zeke Cohen

## Publication

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**Winner:** *Bmore Art*

**Runners-up:** *Pressbox; Baltimore Business Journal*

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## Radio Show Host

**Winner:** Clarence Mitchell IV (WBAL)

**Runners-up:** Tom Hall (WYPR) and Laurie DeYoung (WPOC) (tie)

## Radio Station

**Winner:** WYPR

**Runners-up:** WTMD; 93.1 WPOC

## Reporter

**Winner:** Jayne Miller (WBAL)

**Runners-up:** Joy Lepola (WBFF); Justin Fenton (*The Sun*)

## TV Broadcaster

**Winner:** Stan Stovall (WBAL)

**Runners-up:** Megan Gilliland (WBFF); Denise Koch (CBS)

## Twitter Account

**Winner:** @MrTrashWheel

**Runners-up:** @ScanthePolice

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