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**BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES THRIVE IN PHILADELPHIA**  
***Philly Shoppers Can Support African American-Owned Stores, Day Spas & More***

**PHILADELPHIA, February 3, 2021** – African American culture runs deep among Philadelphia’s historic sites, artistic havens, cultural attractions — and in the region’s many Black-owned shops, restaurants, galleries and bars. As COVID-19 restrictions lift and calls for equality and justice continue to be a rallying cry, it’s important to patronize these vital businesses. Among Philly’s thriving spots are: groundbreaking **Amalgam Comics & Coffeehouse**, bespoke suit shop **Damari Savile** from former Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins, music icons-themed **Akwaaba Inn**, beauty and wellness shops **Marsh + Mane** and **Freedom Apothecary** and a boutique representing the revived **American Hats** factory.

Here’s a look at more than 50 standout Black-owned businesses in Philadelphia and the Countryside®:

**Bookstores & Comic Shops:**

- **Amalgam Comics & Coffeehouse** – Ariell R. Johnson, owner. On Frankford Avenue, the East Coast’s first African American woman-owned comics shop stocks Marvel, DC, big-time and self-published books for grown-ups, kids and everyone in-between — and serves coffee drinks and locally made pastries, including comic-book-hero-themed cupcakes. 2578 Frankford Avenue, (215) 427-3300, [@amalgamphilly](https://www.instagram.com/amalgamphilly)
- **Atomic City Comics** – Darryl Jones, owner. Classic comic book store known for dollar comics, manga, back issues, horror, sci-fi and old-school arcade games such as Street Fighter has been a South Street mainstay since 2001. 638 South Street, (215) 625-9613 [@atomiccitycomics](https://www.instagram.com/atomiccitycomics)
- **Black and Nobel** – Hakim Hopkins, owner. More than a bookstore, this cultural center offers DVDs and an array of health and wellness products in a creative atmosphere with original art and live music. Delivery on electric bikes make this spot extra convenient. 410 South Street, (215) 965-1559, [blackandnobel.com](https://www.blackandnobel.com)
- **Hakim’s Bookstore & Gift Shop** – Yvonne Blake, owner. One of the country’s oldest Black-owned bookstores resides at the same West Philly address where Dawud Hakim founded it 60 years ago. Historic, activist, welcoming, old-school and family-friendly, the shop belongs to Hakim’s daughter now. 210 S. 52nd Street, (215) 474-9495, [hakimsbookstore.com](https://www.hakimsbookstore.com)
- **Harriett’s Bookshop** – Jeannine A. Cook, owner. Fishtown got this welcoming, women-centric, art- and activism-forward, frankincense-scented, named-for-Harriet Tubman bookstore in February 2020. On its shelves: Toni Morrison’s complete collection, works by Zora Neale Hurston, children’s books and more books that Cook herself loves to read. Girard Avenue & Marlborough Street, (267) 241-2617, [harriettsbookshop.com](https://www.harriettsbookshop.com)

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- **Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books** – Marc Lamont Hill, owner. The columnist and Temple prof's Germantown hangout is a bookstore that curates its books and living room vibe for communities that typically go underserved. The spot takes its name from Lamont Hill's favorite uncle, who nurtured his love of reading. 5445 Germantown Avenue, (215) 403-7058, [unclebobbies.com](http://unclebobbies.com)

## Clothing, Shoes, Accessories & Home Goods:

- **Amazulu Collections** – Charita Powell, owner. Seven days a week for more than 30 years, this Reading Terminal Market stall has represented international artists and lived the motto, “where cultures meet.” For sale: folk dolls, original paintings, body care, cultural clothing — including Urban Karma, Powell's vibrant clothing collection — and sterling silver jewelry of her own design, made by Indonesian artisans. 12th & Arch Streets, (215) 627-8667, [urbankarmawear.com](http://urbankarmawear.com)
- **American Hats LLC** – Reverend Georgiette Morgan-Thomas and Robert J. Morgan III, owners. A retiree from Harlem (Morgan-Thomas) rescued one of the country's oldest hat factories in the city's Bridesburg section and now operates a retail outlet for its wares — all manner of old-fashioned and avant-garde styles for proper churchgoers, dapper gents and statement makers — in the Fashion District. 901 Market Street, (267) 758-6940, [americanhatsllc.com](http://americanhatsllc.com)
- **Banni Peru** – William Walker, owner. Celebrities like Cardi B, Teyana Taylor and Fabolous have all been pictured wearing the Deno, the distinctive, colorful puffy coats sold by Banni Peru. Banni Peru complements its brick-and-mortar store in West Philly with an impressive online presence — both offering tracksuits, sweat suits, hoodies, jeans, T shirts and more. 507 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, (215) 748-8517, [banniperu.store](http://banniperu.store)
- **Blue Sole Shoes** – Steve Jamison, owner. This fashion footwear specialist established his sunny Rittenhouse boutique in 2007 to cater to high-end tastes in men's shoes, socks, accessories — and customer service. Among the designers in stock: Harris, Magnanni, John Richmond, Jo Ghost and Tateossian. 1805 Chestnut Street, (215) 496-9244, [bluesoleshoes.com](http://bluesoleshoes.com)
- **Buddha Babe** – Tina Dixon Spence, owner. At this bright, spacious West Mt. Airy design studio, Tina Dixon Spence and her team create and sell luxurious but practical items for babies, toddlers and the home. Popular offerings include protective masks, blankets, swaddles, bibs, burp cloths, teething rings, scarves, clothing, cards, books and more. Dixon Spence also hosts group-sewing classes, private kids parties and community events in her storefront, which she opened in late 2020 after several years running her business as an e-commerce site. 7101 Emlen Street, (215) 315-8430, [buddhababe.us](http://buddhababe.us)
- **Common Ground** – Phillip Moore, owner. Midtown Village consigner offers exclusive sneakers and vintage pieces — Pharrell Williams Adidas, Air Jordans from overseas — and features rare, sold-out merch from prominent sportswear brands like Supreme and Bape. 134 S. 11th Street, [commonground12.com](http://commonground12.com)
- **Cultured Couture Vintage** – Erik Honesty, owner. Brewerytown bastion of timeless style is best known for its stock of smart designer vintage menswear — Hermes scarves, ties, coats and shirts, Louis Vuitton and Gucci luggage, with select women's pieces and Honesty's own line of royalty-inspired, *sui generis* capes. 2639 W. Girard Avenue, [culturedcouturegallery.com](http://culturedcouturegallery.com)

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- **Damari Savile** – Malcolm Jenkins, owner. Former Eagles safety Jenkins founded this men’s and women’s boutique on Jewelers’ Row in order to redefine modern custom suiting with creativity, styling and precise tailoring — all while keeping culture at the forefront. The shops also stocks custom bowties, neckties and pocket squares. Coming soon: a variety of ready-to-wear clothing items. 709 Walnut Street, (267) 218-5760, [damarisavile.com](http://damarisavile.com)
- **De’Village** – Joycelyn Parks, owner. Natural stone and wooden jewelry, shea butter, natural soaps and body washes from Kenya, Ghana and Nigeria are for sale at this Reading Terminal Market standout. 12th & Filbert Streets, (215) 923-9860, [readingterminalmarket.org](http://readingterminalmarket.org)
- **D’Iyanu** – Addie Olutola, owner. With a showroom located in Norristown, D’Iyanu features a co-ed line of African print blazers, pants, scarves, maxi dresses, skirts and jumpsuits. Olutola named her brand using a combination of the word “miracle” or “wonderful” in Olutola’s native Yoruba and a French “d,” to mean “of.” 910 E. Main Street, Norristown, [diyanu.com](http://diyanu.com)
- **Dolly’s Boutique & Consignment** – Shani Newton, owner. The stylish set loves that this shop carries women’s clothing for all sizes (extra small through triple extra-large), ages and budgets. On offer: silky tops, stylish separates, maxi dresses and on-point accessories. Dolly’s also has a satellite location in the Fashion District. 6778 Germantown Avenue, (215) 668-5221; 901 Market Street, [dollys-boutique.com](http://dollys-boutique.com)
- **Expect Lace** – Shaw Lewis, owner. Expect Lace aims to build customer confidence through an intimate understanding of the female body with brands that sculpt every shape and size. The boutique is known for carrying some of the world’s top intimate brands for women and men. Services include personalized under garment-fittings and lingerie consultations. 4403 Main Street, (215) 298-9060, [expectlace.com](http://expectlace.com)
- **Fason De Viv** – Zen Samad, owner. This curated marketplace sells men’s and women’s apparel, jewelry, accessories, home décor and beauty supplies. Fason De Viv, which is Haitian Creole for “lifestyle,” carries independent- and minority-owned brands almost exclusively. Fashion District, 901 Market Street, (267) 996-4770, [fasondeviv.com](http://fasondeviv.com)
- **Grant Blvd** – Kimberly McGlonn, owner. When she started her line of women’s clothing and accessories in 2017, Kimberly McGlonn prioritized three things: sourcing reclaimed fabrics, manufacturing exclusively in Philadelphia and supporting incarcerated and returning citizens. And she’s just as committed to that mission today. Devotees of the shop can score casual joggers, elegant skirts, color-blocked jackets and attention-grabbing, organic cotton T-shirts that say: Dear Black Womxn: I’m Standing With You. 3605 Lancaster Avenue, [grantblvd.com](http://grantblvd.com)
- **Kellijane** – Kelly Monk, owner. This Old City shop is designed to feel like a sanctuary, and the rich fabrics and textiles sold here can help any home feel the same. Cozy blankets, coordinated bedding and luxe table fabrics are among the shop’s offerings. Monk provides design services as well. 148 3rd Street, (215) 790-0233, [kellijane.com](http://kellijane.com)
- **Love Yourself by Shea Elizabeth** – Shea Elizabeth, owner. Across from Malcolm X Park, Love Yourself boutique keeps women fashionable all year round. Shop online or in store for shoes, blazers, dresses, jumpsuits and more. 503 S. 52nd Street, (215) 921-2942, [shoplyshea.com](http://shoplyshea.com)
- **The Movement Philly** – Aaron Johnson and Bruce Tabbs, owners. Founded by friends (and former competitors), The Movement Philly specializes in handmade clothing and jewelry, often featuring items that are actually one of a kind. The Mt. Airy shop has supplemented its offerings in the past with poetry slams, lectures and more. 7133 Germantown Avenue, (215) 753-6000

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- **Perfectly Flawless Boutique** – Crystal Jackson, owner. A combination apparel and makeup studio, this Germantown shop deals in jumpsuits, rompers, bodysuits and going-out wear, offers onsite manicures and makeup by esthetician Sade Jennine, and is committed to promoting overall body positivity among women. 5312 Germantown Avenue, (267) 269-1986
- **Philadelphia Diamond Company** – Ken and Nicole Black, owners. Custom engagement and wedding rings, one-of-a-kind pieces and gemologist-certified appraisals are the reason clients call ahead to book appointments at this Old City jewelry shop. 421 Chestnut Street, (215) 607-6710, [philadelphiadiamondco.com](http://philadelphiadiamondco.com)
- **Philadelphia Print Works** – Maryam Pugh and Ruth Perez, founders. From zines to sweatshirts to tote bags, the goods from this workshop (based in the Bok Building) are adorned with modern designs, all through the lens of social justice. Find Philadelphia Print Works products online and at select brick-and-mortar stores in Philly. [philadelphiaprintworks.com](http://philadelphiaprintworks.com)
- **The Sable Collective** – Shanti Mayers, owner. Relocated from North Philly to the Fashion District, this inviting, women-centric shop specializes in holistic body care, new and used books, Ankara-print socks, eclectic housewares, affirmation flag pennants (“I Am Brave” and “I Am Magic”) and locally made jewelry and clothing. 1101 Market Street, [thesablecollective.com](http://thesablecollective.com)
- **Sister Sunflower** – Kay Henderson, owner. Kay Henderson helps guide both beginner and expert plant parents from her “little indoor garden sanctuary” in Chestnut Hill. Continued communication with customers after a purchase adds a special touch. 7904 Germantown Avenue, (215) 648-3993, [sistersunflower.com](http://sistersunflower.com)
- **Snapdragon Flowers & Gifts** – Tolani Lightfoot, owner. This eco-conscious online shop features a range of hard-to-find botanicals, candles and Insta-worthy arrangements for homes and events. Lightfoot and company are known for their terrariums and vertical gardens and have a way with succulents and herbs. [snapdragonphilly.com](http://snapdragonphilly.com)
- **Style by Blain** – Voltaire Blain, owner. With a showroom featuring a pool table, elegant wooden side tables and a beautiful fireplace to display his unique selection of shoes, Blain — known as the best dressed man in Chestnut Hill — strives to make shopping for shoes an experience like no other. His shop carries a wide selection of hard-to-find shoes, including loafers, oxfords and both high- and low-cut boots for men, as well as several styles for women. 8433 Germantown Avenue, (215) 753-2465, [@stylebyblain](https://www.instagram.com/stylebyblain)
- **Trunc** – Dorothea Gamble and Dagmar Mitchell, owners. This Northern Liberties shop carries environmentally conscience bespoke furniture, home furnishings, accessories, clothing, art, jewelry and beauty essentials. That comes in the form of Afrocentric socks, sister friends drinking glasses, original artwork and so much more. 929 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (267) 559-1604, [trunc.net](http://trunc.net)
- **The Utopia Collective** – Cara Reaves, owner. A go-to firm for event planning of all sizes, The Utopia Collective also maintains a fab retail shop. Find delicate jewelry, modern home decor, bridal party gifts and themed “party in a box” packages that come with table settings, paper garland and other accessories. 1914 E. Passyunk Avenue, (215) 271-1011, [utopiaincollectivestore.com](http://utopiaincollectivestore.com)
- **Xavi Row Bespoke** – Leroy West and Kelly Vargas, owners. Xavi Row Bespoke is known for its bold, ultra-dapper custom suiting. They create suits and shirts for professionals, prom goers and celebrities, including pro basketball player Dion Waiters. Clients book online, and West and Vargas make house or office calls. The time from measurement to outfit: about four weeks. [xavirow.com](http://xavirow.com)

- **Yowie** – Shannon Maldonado, owner. At her minimalist gift shop along Queen Village’s Fabric Row, former fashion designer Maldonado assures each limited-edition Domenic Frunzi planter, Zona Baari scarf or One Eye Ceramics feels like a work of art. Maldonado also served as the creative director and interior designer of [The Deacon](#), a circa-1906, Watson & Huckel-designed church now enjoying a second life as a gathering space and boutique hotel in Graduate Hospital. 716 S. 4th Street, [shopyowie.com](#)

## Spas/Beauty/Wellness:

- **2B Groomed Studios** – Jahmal Rhaney, owner. This vintage-feeling business services all manner of men’s grooming needs, starting with scissor and razor cuts and extending into skincare for stubborn bumps, goatee trims, steam facials, straight-razor shaves and beard coloring. Also on tap: a full slate of grooming products and a complimentary shoe shine from the buffing machine with every service. 270 S. 11th Street, (215) 925-3505, [2bgroomedstudios.com](#)
- **3rd Element Spa** – Tomika Branch and Chyvonne Shackelford, owners. Proving sisters make the best small business partners, this nail specialist and esthetician established their full-service day spa in their West Oak Lane neighborhood. Popular here: Oxygen facials, gel manicures, detox pedicures, plush waxing, lash and brow enhancements, massages, and 3rd Element lip balm and body butter and wash. 7175 Ogontz Avenue, (215) 276-2633, [@3rdelementspa](#)
- **DanceFit** – Bria Moss-Wilkerson, owner. This boutique dance fitness studio, with two locations in Philadelphia, offers group fitness classes designed for people who love to dance. With Zumba, HipFit and Ballet BarreFit, DanceFit disguises exercise to make working out feel like a party. 98 Bethlehem Pike, (215) 242-3324; 2423 Frankford Avenue, (267) 758-6400, [dancefitex.com](#)
- **Duafé Holistic Hair Care** – Syreeta Scott, owner. Stylist to Jill Scott, Ava DuVernay, Questlove and Janet Jackson holds court in North Philly, pioneering natural styles — locs, braids, two-strand twists, hair color, more — that definitely require advanced booking. 3129 N. 22nd Street, (267) 297-7636, [duafehairsalon.com](#)
- **Freedom Apothecary** – Morrisa Jenkins and Bonkosi Alyssa Horn, owners. This Northern Liberties self-care and wellness space stocks female-founded holistic skin, wellness and lifestyle products, like CBD tinctures, makeup, books and divination cards. Freedom also offers facials, workshops, book clubs and a blend bar of botanical extracts, oils and salts to make custom masks, oils, scrubs and bath salts. 736 N. 2nd Street, [@freedom.apothecary](#)
- **Girls’ Auto Clinic Repair Center** – Patrice Banks, owner. Engineer turned mechanic (and author of *Girls Auto Clinic Glovebox Guide*) has established the city’s first and only women-run garage and has debuted Clutch Beauty Bar, featuring stations for nail services. 7425 W. Chester Pike, Upper Darby, (484) 461-4693, [girlsautoclinic.com](#)
- **HolNest** – Shannan Reese, owner. Co-op of licensed bodywork therapists offers holistic relaxation and rejuvenation within a private Center City fitness center. Services — Swedish, deep tissue, sports and hot-stone massages, aromatherapy — are reasonably priced and available by appointment only. 1835 Market Street, 2nd Floor, (215) 668-5403, [facebook.com/holnest.coop](#)
- **A Man’s Cave** – Judith Dumorney McDaniel, owner. Who says only women should be pampered? The pop-up shops and skincare line from A Man’s Cave are all about helping men enjoy a bit of self-care. Founder Judith Dumorney McDaniel was inspired to start the business after her husband told her most spas cater to women. [amanscavelle.com](#)

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- **Marsh + Mane** – Jenea Robinson, owner. Located in the South Street Headhouse District, this natural hair beauty supply boutique carries a curated selection of hair, skin, lifestyle, and bath and body products. The store stocks goods from makers such as Zuresh, Bask & Bloom, Anita Grant, Angie Watts and Scotch Porter, in addition to candles, hair accessories, brushes and shower caps. 529 S. 4th Street, [marshandmane.com](http://marshandmane.com)
- **The Naked Peach Waxing Boutique** – Sarah Giovinetti, owner. With three locations in Philadelphia — Queen Village, South Street West and Roxborough — this full-service waxing studio is a convenient option for those interested in quick and painless body and facial waxing, as well as lash-brow tints, lash perm-lifts and threading. Over the course of a decade, the Naked Peach has provided more than \$20,000 in scholarships for vocational training schools to single moms and teens in the Philadelphia area. 708 S. 5th Street, (215) 574-5060; 1725 South Street, (215) 735-6736; 6226 Ridge Avenue, (215) 508-1010, [thenakedpeach.com](http://thenakedpeach.com)
- **Posh Hair Design** – Tish Taylor, owner. With over 23 years of hair care experience, Taylor creates a relaxing and tranquil setting to ensure that clients get the best hair care experience. Stylists here work on all styles and textures of hair. Services include relaxers, weaves, highlights, special occasion hair and more. 8010 Germantown Avenue, (215) 753-1150, [poshhairartistry.com](http://poshhairartistry.com)
- **Salon A'Marie** – Aundrea Watkins, owner. Aundrea Watkins' experience in natural hair care helped her create a loyal client base when she opened her salon in 2020 in the middle of a pandemic. The hair-brow-lash studio in Northwest Philadelphia also sells body oil, edge tamer and Black Lives Matter merch. 5261 Ridge Avenue, (215) 285-5920, [salonamarie.com](http://salonamarie.com)
- **QueenStylista's** – Sheena Dickerson, owner. At QueenStylista's, Sheena Dickerson has cultivated a friendly, welcoming space exclusively for women. Known for precision cuts, the Ardmore salon also specializes in coloring and styling, and the staff has a reputation for building trust with clients in search of a fresh look. 55 W. Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, (215) 596-0926, [salonqma.com](http://salonqma.com)
- **Ursula's About Phace Rittenhouse Studio** – Ursula Augustine, owner. This temporarily closed, by-appointment-only spot belongs to an industry vet whose 25-plus years in the business include stints with Bobbi Brown, François Nars and Aveda. Devoted clients swear by her award-winning (from *Allure*, *Philadelphia* magazine) brow sculpting, micro-blading, lash lifts, dermaplaning — but especially her signature URS cosmetics line for note-perfect makeup applications. 1700 Sansom Street, Suite 201, (215) 557-1562, [aboutphace201.com](http://aboutphace201.com)

## Inn:

- **Akwaaba Philadelphia** – Monique Greenwood, owner. This prominent innkeeper turned a lovely 1879 mansion in West Philly's charming Powelton Village into an intimate, elegant bed-and-breakfast. Each of the six suites is inspired by Philly musicians: Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, Jill Scott, Patti La Belle, The Roots, Teddy Pendergrass and Musiq Soulchild. 3709 Baring Street, (866) 466-3855, [akwaaba.com](http://akwaaba.com)

## Art Galleries & Classes:

- **Ceramic Concept** – Stefani Threet, owner. Opened in November 2020, this West Philly store showcases pieces by more than 50 national and international artists and makers, including works by owner Stefani Threet, in a modern, minimalist-styled space. 5015 Baltimore Avenue, [ceramicconceptphl.com](http://ceramicconceptphl.com)

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- **Moody Jones Gallery** – Adrian Moody and Robyn Jones, owners. Rich collections of paintings and sculpture by new and established artists draw observers and collectors to this boutique gallery in suburbs just north of city limits. 107 S. Easton Road, Glenside, (215) 582-4496
- **October Gallery** – Mercer Redcross, owner. “African American art is good for everyone” is the motto of Redcross, the man behind this longstanding repository of mostly contemporary Black art. This elder statesman of creativity has shared his mission from his Germantown flagship through kiosks and shows across town, long before pop-ups were cool. 6353 Greene Street, (215) 352-3114, [octobergallery.com](http://octobergallery.com)
- **Rush Arts Philly (RAP)** – Danny Simmons, owner. The elder brother of the Reverend Run and Russell Simmons established an outpost of his famed Brooklyn art gallery and community space in the Logan neighborhood at the very top of Broad Street. RAP opened in 2016 with the exhibition *Power, Protest, and Resistance: The Art of Revolution* and continues to organize exhibitions and programs that give opportunities to artists, students, curators and the community. 4954 Old York Road, [rushphilanthropic.org](http://rushphilanthropic.org)
- **Sippin’ Pic’s Painting Parties** – Darlene Walker, owner. This paint and event studio’s motto is “you bring the people, and they bring the paint and the party.” Sippin’ Pic’s hosts events for all ages featuring painting, live music and karaoke. They also happily bring the party to private homes. 3901 Conshohocken Avenue, (215) 310-0499, [sippinpic.com](http://sippinpic.com)

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