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## **Boston Marathon<sup>®</sup> Champion Highlights 2013 B.A.A. 10K Elite Field**

**Lelisa Desisa (ETH) Will Compete in the B.A.A. 10K on Sunday, June 23.  
The B.A.A. 10K is the Second Race of the 2013 B.A.A. Distance Medley**

BOSTON – The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) today announced that 2013 Boston Marathon<sup>®</sup> men's champion Lelisa Desisa, of Ethiopia, will compete in the 2013 B.A.A. 10K on Sunday, June 23. Desisa will compete among Olympic and World Championship finalists, national record holders, and the defending champions of the B.A.A. Distance Medley. The B.A.A. 10K is the second race of the 2013 B.A.A. Distance Medley, a three-race series which awards \$100,000 USD to the male and female with the fastest cumulative time from the three races. In addition, the B.A.A. 10K offers a combined prize purse of nearly \$30,000 USD.

For each of the first two years of the B.A.A. 10K, the men's race produced the world's leading time to date for that year.

Challenging Desisa in the 2013 B.A.A. 10K will be a talented, international field including 2012 B.A.A. Distance Medley champion Allan Kiprono (KEN); 2012 B.A.A. Distance Medley runner-up and 2013 Bellin Run (Green Bay, WI) champion Lani Rutto (KEN); and three-time Olympian Alistair Cragg (IRL). Also expected to be among the leaders are 2013 Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run (Washington, D.C.) champion Daniel Salel (KEN); six-time NCAA All-American Stephen Sambu (KEN); 2012 Paris Marathon runner-up Raji Assefa (ETH); and 2013 James Joyce Ramble (Dedham, MA) champion Amos Sang (KEN).

Following the 2013 B.A.A. 5K, American Aaron Braun (AZ) is in first place on the men's B.A.A. Distance Medley Leader Board. The 2012 Manchester (CT) Road Race champion finished second in the B.A.A. 5K, running 13:40. Braun will be joined in the B.A.A. 10K by Jason Hartmann (CO), the fourth place finisher and top American in the 2012 and 2013 Boston Marathon, and Massachusetts natives Nate Jenkins and Mark Amirault.

In the women's race, 2012 B.A.A. Distance Medley champion Kim Smith (NZL) will defend her title after setting a course record of 31:36 in last year's B.A.A. 10K. She won the 2013 B.A.A. 5K on April 14 and is currently in first place on the women's B.A.A. Distance Medley Leader Board.

Smith, who resides in Providence, RI, will compete against 2011 champion and 2013 runner-up of the B.A.A. 5K Lineth Chepkurui (KEN), and 2013 Crescent City Classic (New Orleans, LA) champion Alice Kimutai (KEN). Rounding out the women's elite field are 2008 Bolder Boulder (Boulder, CO) and Bellin Run champion Millicent Kuria (KEN); James Joyce Ramble champion

Chemtai Rionotukei (KEN); Houston Half Marathon and New York Mini 10K champion Mamitu Daska (ETH); and 2012 B.A.A. Distance Medley runner-up Aheza Kiros (ETH).

The B.A.A. 10K begins on Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. ET near the Boston Public Garden. The 6.2-mile course is a scenic tour through Boston's Back Bay neighborhood. Starting on Charles Street, the race winds down picturesque Commonwealth Avenue and Bay State Road as far west as Babcock Street near Boston University, before heading back on Commonwealth Avenue, around the Public Garden, and finishing on Charles Street. Registration for the B.A.A. 10K is closed. For more information about the B.A.A. 10K, please visit [www.baa.org](http://www.baa.org).

#### **MEN'S ELITE FIELD (as of June 13, 2013)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>10K PERSONAL BEST</b>
Daniel Salel *	KEN	22	28:40 (27:07.85)
Lelisa Desisa	ETH	23	27:58 (27:11.98)
Raji Assefa	ETH	27	28:33 (27:15.68)
Stephen Sambu *	KEN	24	28:02 (27:28.64)
Alistair Cragg *	IRL	33	28:33 (27:39.55)
Aaron Braun *	USA / AZ	26	29:17 (27:41.54)
Allan Kiprono *	KEN	23	27:42
Lani Rutto *	KEN	24	27:46
Jason Hartmann	USA / CO	32	29:04 (28:15.22)
Amos Sang	KEN	27	28:47 (28:20.35)
Nate Jenkins	USA / MA	32	29:33 (29:59.46)
Mark Amirault	USA / MA	25	Debut

#### **WOMEN'S ELITE FIELD (as of June 13, 2013)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>10K PERSONAL BEST</b>
Kim Smith *	NZL	31	31:23 (30:35.54)
Lineth Chepkurui *	KEN	25	30:45 (31:24.20)
Aheza Kiros	ETH	31	31:57 (31:06.93)
Mamitu Daska	ETH	29	32:05 (31:36.88)
Alice Kimutai *	KEN	20	31:51
Millicent Kuria *	KEN	27	32:38
Chemtai Rionotukei	KEN	26	33:45

\* 2013 B.A.A. Distance Medley participant

( ) Track Performance for 10,000 meters

#### **PRIZE PURSE**

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
1	\$5,000	\$5,000
2	3,000	3,000
3	1,500	1,500
4	1,200	1,200
5	800	800
6	600	600
7	500	500
8	400	400
9	300	300
10	200	200
TOTAL	\$13,500	\$13,500

**About the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.)**

Established in 1887, the Boston Athletic Association is a non-profit organization with a mission of managing athletic events and promoting a healthy lifestyle through sports, especially running. The B.A.A.'s Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon, and the organization manages other local events and supports comprehensive charity, youth, and year-round running programs. Since 1986, the principal sponsor of the Boston Marathon has been John Hancock Financial. The Boston Marathon is part of the World Marathon Majors, along with the international marathons in Tokyo, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York City. Nearly 50,000 runners will participate in B.A.A. events in 2013. The 118<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014. For more information on the B.A.A., please visit [www.baa.org](http://www.baa.org).

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