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WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF NEXT FULL LIGHTING ON SATURDAY, JULY 12

The Origami Cranes of Fidelity Investments Fill the Park &
The Ignite Music Stage Sponsored by GEICO and Fat Belly's Pub Comes to Life
with the African Rhythms of Sidy Maiga and AfriManding

PROVIDENCE, RI – (July 12, 2014) – **WaterFire Providence**, the award-winning sculpture by artist Barnaby Evans, announces the details of the next full lighting of the 2014 season, Saturday, July 12th. The full lighting is sponsored by Nortek, Inc. and Fidelity Investments. Sunset on July 12th is at 8:21 PM. The fires will be lit shortly thereafter and will burn until midnight.

WaterFire Providence is pleased to welcome back Nortek, Inc. for another season. At Nortek, Inc. employees strive to make the places where people live and work better with innovative air management, security, automation and audio visual products. Each brand is born of out-of-the-box thinking and fueled by state-of-the-art technology to improve the lives of their customers. This season they will help to fuel the fires at WaterFire to celebrate the city and community that has been home to their global headquarters for nearly 50 years. Nortek's CEO, Michael Clarke, says, "WaterFire represents the very best of what Providence has to offer: culture, community and vitality. We can see the WaterFire display from our offices and it's great to be able to participate in such a signature event in a city we are very proud to be a part of."

WaterFire visitors are invited to visit Fidelity Investments in Memorial Park from 8:00PM – 10:00PM to learn the art of origami. Long time sponsor, Fidelity Investments, will also be joining WaterFire Providence on July 12th to celebrate 12 years of partnership. In honor of this exciting occasion Fidelity employees will be giving out hand folded origami cranes as a symbol of peace, fidelity, and longevity. John Muggeridge, Vice President of

Public Affairs at Fidelity, says, “Fidelity is proud to continue our relationship with WaterFire by sponsoring this wonderful evening, and we will once again be distributing thousands of hand-folded origami cranes as a gift from our employees to the WaterFire attendees. We are pleased to be a part of this unique element of the Rhode Island Community.”

The Ignite Music Stage at WaterFire Returns! Sponsored by GEICO and Fat Belly’s Pub and located at the intersection of Steeple Street and Canal. WaterFire guests are invited to stop by from 7:00PM – 11:30PM and listen to African rhythms featuring local master percussionist and djembe player, Sidy Maiga and band AfriManding. Sidy Maiga is a master percussionist from Bamako, Mali, West Africa, who specializes in djembe and dun dun. Though trained in the complex traditional rhythms of Mali, Sidy is also well versed in Caribbean and hip-hop rhythms. He has performed with a variety of different artists, including Percussion Fassia du District de Bamako, Troupe Artistique du District de Bamako, Coumba Sira Koïta, Saly Sidibé, Mamoun Sidibé, Paye Camara, Touman Diabaté, Binké Traoré, Tata Pound, Troupe Baden’ya, The Jamal Jackson Dance Company, New Works World Traditions and many others. WaterFire guests are invited to stop by from 7:00PM – 11:30PM.

Visit the WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza on both Steeple and Washington Streets. Starting at 6:00 PM, local artists and crafts-people will share their wares and fine works from photographs and sculptures, paintings and hand crafted ceramics, to jewelry and specialty textiles. Visitors can look forward to seeing work from Andrea Grimaldi, Shannon Caldwell Roche, Sema Gurerk, Monique Sousa, and many more.

All of WaterFire Providence’s favorite performers are back! Make sure you visit the living statues in Memorial Park at the World War I monument. Ten31 Productions returns with their interactive living statues and gargoyles in Memorial Park shortly after lighting. WaterFire Fire Dancers Liz Knights and Andrew Lindsay will dazzle the crowds at different times throughout the evening in the basin and near Memorial Park. Andrew Anselmo, the origami guy, will also be there, delighting the crowd near the RISD auditorium.

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WaterFire is an independent, non-profit arts organization whose mission is to inspire Providence and its visitors by revitalizing the urban experience, fostering community engagement, and creatively transforming WaterFire for all to enjoy. The powerful work of art is installed on the three rivers of downtown Providence as a moving symbol of Providence’s Renaissance. To learn more about WaterFire or make a donation visit www.waterfire.org or www.facebook.com/watefireprovidence.