

# WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

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**WaterFire Providence Announces Details for September 12<sup>th</sup> Full Lighting: Gendo Taiko drummers perform during our opening ceremonies; schools of glowing fish return to the river as part of Clear Currents; religious choirs from around RI perform on Steeple Street as we celebrate the 225th anniversary of The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island; and see the works of local artisans at The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza on Washington Street and Steeple Street.**

**Providence, RI:** WaterFire Providence is excited to announce the details for the full lighting on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The full lighting is sponsored by the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists (NESO). Sunset is at 7:02 p.m. The fires will be lit shortly thereafter and burn until 12:30am.

WaterFire Providence welcomes back the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists (NESO) as they celebrate their *2015 NESO Annual Meeting: Spark Ideas. Fuel Success* at WaterFire. NESO is a not-for-profit corporation, recognized as a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). NESO serves orthodontists in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York, as well as the Canadian provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland.

“A highly memorable and experiential component of Providence’s art scene, and the inspiration for the NESO 2015 theme: Spark Ideas and Fuel Success is WaterFire. WaterFire's sparkling bonfires along the river engage all the senses and emotions of those who stroll the path of Waterplace Park. Let’s light things up together.” - Dr. Chris Lundberg NESO President

**The Clear Currents Koi Fish return to the River for another night!** Starting at sunset, volunteer canoeists and kayakers with illuminated Japanese koi fish mounted to their vessels will paddle up and down the river in schools beautifully complimenting the burning braziers. WaterFire Providence is excited to have so many different community members joining us as part of this effort to bring awareness to the health and cleanliness of one of WaterFire and Providence's greatest resources: Water!

**Gendo Taiko** will join us for the kick off of Clear Currents. As part of the opening ceremony, Gendo Taiko of Brown University and RISD will be performing Taiko drumming. Taiko is a form of traditional Japanese drumming that has its early origins in the driving away of evil spirits.

[The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island](#) is celebrating 225 years of serving Rhode Island. A gathering of the 53 Episcopal Churches in our state. The diocese provides resources and educational opportunities to encourage spiritual development and outreach in the churches of this diocese, as well as in the greater community.

- **Live musical performances on Steeple Street from 7pm to 10pm: Sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.** Enjoy the inspiring sounds of choirs from around the diocese throughout the evening including, children's choirs, multiple adult choirs and the NewFire singing group.
- **Visit the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island's "Hopes for Rhode Island" station.** In addition to the choral festivities please stop by the "Hopes for Rhode Island" station on Steeple street where there will be a childrens coloring craft table featuring angel coloring sheets as well as a station for people of all ages where participants can submit their hopes for Rhode Island which will then be hung on display for all to see.

**Charging Stations Provided by National Grid.** Visit the National Grid charging stations on College Street (at the intersection of College and Main Streets) and Canal Street to recharge your smartphone and other mobile devices during the lighting.

**Dunkin Donuts at WaterFire.** Join us for samples of chocolate and vanilla shakes provided by Dunkin Donuts on Canal Street. They will be testing their brand new shakes in the Providence Market. They will also have Dark Roast Iced Coffee in addition to the shake samples.

**Visit the WaterFire Merchandise Store located on Canal Street.** Beginning at 5:30pm, stop by the WaterFire store to buy a t-shirt, hoodie, poster, magnet, pendants, etc. All proceeds will help support WaterFire to keep the fires burning. Forty-five tables will be provided for dining on the river railing overlooking the beautiful double row of bonfires.

**Get a bite to eat from one of our food vendors!** Locations on Washington Street, College Street, Steeple Street, and the Canal Walk enjoy food from vendors such as Fat Belly's Irish Pub, Taste of India, Parkside Rotisserie and Bar, Dudley's, Kettle Korn Express, and many more.

**Visit WaterFire Providence's newest venue, "Gerbermühle: Biergarten unter den Weiden" in partnership with Trinity Brewhouse.** In partnership with Trinity Brewhouse, WaterFire has opened a beer garden on the Woonasquatucket. This beer garden will be located upstream of Waterplace Basin, under the willow trees at the foot of the IGT Building. This new beer garden will have German beer and food while focusing on Frankfurt specialties. The hours on WaterFire nights will be from 6:00pm to 11:00pm.

**Visit the WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza on Washington Street and Steeple Street.** Starting at 6:00 PM, local artists and craftspeople will share their wares and fine works from photographs and sculptures, paintings and hand crafted ceramics, to jewelry and specialty textiles.

**WaterFire's favorite characters are back for another enchanting evening.**

- Ten31 Productions returns with their interactive living statues and gargoyles in Memorial Park shortly after lighting.
- Catch mime artist Michael Grando in costume as the Commedia dell'arte character Pierrot, as he cruises the river tossing carnations to visitors along the shore.
- Fire spinners Benjamin Reynolds and Julia Jerome will dazzle you with their breathtaking performances throughout the night.

**The Nursing Placement First Aid Station.** Located on Washington Street, Nursing Placement will provide first aid care to the public at any time during the event. The First Aid RV will also serve as a meeting place for missing children and their parents to reunite. Nursing Placement are also taking applications for new team members.

Upcoming WaterFire Providence dates for the 2015 season include September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>. WaterFire is still looking for additional community support to add more dates to the 2015 season to continue making Providence a better place to live, work and visit. For information about sponsoring or supporting WaterFire Providence, please contact Bronwyn Dannenfels, Director of Resource Development at 401-273-1155 or [bronwyn@waterfire.org](mailto:bronwyn@waterfire.org).

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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 <http://waterfire.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/waterfireprovidence>.

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