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WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF NEXT FULL LIGHTING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23:

CAPOERIA BATZADO, GLOWING FISH ON THE WATER, THE RETURN OF THE IGNITE PROVIDENCE MUSIC STAGE AT WATERFIRE, A SALUTE TO TEACH FOR AMERICA RI... AND SO MUCH MORE!

PROVIDENCE, RI - (August 18, 2014) – WaterFire Providence, the award-winning sculpture by artist Barnaby Evans, announces the details of the next full lighting of the 2014 season on Saturday August 23rd. The full lighting is sponsored by [Cox Business](#) and [Amica Insurance](#). Sunset on August 23rd is at 7:35 PM. The fires will be lit shortly after and burn until midnight.

WaterFire Providence is thrilled to have long time partner and Co-Lead Sponsor, Cox Business as a sponsor for the 2014 season. Cox Business provides Data, Voice and Video services for more than 290,000 small and regional businesses, including healthcare providers, K-12 and higher education, financial institutions, and federal, state, and local governments. “Cox Business is proud to co-sponsor the lighting of two-thirds of a mile of riverfront with its 13th annual Cox event,” said Mark Scott, VP, Cox Business and VP, WaterFire Board of Directors. “WaterFire is a great catalyst for Rhode Island’s economy, people, culture, and the arts.”

WaterFire also welcomes back [Amica Insurance](#) as a Co-Lead Sponsor for the evening. Amica Insurance always puts their customer first and cares about their community and they are back once again to help show their support for WaterFire. “For 11 years, Amica Insurance has been a proud supporter of WaterFire Providence, and we are happy to continue our support of this magical experience, which remains free to the public. Amica’s mission is simple: To create peace of mind and build enduring relationships. We practice this daily, not only with our policyholders, but also with other members of the community. Our employees look forward to volunteering at WaterFire, as well as many other events that we sponsor,” says Patti Genovese, Sponsorship Coordinator with Amica Insurance

Ignite Providence Music Stage

The Ignite Providence Music Stage at WaterFire, sponsored by [Geico | Local Office](#) and [Fat Belly's Irish Pub](#) is located on Steeple Street and will be in full swing on August 23rd from 7 PM through 11:30 PM. Joining us is local favorite [Tony Cerbo](#). Guests are invited to join us to dance and enjoy some classic songs as one of the Rhode Island greats brings Rat Pack style music back to Providence. [Mixed Magic Exult Choir](#), traditional gospel with a contemporary twist, will also be performing for a short set. Started in 2006 this group works to honor and preserve America's great gospel music tradition and to build a more literate and arts-active community through their work.

WaterFire Honors Teach for America Rhode Island

WaterFire is proud to welcome back [Teach for America RI](#) and teachers that bring change to our community and to the lives of Rhode Island Students. To recognize the 35 incredible individuals that have committed to working with low-income students in the Rhode Island community, a special torch procession will be held starting at Memorial Park at 7:38pm and Making its way to Waterplace Basin for the lighting of WaterFire.

Clear Currents Light Up the River

WaterFire's August 23rd lighting will have a very special Clear Currents WaterFire Event. 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!

Capoeira Performances on the Basin Stage

[Grupo Ondas](#), a local Capoeira group, will be performing on the Basin Stage before and during lighting from 6-8PM. This Afro-Brazilian martial art combines fighting, dancing, acrobatics and music that is as breath-taking to watch as it is to play. Grupo Ondas students will be performing in a traditional Batizado, or belting ceremony, as they work to improve their skills in this fascinating form of martial arts.

Arts Festival Plaza

Located on Washington Street, the Arts Festival Plaza features local arts and craftspeople and will open at 6:00 PM. The evening will showcase paintings, sculptures, photography, hand-crafted ceramics and jewelry created by members of the Providence community.

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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 waterfire.org or www.facebook.com/watefireprovidence.