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## **WaterFire Announces Details of the First Full Lighting of the 2015 Season** **Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 – Sponsored by Bank of America &** **Celebrating Brown University's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**Providence, RI:** WaterFire Providence is proud to release the details of the first full lighting of the 2015 WaterFire season Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Sunset is at 8:07 p.m. and the fires will be lit shortly thereafter. This fire is sponsored by Bank of America and Celebrating Brown University's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WaterFire Providence is pleased to welcome back long time sponsor and community partner, [Bank of America](#), as Season Sponsor and Co-lead Sponsor for our first full lighting of the season. “WaterFire is a signature Providence event, a tremendous testament to the city’s creative talent and energy,” said Bill Hatfield, Rhode Island president, Bank of America. “It connects artists, businesses and the community as a whole in a partnership that reflects a collective commitment to making our city an engaging, culturally vibrant place to live and work.”

WaterFire also welcomes the return of the for Brown’s commencement weekend as they celebrate the University’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

“Over the past 15-months, Brown University has celebrated the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding by offering programs designed to share a fuller and deeper understanding of the University and its historic and ongoing partnership with Providence and Rhode Island. In conjunction with Commencement/Reunion Weekend 2015, we are pleased to mark the conclusion of this historic celebration by sponsoring WaterFire Providence, founded by alumnus Barnaby Evans, and invite alumni, graduates, families, friends and all Rhode Islanders to enjoy this magical exhibit in our capital city.”

[The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza](#), in partnership with Bryce Studio, returns for the 2015 season. Located on Washington and Steeple Streets from 6:00 - 11:30 p.m., this outdoor artisan fair will showcase some of the great artwork created in Rhode Island in mediums such as glass, photography, sculpture, jewelry and more. The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza will offer visitors the opportunity to purchase artwork by Rhode Island-based artists.

The Starry Starry Night Installation will shine brightly in Memorial Park. Join thousands of WaterFire visitors in Memorial Park where the public is encouraged to add their own light to the night. For a small donation to WaterFire, make a wish upon a star or place your very own message and luminaria candle lantern in the park. The park will be aglow with hanging blue stars and a constellation of twinkling luminaria candle lanterns below.

**WaterFire's favorite characters are back!**

- 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.
- Origami Master - Andrew Anselmo delights crowds of all ages near the RISD auditorium
- Fire Dancers Benjamin Reynolds and Julie Jerome will dazzle the crowds during several performances throughout the evening at the confluence and on the wall of braziers in Memorial Park.

[Nursing Placement](#) the official first aid provider at WaterFire events will offer first aid care to the public at any time during the event. Additionally, the venue will serve as a meeting place for missing children and parents to reunite. The First Aid RV will be located on Washington Street and can be found on all WaterFire event maps. Nursing Placement will also be taking applications for new team members to help serve the RI population.

Make sure you can capture the magic of WaterFire all evening long by visiting the Courtesy Phone Charging Stations sponsored by [National Grid](#) located throughout the park to recharge your smartphone and other mobile devices during the lighting. Charging stations will be located on Canal Street between Washington and Steeple Streets and on the College Street Bridge.

WaterFire Providence has released 10 full fire dates for the 2015 season including May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Providence 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 the city by presenting WaterFire for all to enjoy.

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