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**WaterFire Providence Announces
Involvement in H.P. Lovecraft Events**

**NecronomiCon Providence, *The Call of Lovecraft*, Lovecraft Talks, SteamPunk Embassy,
Lovecraft Book Launch**

Providence, RI: WaterFire Providence announces details of its calendar of events supporting NecronomiCon Providence 2013. Events begin on Wednesday, August 21st and run through the full WaterFire lighting on Saturday, August 24th.

The events are part of Ignite Providence, a WaterFire Providence ArtPlace initiative. In 2012, WaterFire Providence received a prestigious ArtPlace grant to use art and creative placemaking techniques to add vibrancy and economy to the local Providence community.

ArtPlace, a national collaboration of 11 major national and regional foundations, six of the nation's largest banks, and eight federal agencies, including the National Endowment for the Arts, works to accelerate creative placemaking across the U.S. To date, ArtPlace America has awarded 134 grants to 124 organizations in more than 79 communities across the U.S. for a total of \$42.1 million. For more information about ArtPlace, please visit <http://artplaceamerica.org>.

Barnaby Evans, Executive Artistic Director of WaterFire Providence, said:

"We are delighted to be working with NecronomiCon Providence to deliver a series of exciting events across Providence in the coming days. Whether you are a devoted lifelong fan of Lovecraft or you are new to this Providence-born author, you are sure to find something of interest. Wander the ancient streets of Providence through your mobile phone, or hear some of the finest music in town, or relax and take in a talk by some of the leading scholars of Lovecraft's

life and legacy. We are proud to celebrate one of our most famous authors alongside his legions of fans from around the world."

NecronomiCon Providence takes place in Providence from August 22nd - 25th. WaterFire Providence is working with NecronomiCon Providence to deliver a series of events related to H.P. Lovecraft, the "Old Gentleman of Providence." Check out the NecronomiCon Providence website for the full convention schedule: www.necronomicon-providence.com.

Lovecraft Walking Tour: A new, free Lovecraft walking tour of Providence accessible through your mobile device. *The Call of Lovecraft* uses augmented reality to bring unique special features to life. A team of students at Brown University initially created the project. Paul Margrave, a member of the student team invites users to:

"Explore Lovecraft's Providence, but beware the Old Ones that lurk around in the shadows of this ancient city. This is not your average walking tour!"

The Call of Lovecraft launches on August 24th and is useable through the end of year. Find out more and download the free app at: www.calloflovecraft.com.

Salon at Providence Art Club: Henry Beckwith delivers an evening salon discussion on Wednesday, August 21st August at 6:30pm at the Providence Art Club. Beckwith will share his insights gained from his half-century of casual study of H.P. Lovecraft. The event is free and open to the public.

The Shadow Over Thames Street: Mayor Angel Taveras introduces the keynote address for NecronomiCon Providence by leading Lovecraft scholar S.T. Joshi. The address takes place at the First Baptist Church at 5:15pm on Thursday, August 22nd. The event will be followed by the opening reception of **Ars Necronomica** at 7pm at both the Providence Arts Club and The Cohen Gallery. The art exhibition in two venues showcases the influences Lovecraft's work has had on artists around the world. All events are free and open to the public.

SteamPunk Embassy: WaterFire Providence presents a Red Fork Embassy showcase of SteamPunk art in the Old Stone Bank on Saturday, August 24th (2pm - midnight) and Sunday, August 25th (12pm - 8pm). Performance artists, circus acts, and musicians from across the U.S. will accompany the exhibition in the venue. The event is free and open to the public.

A New England Decadent: WaterFire Providence is re-publishing, "H.P. Lovecraft: New England Decadent" by Professor Emeritus Barton Levi St. Armand. The book was first published in 1979 and has been corrected and re-released on the occasion of NecronomiCon Providence 2013. This publication examines the history of Lovecraft scholarship and describes Lovecraft's roots in the decadent movement of 19th Century Europe. Copies will be available digitally and in hard copy from August 24th on Amazon. Copies will also be on sale at WaterFire Providence and NecronomiCon Providence events.

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. For more information or to donate, visit: www.waterfire.org

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