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WaterFire Providence Announces Details for August 10th Full Lighting:

National Grid Charges up WaterFire, The Fidelity Origami Crane Folding Tent Returns, Blues and Latin Musical Performances on Steeple Street, Capoeira Batizado Festival and Folklorico Bolivian Dancers Take to the Basin Stage, Latino Dollars For Scholars Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Venture and Teach For America Fellowship Procession, Arts Festival Plaza on Washington Street

Providence, RI: WaterFire Providence is excited to announce the details for the full lighting on Saturday, August 10th. Sunset is at 7:54 PM. The fires will be lit shortly after and burn until midnight. The lighting is sponsored by Fidelity Investments, Amica Insurance, and National Grid.

[Amica Insurance](#) returns as a long time sponsor of WaterFire. Amica has a long standing reputation as a community company and is proud to be able to sponsor a Rhode Island tradition for the enjoyment of the Providence community and its visitors.

“For 10 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.”

- Patti Genovese, a Senior Sponsorship Specialist with Amica Insurance

[Fidelity Investments](#), another long time WaterFire partner, will be returning to the installation to hand out origami cranes to the crowd. The traditional Japanese crane symbolizes peace, fidelity, and longevity, representing the 11 year partnership Fidelity has established with WaterFire. From 7-10 PM visitors are welcome to learn how to fold their own origami cranes at

the Fidelity Crane Folding Tent located in Memorial Park. Keep an eye out for illuminated blue cranes on the front of WaterFire's fleet of boats on the rivers too!

"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."

- John Muggeridge, Vice President of Public Affairs at Fidelity.

Charge up your cell phone at WaterFire with [National Grid](#)! WaterFire season sponsor National Grid will be providing a free cell phone charging station at WaterFire on August 10th! Stop by the National Grid tent on Washington Street to charge up your phone or other electrical devices for free!

"National Grid strongly supports WaterFire and all that it means for Providence and Rhode Island. This signature event has become a leading contributor to the vitality of our economy as it continues to gain international recognition while drawing thousands of visitors who might otherwise not have visited the region."

- Timothy F. Horan, President of National Grid in Rhode Island.

[Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana](#) and [Grupo Ondas](#) take over the Waterplace

Stage! WaterFire is pleased to partner once again with the Fraternidad Folklorica Boliviana and to play a part in the [Ukrupina Festival](#) which highlights the rich Bolivian culture through a showcase of music and dance. Starting at 7:00 PM traditional Bolivian dance and music will be performed on the basin stage. At 8:05 PM a traditional Aymara, or Bolivian fire ritual, will be presented during the lighting of WaterFire with accompaniment by Bolivian musical group, Voces de los Andes. Following this ceremony both groups will process to the Bank of America City Center to join the ongoing Ukrupina Festival. For more information on the Ukrupina Festival please visit: www.ribaa.org

Capoeira group, [Grupo Ondas](#), will be performing on the basin stage starting at 4 PM. Capoeira is a beautiful martial art that combines fighting, dancing, acrobatics and music into a "game" that is as breathtaking to watch as it is to play. At 4 PM Grupo Ondas will be presenting a Batizado, or belting ceremony, as new students are introduced to the world of capoeira, current students advance in rank and senior students and instructors perform.

[Venture for America](#) and [Teach for America](#) welcome new fellows to Rhode Island with WaterFire! Sister organizations, Venture for America and Teach for America, focus on bringing motivated recent college graduates to partnering communities through entrepreneurial work at start-up companies within the area or through teaching at low-income schools for two years. New and current fellows will be lighting a star in the Starry, Starry Night field with a wish for their future and the work they will do as part of the Rhode Island community and light a luminaria to thank those that have helped them on their own path to the program. From here participants will participate in a Prometheia torch procession to the Steeple Street Stage where Mayor Angel Taveras will welcome them to Providence at 9:45 PM.

More great performances on the Steeple Street Stage! Make your way over to Steeple Street for another spectacular night of live music! Beginning at 7:30 PM WaterFire invites you to join us for some great local music and dancing in the streets.

- **7:30 PM: Kim Trusty**, a powerful vocalist and guitarist who incorporates jazz, rhythm & blues into her music.
- **9:00 PM: [Grupo Sazon](#)**, Since 2003 Jesus Andujar and his talented musicians have been producing authentic music from the Spanish Caribbean; Salsa, Merengue and Latin Jazz. Join them for some great dancing and exciting music until 11:45 PM.

[Latino Dollars for Scholars](#) Announces Scholarship recipients! LADO will award 20 winners of its annual scholarship competition to Latino high school students to help them continue their education at the postsecondary level after high school. Recipients will be announced on the Steeple Street stage at 8:00 PM.

WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza will make its second appearance this season on Washington Street from 6 -11 PM. The outdoor fair will feature local Rhode Island artists including Harliquinn Designs, My Stonington Garden, TNI Design, New Moon Ceramics, The Utopian Collection, and more. These Rhode Island artists produce handmade jewelry, sculptures, glass, paintings, prints, photography, and ceramics giving WaterFire visitors an opportunity to purchase beautiful and unique handcrafted items and support local art.

Hood Dairy and the Soup Boutique has partnered with WaterFire! Providence's very own Chef Ben Lloyd of Tazza Caffè has crafted a delectable soup made with Hood products. Free samples of Crab Bisque with Tarragon Corn Coulis will be available all night at Hood's Soup Boutique on Canal Street.

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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. For more information or to donate, visit: [www. Waterfire.org](http://www.Waterfire.org)