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WaterFire Providence Announces Details for September 21st Full Lighting

(Up)beating Cancer with The Joe Andruzzi Foundation, Celebrating 150 years and Chinese culture with Bryant University, the U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute at Bryant University, Sharing National Recovery Month with RI Rally 4 Recovery, Hosting a Ten31 Fairy Tale, Powering up with National Grid and Savoring Tasty Treats with FoodForward!

Providence, RI: WaterFire Providence is excited to announce the details for the full lighting on Saturday, September 21st. Sunset is at 6:44 PM. The fires will be lit shortly after and burn until midnight. This lighting is sponsored (Up)Beat Cancer: Joe Andruzzi Foundation presented by East Commerce Solutions, Inc., RI Rally 4 Recovery & The U.S.- China Institute and Confucius Institute at Bryant University and National Grid.

Joe Andruzzi Foundation shares an (Up)Beat approach to cancer: The Joe Andruzzi Foundation, started by former Patriots Offensive Guard, Joe Andruzzi, is joining us for the first time at WaterFire. The Joe Andruzzi Foundation is a cancer resource foundation that takes a different, positive approach to fighting cancer by providing help, hope, and a reason to smile for cancer patients and their families by contributing financial and emotional support when it is needed most. Please join us in welcoming the Joe Andruzzi Foundation to the WaterFire family!

"The Joe Andruzzi Foundation is proud to be a season sponsor of WaterFire Providence, an event that spreads joy and brings smiles to the faces of many. Being (Up)Beat and spreading laughter is the philosophy that drives our organization and all the work that we do. We encourage others to join us and our presenting sponsor, East Commerce Solutions, Inc. at the Foundation's 'Mardi Gras Celebration' fundraising event at the September 21 WaterFire. All the details of this event can be found on our website at www.joeandruzzifoundation.org. We hope you can join us, and we look forward to celebrating what is sure to be an (Up)Beat night!"

- Joe Andruzzi, 3 Time Superbowl Champion, President, Joe Andruzzi Foundation

Rally 4 Recovery celebrates National Recovery Month with WaterFire for a fourth year: Rally 4 Recovery, an organized coalition of people in recovery from addiction, and their family members, friends and allies, will be celebrating National Recovery Month all day in Roger Williams Memorial Park. Family friendly activities will include children's and adult crafts, face painting, children's bouncy houses by Jumpin' Fun, inspirational and recovery speakers, and advocacy programs. Rally's month long celebration of National Recovery Month will culminate with an inspirational 50 person torch procession and 400 person luminaria parade from Roger Williams Memorial Park to the Starry, Starry Night installation in Memorial Park at **7:00 PM**. Stop by Memorial Park to read the many messages of hope, inspiration and joy, all related to recovery.

"Rally 4 Recovery is pleased to collaborate for the fourth year with WaterFire to put a public face on recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, mental illness and developmental disabilities, we know how important it is for Rhode Islanders and our elected officials to know that people can and do recover and lead full and productive lives when they get the help they need." Rally 4 Recovery takes place at Roger Williams National Memorial and includes a procession to Memorial Park at WaterFire."

- Jim Gillen, Chair of the RI Recovery Month Coalition

U.S. - China Institute and Confucius Institute at Bryant University showcase traditions: The U.S. - China Institute and Confucius Institute at Bryant University has teamed up with WaterFire to celebrate Chinese culture and heritage! Join us at the Waterplace Basin stage prior to lighting for traditional Chinese Lion & Dragon dances and a beautiful Chinese Opera performance by Ms. Jia Xu. Bryant University will help kick off the lighting in a celebration of their 150th anniversary with a 150 person torch procession into the basin. Starting on Steeple street at 5 PM visitors will be "transported" to China, as the U.S. - China Institute and Confucius Institute at Bryant University celebrates and shares Chinese culture with WaterFire guests with great performances, interactive displays, exhibits and more.

"In celebration of Bryant University's 150-year anniversary, the US-China Institute, Confucius Institute, and Alumni Relations office at Bryant University are proud to be sponsors of WaterFire Providence-- celebrating diversity through promoting Chinese language and cultural heritage."

- Dr. Hong Yang, Vice President of International Affairs, Bryant University

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 September 21st! Stop by the National Grid tent on Canal Street to charge up your phone or other electrical devices for free all night long!

FoodForward brings free food tastings to WaterFire: FoodForward, hosted by Rally Rhode Island, will join the WaterFire installation on College Street bridge from 6-11 PM. Join us for some great food samples and learn about the great food right here in Rhode Island! Sampling some of the most innovative foods from around Rhode Island. Exhibitors will showcase their products, serve samples, and talk to visitors about their ventures.

Ten31 takes over WaterFire: WaterFire favorites and locally renown performance art company, Ten 31 will be celebrating its beginnings at WaterFire with a special performance on September 21st. TEN31 creates living statues, human botanicals and costumed characters all performed by trained artists. TEN31 began at Waterfire with its first creation, The Gargoyles. This magical pair soon became a perennial favorite at Waterfire.

To celebrate this magical partnership, **A TEN31 Fairy Tale at Waterfire** will run from 7:00 PM through 10:00 PM at the World War Monument in Memorial Park. Living Statues, a collection of Human Birch Trees will meander and integrate into the performance, and will also include special dance performances by TEN31's

Fairies. Dance performances will occur at 7:15 PM, 8:15 PM, 9:15 PM and 9:55 PM. As always, this performance is paid through donations collected during the performance. TEN31 will provide a portion of the proceeds to Waterfire.

Providence Place Mall offers up a chance to win a \$250 Gift Card: Stop by the Providence Place Mall booth on Canal Street and for your chance to win (2) \$250 Providence Place Gift Cards, good anywhere accepted by American Express. Guests will also receive a Providence Place Premier Passport filled with 60 Exclusive Coupons to Providence Place Retailers.

WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza returns: From 6-11 PM Washington Street will be lined with more than a dozen local Rhode Island artists including works in handmade jewelry, sculptures, glass, paintings, prints, photography, and ceramics. This event is part of WaterFire's on-going exploration of new approaches to creative placemaking through art, design and innovation. This larger creative placemaking program is made possible in part by the support of ArtPlace.c

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular to be highlighted at WaterFire: The famous Roger Williams Park Zoo Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular will be on site to entertain visitors young and old. A portion of the Zoo's 5,000 pumpkins can be found in Waterplace basin, free to the public, throughout the evening.

Experience Rhode Island solves your parking and traffic problems: Forego the hassle of parking downtown on busy Saturday nights. Experience RI have introduced a "hop on, hop off" shuttle that travels throughout Providence from 5 PM to 1 AM every Saturday night. Once on board you will be taken to the most popular attractions around the city. Starting Saturday, September 7, 2013 through November 9, 2013, **Experience RI will donate \$5.00 to WaterFire Providence for every \$10 adult ticket sold** on its shuttle service running on WaterFire night. visit their booth at the **WaterFire Art Festival on the Plaza** on Washington Street on WaterFire evenings for more information.

Recycle A Bike now offers bicyclist a safe and free place for their bikes: Help reduce traffic in Providence, enjoy a great ride to WaterFire and valet your bike for free! Recycle A Bike will be behind Memorial Park during WaterFire to valet and watch your bike while you enjoy the warmth of the fires and all of the wonderful events going on at WaterFire on September 21st!

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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