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WaterFire Providence Announces Details for September 7th Full Lighting

Local Jazz Takes Over the Ignite Providence Music Stage, Venezuelan Artists Francisco and Miguel Noya Perform, Old Stone Bank Hosts a Steampunk Exhibit, The Artist Fair on Washington Street Returns, National Grid Powers Up Your Phones, Alpert Medical School of Brown University Helps to Illuminate the Night & Rhode Island Hospital Celebrates 150 Years

Providence, RI: WaterFire Providence is excited to announce the details for the full lighting on Saturday, September 7th. Sunset is at 7:10 PM. The fires will be lit shortly after and burn until midnight. The lighting is sponsored by Rhode Island Hospital Celebrating 150 Years of Caring, the Rhode Island Hospital Guild & The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University & National Grid.

[Rhode Island Hospital](#), a Lifespan Partner, has teamed up with WaterFire to celebrate art, culture, and their 150th birthday. Join us in thanking Lifespan and Rhode Island Hospital for 150 years of supporting and maintaining a healthy Rhode Island. **In celebration of this milestone event Rhode Island Hospital employees and staff will dazzle the crowds with a 150 person torch procession and ring of fire ceremony in coordination with the lighting of WaterFire at approximately 7:30pm in the basin area at Waterplace Park.**

“This is a very big year for Rhode Island Hospital, And I can’t think of a better way to bring our 150th anniversary celebration to the community than by partnering with WaterFire. It is a uniquely Rhode Island event, a wonderful and well- known artistic display, and we are thrilled to be part of it.”

- Timothy J. Babineau, M.D., President of Rhode Island Hospital and President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifespan.

[The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University](#), joins the WaterFire family to bring this September 7th lighting to the public. Since granting its first Doctor of Medicine degrees in 1975, Alpert Medical School has become a national leader in medical education and biomedical research. By attracting first-class physicians and researchers to Rhode Island over the past three decades, the Medical School and its seven affiliated teaching hospitals have radically improved the state's health care environment, from health care policy to patient care. The Alpert Medical School has been in active pursuit of a healthier society for the past three decades. **Their Mission: The pursuit of health to benefit society.**

“I am very pleased that Alpert Medical School is co-sponsoring WaterFire with our principal teaching partner, Rhode Island Hospital, on September 7, 2013. Together we are working towards a healthier Rhode Island!”

Jack A. Elias, MD, Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences, Brown 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 7th! 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.

[More Great Performances on the Ignite Providence Music Stage:](#) Featuring a night filled with some of the best jazz musicians in the region. Kicking off the evening will be the Clay Nordhill Trio, followed by Dave Zinno Trio at 8:30 and culminating in a lively jazz performance by Planet Safety at 10:30. Ignite Providence Music Stage 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.

- **7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Clay Nordhill Trio with Alex Tremblay and Paul Di Martino**
- **8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Paul Nagel, Dave Zinno, and Steve Langone**
- **10:00 PM - 11:30PM Planet Safety: Dave Zinno (upright bass), Leo Genovese (piano), and Bob Gullotti (drums)**

[The Noya’s Perform!](#) Miguel Noya joining us from Venezuela and his brother, Resident Conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, Francisco Noya, showcase their cultural performances underneath the

RISD flagpoles. This program is a composition of original music with themes deeply connected to the sounds of WaterFire Providence. This event is part of WaterFire's ongoing 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.

Once Again Old Stone Bank Opens its Doors to RedFork Empire's SteamPunk: After a wildly successful weekend on August 24th and 25th, the RedFork Empire's Steampunk Exhibit returns! Join us on Saturday from 2-11 PM to enjoy the sights and sounds as artists and performers from all over the country showcase their interpretation of SteamPunk, a retro-futuristic genre of science fiction. Explore the Old Stone Bank as it is transformed into a SteamPunk spectacle. With art curated by RedFork Empire this promises to be an inspiring exhibition. This event is another part of WaterFire's new approach to creative placemaking through art, design and innovation. This larger creative placemaking program is made possible in part by the support of ArtPlace.

WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza Returns: From 6-11 PM Washington Street will be lined with more than a dozen local Rhode Island artists including Bryce Studio, New Moon Ceramics, DAK Photography, Black Sheep Designs, K&T Jewelry & Accessories, Wrist Candy Creations, Mohon Fine Art, Anne Made Designs, Within Water, Bonnie Lee's Handcrafted Jewelry, Sticks-n-Stones, The Utopian Collection, Urbandudz, AniArt, and Recycled SilverWear. 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. 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.

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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: