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WaterFire Announces Details of the Very Special Christmas WaterFire Weekend Extravaganza to Benefit the Providence Rescue Mission: Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 14th. Musical Performances, WaterFire's Festival of Trees, Santa, Caroling, an Artists' Village and more....

PROVIDENCE, RI - WaterFire Providence, the award-winning sculpture by artist Barnaby Evans, announces **the details of two partial WaterFire lightings on December 13th and 14th**. Thanks to an anonymous donor the 41 braziers running from Waterplace Park Basin to Steeple Street will burn brightly with Christmas spirit for two days this year! Festivities will commence in Waterplace Park at 5:00pm on Friday, December 13th and then again on Saturday, December 14th! The fires will be lit from 5:00pm-9:30pm both evenings.

For the third year in a row, WaterFire will transform Waterplace Park into a winter wonderland filled with fun family activities, musical performances, a festival of trees and much more. WaterFire will also be collecting new unwrapped toys which will be donated to the Providence Rescue Mission. Toys can be dropped off at the WaterFire Christmas tree in Santa's Village in Union Plaza.

Visit Santa's Workshop on the Basin Stage! Starting at 5:00pm, families are invited to join the WaterFire elves on the Waterplace Basin Stage to write letters to Santa, make ornaments and celebrate the season. Musical performances on the basin stage will begin at 5:30 PM.

Union Plaza transforms into Santa's Village at the North Pole! Stop by the Union Station tunnel and Union Station Plaza on both Friday and Saturday for musical performances, local handmade crafts, and Santa himself!

- Stroll WaterFire's Arts Festival Plaza and the WaterFire Merchandise store from 5:00-9:00pm on Friday and 3:00-9:00pm on Saturday and let us help you with your holiday shopping! Located in the Union Station tunnel, visit local artisans from [Wrist Candy Creations](#), [Black Sheep Designs](#), [K&T Jewelry & Accessories](#), [Riker Art Glass](#), [Bryce Studio](#), [ClayFlora Inc](#), [Swirls Jewelry](#), [Liquor Wicks](#), Sterling Freshwater Pearl & Semi-Precious Stone Jewelry and [Banana Threads](#) to share their handcrafted wares and help you along with your Christmas shopping.
- **Bring new, unwrapped toys to help the Providence Rescue Mission!** WaterFire is asking for you to join us in helping the Providence Rescue Mission provide gifts for the less

fortunate children of our community. Bring your unwrapped toys and put them under the WaterFire Christmas Tree both evenings from 5:00-9:00pm

- Stop in for some hot chocolate from the Providence Rescue Mission and learn about all of the wonderful services they provide to our community from 5:00-8:00pm on both days.
- Musical performances will start at the North Pole at 5:30pm
- **Santa Claus is coming to town!** Visit Santa at the North Pole from 5:00-8:00pm both nights.

WaterFire's hand picked soundtrack will be playing throughout the event but WaterFire hopes that you will enjoy some of the live musical and choral groups on both Friday and Saturday:

- Musical guests on Friday include Barrington High School Choir; [Sultan's of Sax](#), an eight piece saxophone ensemble; [Providence Gay Men's Choir](#); No Strings Attached, a six piece brass ensemble from URI; caroling groups and, at 7:00PM, an audience sing along.
- On Saturday, we're thrilled to present SouthCoast Children's Chorus, a special performance by the Gondoliers of [La Gondola Providence](#), Ye Olde English Carolers and a special feature performance by [RPM Voices of Rhode Island](#). Caroling groups will also be included as well as an audience sing along at 7:00PM.

The Festival of Trees Returns! For the second year in a row, WaterFire and local businesses will be adding some extra Christmas cheer to the night with a Festival of Trees sparkling around the basin on both the 13th and the 14th. Trees have been sponsored and decorated by businesses in our community and will be donated to local families after the event. A very special thank you to the students from over 25 RI schools that have also crafted and sent in decorations to deck other trees in the basin. There are still trees available for sponsorship. All proceeds to benefit WaterFire Providence and the Providence Rescue Mission. For more information please contact Corinne Barber at 401.273.1155 x140 or at corinne@waterfire.org.

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