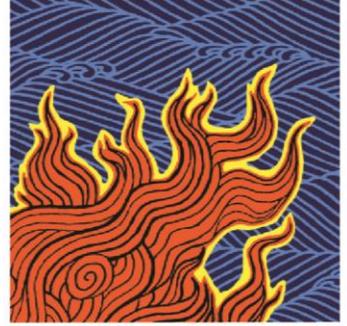


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WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF NEXT FULL LIGHTING ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

Chinese Culture Night at WaterFire - Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Confucius Institute, & A Salute to RI Educators, and Innovation in Education: A Showcase of Success in Rhode Island!

PROVIDENCE, RI - – WaterFire Providence, the award-winning sculpture by artist Barnaby Evans, announces the details of the next full lighting of the 2014 season, Saturday, September 27th. The full lighting is sponsored by [Webster Bank](#) and the [Confucius Institute](#). Sunset on September 27th is at 6:36 PM. The fires will be lit shortly after and burn until midnight.

WaterFire welcomes back longtime sponsor, [Webster Bank](#). "Season after season, WaterFire brings people from all walks of life together, in celebration of all the things that make Providence a great place to work and live. It's a monumental undertaking, and Webster is pleased to have played a role in it for the last eight years," says Robert Twomey, Regional President of Webster Bank.

Chinese Culture Night at WaterFire celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Confucius Institute - Confucius Institute partners from all over New England will be joining WaterFire all evening long! Headquartered in Beijing, China, the Confucius Institute is a global education network dedicated to teaching Chinese language and culture, and promoting understanding on China worldwide. Five Confucius Institutes in New England, Confucius Institute at Bryant University, Confucius Institute at University of Rhode Island, Confucius Institute at UMASS Boston, Confucius Institute at University of New Hampshire, and Confucius Institute at Central Connecticut University, jointly sponsor the Chinese Culture Night at WaterFire event, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Confucius Institute, and to mark the achievements of advocating the culture diversity in the New England Region. All Confucius Institute partners will be sharing Chinese Culture all evening long:

- 5:00 PM – 10:00pm: WaterFire guests are encouraged to visit Steeple Street to learn about all of the incredible facets of Chinese Culture abroad and right here in New England through interactive displays, exhibits and performances.
- 5:30 PM - 6:45PM: Prior to lighting The Confucius Institute will be hosting very special performances highlighting Chinese culture and performance art including a Chinese Dragon Dance performance on the basin stage in Waterplace Park.

WaterFire Salutes Rhode Island Educators: The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) will be recognizing the Rhode Island Teacher of the Year as well as 75 additional distinguished Rhode Island educators at WaterFire this Saturday. The commended educators will gather to be recognized in a ceremony taking place on College Street. Education Commissioner Deborah Gist will speak as well as the Teacher of the Year. Starting at 6:20 PM., teachers will be participating in a torch procession from Starry, Starry Night to the basin for the lighting of WaterFire. A very special thank you to Bananagrams and Thames & Kosmos who will be supplying each of the 75 distinguished Rhode Island Educators with full game sets for their classrooms.

Innovation in Education: A Showcase of Success in Rhode Island: Located on the Washington Street Bridge from 6pm-10:30pm, WaterFire will host an inspiring display of exhibits showcasing a wide variety of successful, innovative, and creative approaches to education happening in Rhode Island. A few select pieces of K-12 student artwork will be digitally displayed for all WaterFire visitors to admire. Join us as we celebrate and shine a light on the wonderful work done by Rhode Island's educators. Some exhibitors include:

- Paul Cuffee School- "Our display will feature a rotating slide show and student representatives depicting and describing a recent senior trip aboard the tall ship Mystic which served as a classroom at sea for the students' English maritime literature studies and science data gathering."
- Downcity Design and Innovation by Design- "DownCity Design and Innovation by Design will be unveiling our Mobile Design Lab, a playful set of supports that will be used to bring design education to schools across RI through one-day residencies that invite students and teachers to work together to creatively solve problems."
- ABCya.com- "Invite people to play our Math BINGO game. High scores of the night win prizes."
- Community Preparatory School - "Come see Community Preparatory School's hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Projects."
- Providence After School Alliance- "Participants build and race their own air-powered mini racecars, with a prize for the winner."
- The International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS)- will feature aspects of their "world-class experiential school dedicated to teaching highly technical and deeply craft-oriented career skills."

Power up with National Grid! National Grid charging stations will be located throughout the event on September 27th. Stop by and charge up your smart phones and other electric devices so that you can capture all of the incredible sights at WaterFire.

Arts Festival Plaza

Located on Washington Street, the Arts Festival Plaza features local arts and craftspeople and will open at 6:00 PM. The evening will showcase paintings, sculptures, photography, hand-crafted ceramics and jewelry created by members of the Providence community.

Your favorite **WaterFire characters** will be back including WaterFire's fire dancers, Andrew Anselmo "**The Origami Guy**", Mime Artist Michael Grando and the characters from **TEN31 Productions** all evening throughout the installation. Become part of the art and add your light to the night in the Starry Starry Night Installation in Memorial Park where you can wish upon a star or write your own personal dedication on a luminaria candle lantern. Visit the WaterFire Merchandise Store at Canal and Steeple Streets and mini merchandise and donations stations throughout the installation.

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WaterFire 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 WaterFire for all to enjoy. The powerful work of art is installed on the three rivers of downtown Providence as a moving symbol of Providence's Renaissance. To learn more about WaterFire or make a donation visit www.waterfire.org or www.facebook.com/watefireprovidence.