

# WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

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## **TroopTop Thursdays are Back at the WaterFire Arts Center**

Returning Weekly on June 1, 2023 in Partnership with Troop PVD and  
Local Non-Profit Community Organizations

**Providence, RI** - WaterFire Providence announces the return of TroopTop Thursdays at the WaterFire Arts Center (WFAC) in partnership with [Troop PVD](#) and sponsored by [US Rubber Lofts](#), proudly managed by Brady Sullivan Properties. Beginning June 1, 2023, TroopTop will return weekly through August 31, 2023 and will showcase live performances and art experiences as well as doubling as a fundraiser for the featured non-profit organization of the night. Programming for each evening is presented by [Little Guy At The Gig](#).

"We are thrilled to bring back TroopTop Thursdays and create a vibrant community gathering at the WaterFire Arts Center," says Peter A. Mello, Managing Director + coCEO of WaterFire Providence, "This event not only showcases live performances and art experiences, but also serves as a fundraiser for featured non-profit organizations, aligning with WaterFire Providence's commitment to the Providence and Rhode Island community. We invite everyone to join us for an exciting summer of world-class art experiences, camaraderie, and giving back."

Each Thursday from June to August, with the exception of Thursday, June 8, visitors are invited to experience the current exhibition as the sun sets on the TroopTop deck starting at 5:00 p.m. and concluding at 9:00 p.m. The event is rain-or-shine, (we'll move inside if it rains), and guests can expect a rotating selection of local beer, wine, and spirits at the bar as well as snacks provided by the [UNFI Cafe PVD](#) and two rotating ice-cream pop-ups by Miss Naomi's and [Gather Farm Ice Cream](#). Each night the featured non-profit will be the recipient of a portion of the profits from Troop's special cocktail made with locally made iced tea by [Granny Squibbs](#). This fundraising tool mirrors Troop's BLM cocktail served at their restaurant which has raised \$48,000 for local organizations doing racial justice work in Rhode Island since its inception in 2020. Some local vendors guests will be able to choose from at Troop's bar include, [Revival Brewing Company](#), [Anchor & Hope](#), [The Industrious Spirits Company](#), and [Yacht Club Soda](#).

### **2023 TroopTop Thursdays Schedule:**

#### **Thursday, June 1, 2023**

Non-profit organization: [Haus of Codec](#)

Performances by [Mutter](#) & [Beauquet](#)

Live painting by [Sam de Soto](#)

Snacks provided by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by [Gather Farm Ice Cream](#)

In The Gallery: *If These Walls Could Talk* by the 2023 WaterFire Accelerate Cohort

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

Non-profit organization: [The Avenue Concept](#)

Music by [Denz](#) and [Slitty](#)

Snacks provided by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

In The Gallery: *If These Walls Could Talk* by the 2023 WaterFire Accelerate Cohort

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**

Non-profit organization: [New Urban Arts](#)

Performers to be announced

Snacks provided by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by [Gather Farm Ice Cream](#)

In The Gallery: *If These Walls Could Talk* by the 2023 WaterFire Accelerate Cohort

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

Non-profit organization: To Be Announced

Music by [Caloric & Joe Stopsign](#)

Snacks provided by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by Miss Naomi's

In The Gallery: *If These Walls Could Talk* by the 2023 WaterFire Accelerate Cohort

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**

Non-profit organization: [The Steel Yard](#)

Music by [Nick Bishop](#)

Snacks provided by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by Miss Naomi's

In The Gallery: *If These Walls Could Talk* by the 2023 WaterFire Accelerate Cohort

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

Non-profit organization: [Providence Biennial for Contemporary Arts](#)

Snacks provided by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by [Gather Farm Ice Cream](#)

In The Gallery: *Curating Commemoration: Poesis/Remedy* Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King & Joel Rosario-Tapia

**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

Non-profit Organization: [Wilbury Theatre Group // FringePVD](#)

Performances provided by The Wilbury Theatre and Fringe PVD

Snacks provided by the [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

In The Gallery: *Curating Commemoration: Poesis/Remedy* Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King & Joel Rosario-Tapia

**Thursday, July 27, 2023**

Non-profit organization: To Be Announced

Performances by [Soxsux & Hann Cassidy](#)

Live bag making by [Silva Works](#)

Snacks provided by the [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by Miss Naomi's

In The Gallery: *Curating Commemoration: Poesis/Remedy* Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King & Joel Rosario-Tapia

**August 3rd**

Non-profit organization: [One Neighborhood Builders](#)

Music by [Nick Bishop](#)

Snacks provided by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by Miss Naomi's

In The Gallery: *Curating Commemoration: Poesis/Remedy* Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King & Joel Rosario-Tapia

**August 10th**

Non-profit organization: [Millennial RI](#)

Snacks by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice Cream by [Gather Farm Ice Cream](#)

In The Gallery: *Curating Commemoration: Poesis/Remedy* Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King & Joel Rosario-Tapia

**August 17th**

Non-profit organization: [Clínica Esperanza](#)

Music by [Of Lions & Giants](#) & [Dogs on Shady Lane](#)

Snacks by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

In The Gallery: *Curating Commemoration: Poesis/Remedy* Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King & Joel Rosario-Tapia

**August 24th**

Non-profit organization: [Generous Heart](#)

Performances by [FINE.](#) and [Older Brother](#)

Live screen printing and painting by [Vava Designs](#)

Snacks by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

In The Gallery: 90s Alt. Rock Music & Memorabilia by Faded

**August 31st**

Non-profit organization: [PVD World Music](#)

Performances by PVD World Music

Snacks by [UNFI Cafe PVD](#)

Ice cream by [Gather Farm Ice Cream](#)

In The Gallery: 90s Alt. Rock Music & Memorabilia by Faded

Free parking for visitors is available at the WaterFire Arts Center.

The store + gallery at the WaterFire Arts Center is open every Thursday evening until 9:00 p.m. and will be hosting Gallery Night Providence on the third Thursday of each month.

For more information about TroopTop Thursdays please visit [waterfire.org/trooptop](https://waterfire.org/trooptop)

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#### **About WaterFire Providence**

WaterFire Providence® is an independent, 501(c)3 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. Each year nearly 1 million people come to downtown Providence to experience WaterFire contributing over \$149,000,000 to the local economy, generating over \$9,000,000 of direct tax revenue for the State of Rhode Island and supporting 1,294 jobs for community residents and strengthening Providence's Creative Capital and Rhode Island's State for the Arts brands. For information about WaterFire Providence and the WaterFire Arts Center visit <https://waterfire.org/>.

#### **About the WaterFire Arts Center (WFAC)**

WaterFire Providence purchased the Art Center in 2012 and began rehabilitation for the vacant, historic, industrial building in the underserved Olneyville/Valley neighborhoods of Providence. Opening in 2017, the 37,000 sq. ft. multi-use arts center has become WaterFire's first permanent home in the community and serves as its headquarters and a multi-purpose arts venue as well as a social enterprise platform strengthening the organization's long-term financial sustainability. Exhibitions presented at WaterFire Arts Center will further the organization's agenda of providing arts and culture opportunities and experiences for all, regardless of social, cultural, or economic background. For more information about the WaterFire Arts Center including rental inquiries, please visit: <https://waterfire.org/wfac>