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WaterFire Providence Announces a Full Lighting of WaterFire On Saturday, June 3, 2023

Supported by Rhode Island School of Design

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces a full lighting this Saturday, June 3 supported by Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). The first lighting of the 2023 season is set to honor the commencement of RISD's class of 2023 and celebrate RISD's Reunion Weekend. The lighting will begin at 8:15 PM and the braziers will remain lit until midnight.

"RISD is happy to once again sponsor the first full lighting of WaterFire's 2023 season as we welcome our alumni and families to Providence for our annual Commencement and Reunion Weekend," said Bethany Costello, executive director of RISD's Center for Community Partnerships. "The lighting is a wonderful part of the many festive events that comprise the multi-day campus celebration. We look forward to joining with the broader Providence community on the riverwalk for this special edition of WaterFire."

WaterFire announces another year of the [Access Program](#). WaterFire Access Boat: a water-taxi program that provides an unforgettable experience of the artwork for children and adults with disabilities to assure that they can join in the most popular arts event in the state and share the experience with their families and friends.

The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza kicks off Washington Street and Steeple Street from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM where visitors can browse and shop from a variety of local artists and makers in mediums such as glass, photography, jewelry, and more. This outdoor artisan fair will showcase some of the great artwork created in Rhode Island and offer visitors the opportunity to support the local arts economy by purchasing work by Rhode Island-based artists.

On Washington Street visitors can explore Recycled Silverware, [Celeste Diaz Falzone](#), [Ecuador To Your Door](#), [Moonlight Jewelry](#), [Sara Breslin: Illustration + Portraiture](#), [Slay Natural Body](#), [Maeven in Me](#), [Sydney Darrow Art](#), [UncouthCurations](#), [Triple Dot Design](#), [Joseph Mushipi Visual Art](#). On Steeple Street, [K&T jewelry and accessories](#), [Casted by T](#), [Henna by Heather](#), [Jessie Jewels Art](#), [GlassMonkey](#), [Sparkle&Glowby Yvonne](#), [Land and Seaglass](#), [ASTR NOIR](#), [Lilly's Bone To Pick](#), [Tigris Handmade](#), [Design WhatHaveYou](#), [Hang On Design](#), [Into The Woods WaterFire Accelerate](#). Artists will also have their artwork displayed for purchase on Steeple Street.

[Funkademic](#), a musical ensemble based in Providence, Rhode Island that plays funk, soul, and R&B on period-correct instruments will perform three sets beginning at 8 PM and concluding at 10:45 PM.

WaterFire Marketplace will return to Canal Street, stop by to support WaterFire with a donation or a purchase of locally designed apparel, glassware, books, and gifts. Make a quick and easy donation with the DipJar and glass blowing by [Gather Glass](#). WaterFire will also have additional ambassador and merchandise stations in front of the RISD Auditorium, and both sides of the basin in Waterplace Park.

The Brazier Society is back for the season and will be located on the College Street Bridge, a new location for the June 3rd event only. This year's Official Brazier Society Sponsors are [Fire Works Catering](#), [McLaughlin & Moran](#), [Gooseneck Vineyards](#), and [Golden Gate Studios](#).

[Andrew Anselmo](#), Origami Master will be hanging out all night at Market Square and visitors can find [A Silent Soapbox](#) living statue at the bottom of Washington Street Bridge and Canal Walk starting at sunset. [Ten31 Productions](#) will be illuminating the World War Monument in Memorial Park.

The Starry, Starry Night installation returns to Memorial Park near the Crawford Street Bridge; [add your light to the night](#) by wishing on a star or dedicate a luminaria candle lantern.

Food fairs will be open on Washington Street, College Street, and Canal Walk. Enjoy local food from festival favorites: [Kettle Korn Express](#), [Pita Pocket](#), [Full House Q](#), [One2Taco&More](#), [Scoop T's Ice Cream](#), [Saugys](#), [Gong Cha](#), [FireWorks Catering](#), [Del's Lemonade](#), [Pam's Grill on the Go](#), [Spanglish](#), [Incred-A-Bowl](#), [Caribbean Delights](#), [Poppin Minis](#), and [Vegan Suga](#).

[Trinity Brewhouse](#) will have two locations this year, one on the corner of Canal and Steeple Street, and the other on the corner of Canal and Washington Street. They will be serving up local brews and wine from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM.

Catch three fire spinning performances beginning at 8:15 PM and continuing at 9:30 PM and 10:30 PM by [Cirque de Light](#).

WaterFire Providence thanks our generous supporters for helping to make this season possible. Details of the season schedule will be posted on the WaterFire Providence website at <https://waterfire.org/schedule>. Additional events may be added to the schedule as funding becomes available.

“WaterFire offers companies a unique and one-of-a-kind engagement opportunity anywhere by creating unforgettable customer experiences that very often exceed sponsors’ marketing objectives,” says Ed Cabral, manager of sponsorships and corporate relations. Contact ed@waterfire.org for more information regarding opportunities in 2023 and 2024.

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