

# WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

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## Announcing *“Don’t Worry, You’ll Get Used to the Smell”*

### *The History and Works of Tannis Root,*

## An Exhibition at the WaterFire Arts Center Gallery

Open from August 24 - October 8, 2023

Opening Reception: Thursday, August 24 from 5-9 p.m.

**Providence, RI** WaterFire Providence announces *“Don’t Worry, You’ll Get Used to the Smell” The History and Works of Tannis Root*, a month-long exhibition on view from Thursday, August 24 through Sunday, October 8, 2023 in the gallery of the WaterFire Arts Center (WFAC). Produced by FADED and [Tannis Root Productions](#); the exhibition features a deep dive into the prolific career of the design team, Tannis Root, outlining the lineage of the group’s career from early screen printing techniques to designing for some of the most iconic bands of the alternative and independent music scenes such as Redd Kross, Nirvana, Hole, and Sonic Youth. The exhibition will also feature contributions from Sergio Aguila of Nic Fit + Sonic Life Archive, a personal collection of one a kind merchandise and ephemera.

“Through the lens of ephemera and design, both enthusiasts and curious minds will enjoy this unique look into the world of iconic alternative rock bands of the late 1980s and 90s. This is more than an exhibition; it’s a backstage pass to the artistry behind the music merch universe,” says Laura Duclos, Director of Creative Services at WaterFire Providence.

A public opening is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. coinciding with TroopTop Thursdays, a free rooftop beer garden on the roofdeck of the WaterFire Arts Center with local neighbors, [Troop PVD](#). The last TroopTop of the season will be Thursday, August 31.

The third Thursday of the month, September 21, is Gallery Night Providence, the WFAC gallery as well as other galleries in the city are open late and trolley tours are available.

The WFAC store + gallery are open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays. The exhibition is free and open to all, donations encouraged. Please

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note that the exhibition is closed on Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24 for a private event.

For more about the WaterFire Arts Center, visit [waterfire.org/wfac](https://waterfire.org/wfac) or follow @waterfireartscenter on Instagram.

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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**

WaterFire Providence purchased the Art Center in 2012 and began rehabilitation for the vacant, historic, industrial building in the underserved Olneyville/Valley neighborhood of Providence. The 37,000 sq. ft. multi-use arts center has become WaterFire's first permanent home in the community and serves as its headquarters, production complex, 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>

### **About FADED**

Taking place on September 2nd, 2023, FADED is the largest one day vintage clothing convention in the north east, with premier vendors, artists, and collectors. FADED features over 100+ dealers and special guest appearances from authors and artists behind some of the most coveted vintage shirt designs. FADED welcomes casual vintage enthusiasts, collectors, thrifters, stylists, and anyone who loves the vintage fashion culture. The event is taking place at the WaterFire Arts Center in Providence Rhode Island, with over 30,000 square foot of vintage vendors indoor and outdoors. Food trucks, DJs, bar, drinks. Visitors are encouraged to buy, sell and trade amongst themselves & other vendors. [fadedshow.com](https://fadedshow.com)

### **About Tannis Root Productions**

Tannis Root Productions (Mike Carter, Barbara Herring, and Bill Mooney) is a textile screen printing and design business based out of Raleigh, NC. Tannis Root has designed and created merchandise for bands such as Sonic Youth, The White Stripes, Beck, Foster The People, Wilco, The Avett Brothers and more. [tannisroot.com](https://tannisroot.com)