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WaterFire Providence Announces a Full Lighting of WaterFire On Saturday, September 9

Supported by the Providence Tourism Council, Fidelity Investments
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Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces a full lighting this Saturday, August 19, supported by Providence Tourism Council, Fidelity Investments, and in collaboration with PVDfest & FirstWorks. The lighting will begin at 7:05 p.m. and the braziers will remain lit until midnight. On shore programming will open at 6:00 p.m.

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The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza kicks off Washington Street and Steeple Street from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. 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 SilverWear, [Deb Hickey Photography and Collage](#), Celeste Diaz Falzone, ASTR NOIR, Design WhatHaveYou, TRACIMOC, Forever Creations, Bare & Brine, Hang On Design, [Jessie Jewels Art](#), [Into the Woods](#), and [Land and Seaglass](#). On Steeple Street: [Roses N Dragons Designs](#), [Sparkle&Glow By Yvonne](#), [Sophie Foulkes](#), [Boojie Lolli](#), The Dapper Flapper, Slay Natural Body, M PEARL, GlassMonkey, Twist of Fate Pottery, and Tigris Handmade.

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 in Market Square. 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. On Washington Street: [Kettle Korn Express](#), [One2Taco&More](#), [Full House Q](#), [Saugy's](#), [The Incredabowl Food Company](#), [Scoop T's Ice Cream](#). On Canal Street: [Gong Cha](#), [Del's Lemonade](#). On College Street: [Vegan Suga](#), [Pita Pocket](#), [Spanglish](#), [Pam's Grill on the Go](#), [FireWorks Catering](#), [Poppin' Minis RI](#) and Sal's.

[Trinity Brewhouse](#) will have two locations, 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 p.m. to 11:00 p.m..

Catch three fire-spinning performances beginning at 8:15 p.m. and continuing at 9:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. 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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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/>.