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PVDFest, WaterFire Providence Announce a Full Lighting on Saturday, September 9

PROVIDENCE, RI – PVDFest and WaterFire Providence announce details for a full WaterFire lighting that will illuminate the Providence River on Saturday, September 9. Following PVDFest headliner Mavis Staples, the lighting will begin at 7:05 p.m. and the braziers will remain lit until midnight. The display features more than 100 fire braziers floating on the river, which are lit at dusk and burn throughout the evening, accompanied by live music and other performances. PVDFest programming will begin at 12pm and WaterFire's on shore programming will open at 6:00pm.

"I am thrilled to welcome WaterFire to PVDFest this year," said Mayor Brett P. Smiley. "PVDFest and WaterFire are two of Providence's biggest attractions and beloved local traditions, and I am excited to bring them together for a full day celebrating our artistic heritage and vibrant community."

Following PVDFest's Artisan Markets and [Food Truck Village](#), the WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza kicks off on Washington and Steeple Streets from 6:00 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.

"WaterFire is excited to join forces with PVDFest and the City of Providence to bring a day-long celebration of community on our riverfront and showcase the absolute best Providence has to offer," says Barnaby Evans, Creator, Executive Artistic Director + coCEO of WaterFire Providence.

In addition to the traditional lighting, there will be programming along the WaterFire footprint. Andrew Anselmo, Origami Master will be creating art all night at Market Square and beginning at sunset, visitors can find A Silent Soapbox living statue at the bottom of the Washington Street Bridge and Canal Walk. 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. Lastly, food fairs will be open on Washington

Street, College Street, and Canal Walk, offering festival favorites including Kettle Korn Express, One2Taco&More, Full House Q, Saugy's, The Incredabowl Food Company, Scoop T's Ice Cream, Gong Cha, Del's Lemonade, 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 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PVDFest is made possible in large part by the generous sponsors who continue to support Providence's creative culture year-round, including the Providence Tourism Council, RI Commerce, The Boston Globe Rhode Island, Waste Management, Breeze, ProvPort, Waterson Terminal Services LLC, WPRI, iHeart Media, Delta Dental, Dimeo Construction Company, Rhode Island Energy, RISD, Amica, Fidelity Investments, Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast, Cornish Associates, Evolis, First Bristol Corporation/Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites, Johnson & Wales University, BankNewport, The Foundry, PLDO Strategies, Withum, Verizon, Wexford Science & Technology, AARP Rhode Island, Bird Rides, Half Street Group, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Providence Monthly, The Public's Radio, Regency Plaza/Chestnut Hill Realty, RI Monthly, and RIPTA. In addition to sponsors, PVDFest relies on the contributions of the hard-working volunteers to make the event a memorable experience for everyone. If you can volunteer for a few hours or a whole day, please [sign up here](#).

More information about PVDFest will be released in the coming weeks leading up to the waterfront celebration. For more information about PVDFest, please visit PVDfest.com and follow the festival on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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About PVDFest

Mayor Brett P. Smiley, the City's Arts, Culture, Tourism, and Producing Partner FirstWorks will once again host [PVDfest](#), Providence's signature outdoor arts festival, September 8-10. This year's festival will bring people from both sides of the Providence River to celebrate what has repeatedly garnered Providence its reputation as the Creative Capital--- our artists. We will host three days of musical performances, public

art, good eats and curated spectacles on the waterfront and together build community around the things that make our city unique.

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/>.