

WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

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Announcing ArtLab@WaterFire: Creative Labs Workshops

A Free Workshop Series for Families at the WaterFire Arts Center

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces the launch of ArtLab@WaterFire: Creative Labs, a new and free workshop series for families of all ages to ignite their creativity and make art together. Hosted on weekends at the WaterFire Arts Center (WFAC), these workshops are available to kids and families of all ages and will be taught by local artists in the Rhode Island community, including artists from [WaterFire Accelerate](#). Space is limited for each workshop. To guarantee your spot please RSVP for each workshop using the links found on our website at waterfire.org/workshops.

“WaterFire is proud to announce the second phase of ArtLab@WaterFire with Creative Labs, free artmaking workshops for families of all ages. We are grateful for the support from the Papitto Opportunity Connection, as well as the dedication of our local artists. At WaterFire, we believe in the power of art to bring families together, and we're excited to provide a platform for creativity and collaboration at the WaterFire Arts Center,” says Peter A. Mello, Managing Director + coCEO of WaterFire Providence.

Attendees and their families will have a range of different activities to choose from, including jewelry, ornament making, printmaking, and knitting. Each workshop will be hosted in the Wheeler CitySide Classroom on the second floor of the WaterFire Arts Center. This program is an expansion of [ArtLab@WaterFire](#), a one-year paid internship and mentorship program for young BIPOC males to learn about the arts & culture industry funded by the Papitto Opportunity Connection.

Sunday, Oct 29, 2023

Gelli Printmaking, all ages

12 - 2pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Sky Tanner from [EyeSky](#)

Sunday, Nov 12, 2023

Ornament Making | Linocut Printmaking, all ages

10am - 12pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Grechel Rosado, Programs Coordinator and owner of [Yo Soy Grechel](#)

**This workshop will take place during the PVD Artisans Market*

Sunday, Nov 12, 2023

Jewelry and Accessory Making | Resin Pour, all ages

2pm - 4pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Sky Tanner from [EyeSky](#)

**This workshop will take place during the PVD Artisans Market*

Saturday, Nov 25, 2023

Make Holiday Pennant Banners | Linocut Printmaking, all ages

10am - 12pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Grechel Rosado, Programs Coordinator and owner of [Yo Soy Grechel](#)

**This workshop will take place during the WaterFire Holiday ArtMart happening from 12-5 pm*

Sunday, Nov 26, 2023

Gelli Printmaking, all ages

12 - 2pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Sky Tanner from [EyeSky](#)

Saturday, Dec 2, 2023

Mini Knitting, all ages

10am - 12pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Andrea Pascual, WaterFire Accelerate Artist and owner of [Make Me Feel Better](#)

Saturday, Dec 2, 2023

Gelli Printmaking, all ages

2-4pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Sky Tanner from [EyeSky](#)

**This workshop will take place during the Fine Furnishings Show*

Sunday, Dec 3, 2023,

Ornament Making | Acrylic or Lino, all ages

11am - 1pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Grechel Rosado, Programs Coordinator and owner of [Yo Soy Grechel](#)

**This workshop will take place during the Fine Furnishings Show*

Sunday, Dec 3, 2023

Jewelry and Accessory Making | Resin Pour, all ages

2pm - 4pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Sky Tanner from [EyeSky](#)

**This workshop will take place during the Fine Furnishings Show*

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023

Mini Knitting, all ages

10am -12pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Andrea Pascual, WaterFire Accelerate Artist and owner of [Make Me Feel Better](#)

**This workshop will take place during the WaterFire Holiday ArtMart happening from 12-5 pm*

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023

Gelli Printmaking, all ages

11am-1pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Sky Tanner from [EyeSky](#)

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023

Jewelry and Accessory Making | Resin Pour, all ages

2pm - 4pm upstairs of the WFAC in the Wheeler Classroom

Instructed by Sky Tanner from [EyeSky](#)

For more about the WaterFire Arts Center, visit 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>