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WaterFire Providence Announces *Starts At Sunset* Happening on Saturday, October 28

A New Community Gathering on the Michael S. Van Leesten
Memorial Pedestrian Bridge

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces *Starts At Sunset*, a new community gathering on the Michael S. Van Leesten Memorial Pedestrian Bridge sponsored by the [Providence Tourism Council](#) happening on October 28, 2023. The third activation of a three-part series will conclude with a Halloween theme and will begin at 6 p.m. with the lighting of the five stationary braziers located on the bridge.

"We are elated to invite the public back one more time this season to the Michael S. Van Leesten Memorial Pedestrian Bridge for a Halloween-themed installation of *Starts At Sunset*, a joyous celebration of artmaking and placemaking in the City of Providence," says Peter Mello, Managing Director + coCEO of WaterFire Providence

Following the [Wicked Walk](#) organized by the City of Providence, there will be two live performances happening on the lower deck of the bridge. Catch alternating performances beginning at 6:45 p.m., by local band [Mutter](#) and poets [Melisa Gomes](#), [AudreyRose Wooden](#), [Alexandria Astrofsky](#), [Marleny Luna](#), [Denezia](#), [Toni Rose](#), and [Charlene D'São Nicolau](#).

Artists from the community will be stationed along the railing on the bridge doing live art and responding to the atmosphere and landscape of the event.

Visitors can find [A Silent Soapbox](#) stationed at the end of the Pedestrian bridge.

There will be two WaterFire Ambassador stations on each side of the bridge; stop by and support WaterFire with a donation or a purchase of locally designed apparel and gifts. Make a quick and easy donation with the DipJar and receive a ribbon of light.

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Indulge in local food fairs and brews organized by Providence Park's like [Tizzy K's Cereal Ice Cream](#) which will be located on South Water Street side, and [The Guild Beer Garden](#) and [Ming's Asian Street Food](#) which will be located in 195 District Park.

Full details and a complete schedule for *Starts at Sunset* will be available on the WaterFire Providence website at waterfire.org/startsatsunset

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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 Starts At Sunset

Starts At Sunset is a new and unique activation that invites artists and observers to experience a night of immersive placemaking with living tableaux set against the backdrop of a picturesque sunset. WaterFire volunteers will be illuminating the bridge with the glow of five braziers. The lower deck of the bridge will be transformed into a dedicated performance area, hosting acoustic music and other performances that will accompany the event's overall ambiance.