

WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

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WaterFire Providence Announces a Full Lighting on Saturday, October 14 Supported by Brown University

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces a full lighting this Saturday, October 14, 2023 supported by [Brown University](#). The lighting will begin at 6:06 p.m. and the braziers will remain lit until 11:00 p.m. On shore programming will open at 5:00 p.m.

“WaterFire has become a distinct symbol of Providence’s cultural identity and a point of pride for the city,” says Mary Jo Callan, Vice President for Community Engagement at Brown University. “We are thrilled to build on our partnership with WaterFire as a sponsor to bring residents and visitors together in community to gather and celebrate this immersive art installation. Brown is deeply committed to working with local partners to contribute to positive impacts for people and communities throughout Rhode Island.”

WaterFire Providence will pay tribute to longtime volunteer photographer John Nickerson who sadly passed away earlier this year. A single brazier will be lit in his honor and a display of his WaterFire photography will be shown on a screen in Memorial Park.

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 WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza will be on Washington Street and Steeple Street, shop this gathering of local artists and makers in mediums such as glass, photography, sculpture, jewelry and more.

The Steeple Street Music Stage will feature the [Gendo Taiko](#) drummers, enjoy two, thirty minute sets at 7 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Catch three fire-spinning performances beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing at 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. by [Cirque de Light](#).

The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza kicks off on Washington Street and Steeple Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 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, [Ecuador to your door](#), [Into the Woods](#), [Emma Joyce Art](#), [Jade's Gems](#), [Jeremy Schilling Fine Art](#), [Adelante Shoe Co.](#), [Moonlight Jewelry](#), [Land and Seaglass](#), and [Julia Gash](#).

On Steeple Street: [All Things Lavender](#), [Sophie Foulkes](#), [Broken Arrow Studios](#), [Odettas](#), [Glass Monkey](#), [M PEARL](#), [Revibed Vinyl](#), [Tigris Handmade](#), [Design WhatHaveYou](#), [goddex apothecary](#), [CandlesByJudith](#), [Pouever Creations](#), and Sunu Body.

[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 and College Street. Enjoy local food from festival favorites.

Washington Street: [Kettle Korn Express](#), [One2Taco&More](#), [Full House Q](#), [The Incred-A-bowl Food Company](#), [Duck Press](#), [Caribbean Delights](#), and [Saugys](#)

College Street: [Pita Pocket](#), [Spanglish](#), [Pam's Grill on the Go](#), [Poppin Minis](#), 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 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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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/>.