

# WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

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## WaterFire Providence Announces the Opening of the BuyArt Small Works Holiday Show and Sale

In the Gallery of the WaterFire Arts Center

Open from Thursday, November 16 - Sunday, January 7, 2024

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 16 from 5-9

**Providence, RI** WaterFire Providence announces the BuyArt Small Works Holiday Show and Sale opening on Thursday, November 16 in the Gallery of the WaterFire Arts Center from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Featuring 30 local artists, the show encourages art enthusiasts and holiday shoppers to purchase art right off the wall. As visitors purchase art new works will be added throughout the run of the show.

"We are thrilled about the BuyArt Holiday Show and Sale, providing visitors with the opportunity to shop small and 'buy art' for their friends and families this holiday season from some of the best artists Providence has to offer. We encourage shoppers to explore the show on more than one occasion, as new pieces will be on display throughout the month," says Peter A. Mello, Managing Director + coCEO of WaterFire Providence.

Shoppers will have a range of mediums to choose from, from mixed media to photography to prints, and will include the following artists:

May Babcock, [Sara Breslin](#), [Harry Cassell](#), Janelle Castillo, [Sydney Darrow](#), [Justin DeGraide](#), [Margery Fischer Winter](#), [Carey Good](#), [Emily Gray](#), [Anne Manera](#), [Larisa Martino](#), [Hannah Mackie](#), [Laura J Michaud](#), [Sarina Mitchel](#), [Peter Mello](#), [Andrea Pascual](#), [Ariana Padovano](#),

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[Adolfo Peralta](#), [Chris Podzon](#), [Grechel Rosado](#), [Alexie Rudman](#), [Vessna Scheff](#), [Leiyana Simone](#), [Melanie Rose](#), [Caitlin Tripp](#), [Sky Tanner](#), and [Jenni Ugarte](#).

Visitors are invited to the show's opening day on Thursday, November 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., during Gallery Night Providence, who hosts tours around the city to partner arts spaces. WaterFire's Holiday ArtMart on Small Business Saturday will be Saturday, November 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as well as the holiday Sip-n-Shop event on Thursday, December 21 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Shop the hundreds of works displayed, the store + gallery hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. \*Holiday Closure Thanksgiving Day and from Christmas Eve through New Years Day.

Interested shoppers are encouraged to follow the WaterFire Arts Center -[@waterfireartscenter](#)- on Instagram to learn more about these artists and keep up to date with our event schedule. For more information about the *BuyArt* show please visit [waterfire.org/buyart](https://waterfire.org/buyart).

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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

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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>