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***Masters of the Craft: Gallery of Memory***  
*a photo exhibition*  
*commemorating the 80th anniversary of the founding of Local 1329 of the I.L.A.*  
*(International Longshoremen's Association)*

January 24, 2013-March 15, 2013  
Gallery at City Hall, 225 Dorrance Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903  
\*opening reception Wednesday, February 6, 5PM-7PM  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PROVIDENCE, RI-January 28, 2013- The City of Providence Mayor Angel Taveras and the Department of Art, Culture + Tourism, SPIA Media Productions, Inc, and the Fox Point Cape Verdean Project, present the photo exhibit ***Masters of the Craft: Gallery of Memory*** at the Gallery at City Hall which commemorates the 80th anniversary of the founding of Local 1329 of the I.L.A. (International Longshoremen's Association) in Providence, Rhode Island, the first labor union in New England organized predominantly by Cape Verdeans.

The formal portraits feature members of Local 1329 longshoremen, their families and descendants interviewed for ***Working the Boats***, (WTB) a documentary-in-progress about Local 1329 by Fox Point native, filmmaker/historian Claire Andrade-Watkins, Associate Professor, Emerson College, Department of Visual and Media Arts and President/founder of SPIA Media Productions, Inc. The portraits in the exhibit were photographed by acclaimed photographer/filmmaker Liane Brandon.

The photo exhibit is part of the Fox Point Cape Verdean Project (FPCVP), a community based research initiative launched in 2007 by Dr. Andrade-Watkins that is dedicated to preserving and documenting the history of the Cape Verdean community in Fox Point. The FPCVP is an independent project housed at the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University where Dr. Andrade-Watkins is a Visiting Scholar.

The goal of both the documentary and photo exhibit is to create a sustainable legacy about the Cape Verdean community in Fox Point and their contributions to the history and patrimony of the State of Rhode Island. Upon completion ***Working the Boats*** is slated for broadcast on RI PBS/WSBE TV 36.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday during regular business hours at City Hall. Handicap access is on Eddy Street, between Washington St. & Fulton St.

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