

Marblehead Festival of Arts
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Marblehead Festival of Arts Announces Public Voting for the 2009 Logo
Now Through December 15th

Marblehead, MA (December 3, 2008)—Essex County artists have submitted 70 logo designs in this year's Marblehead Festival of Arts Annual Logo Contest. These individuals join the ranks of many talented artists who, over the years, have presented their best efforts to capture the spirit of the Marblehead Festival of Arts. Judges Susan Cassell, Elaine Caliri Daly, and Peggy Farrell chose the top twenty entries. They then had the difficult task of selecting four finalists for presentation to the public, whose votes will determine the winner.

Now through December 15, the public is invited to cast ballots at the following locations: in Marblehead at Abbott Public Library, Acorn Gallery, Arnould Gallery and Framery, Atomic Café, The Landing Restaurant & Pub, National Grand Bank, Marblehead Arts Association, Marblehead Community Center, and Shubie's Market Place; in Beverly at Atomic Cafe and Montserrat College of Art; in Lynn at Lynn Arts and Lynn Public Library; in Salem at Cornerstone Books and Salem Art Corner; and in Swampscott at Fastframe and Swampscott Public Library. During Marblehead's Christmas Walk, on December 6 and 7, ballots may be cast at Artisans' Holiday Marketplace in Abbot Hall.

The semifinalist and finalist designs will be displayed at the Logo Premiere Party on January 27, 2009, at The Landing Restaurant and Pub, where the winning logo design and artist will be announced. The new logo will appear on Festival posters and banners, and all memorabilia produced for the 2009 Festival held over the July 4th holiday weekend.

See the four finalist designs and also the award-winning logos of the past forty-five years on the Festival Web site, www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

ABOUT MARBLEHEAD FESTIVAL OF ARTS (MFOA)

Founded in 1962, the Marblehead Festival of Arts has a rich history in producing a premier summer arts festival that has become a unique forum for artistic expression. Traditionally held each year over the July 4th holiday, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art

exhibits (painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, etc.), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, Writer's World, the Street Festival, Children's Festival, Artisans' Marketplace and many other cultural activities designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for the entire family.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts is run by an all-volunteer organization comprised of more than forty committees and involving several hundred volunteers. It operates year round and relies solely on donations to fund its operations. Individuals, families, and businesses may become Festival Sponsors by making a tax-deductible contribution. For additional information on MFoA, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities and sponsorship, please call: 781-639-ARTS (639-2787) or visit www.marbleheadfestival.org.