

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Plans Art Auction Fundraiser Donation Drop-Offs on April 10, 15 & 17

Marblehead, MA (March 26, 2010) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts is preparing for its annual Art Auction, to be held Saturday evening, May 1st, in Abbot Hall. The Art Auction Committee is seeking donations of fine art, original craft, and business services. Proceeds from the Auction support the summer Arts Festival.

People attending the auction are eager to bid on a wide array of items that may include original art; gift baskets; gourmet food and wine; professional services; concert or theater tickets; sporting event tickets; vacation getaways; and gift certificates to specialty shops, inns, and restaurants. The Festival welcomes creative ideas for donations that will draw interest to distinct products or services.

Donations may be dropped off at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 am to Noon; Thursday, April 15, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; and Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 am to Noon. Donations also may be sent by postal mail. For details, call the Festival, 781.639.ARTS, or visit MarbleheadFestival.org.

Donors will receive recognition in the *Art Auction Program* and in the summer *Festival Program*. The Marblehead Festival of Arts, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donors may be eligible for tax deductions to the extent allowed by law.

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 weekend, 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, 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. 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 or visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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