

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Set for July 1-5

Marblehead MA (June 21, 2010) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) will host its 45th annual Arts Festival in downtown Marblehead from July 1-5. This North Shore favorite is home to fine arts exhibits, including crafts, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture created by artists from all over Essex County. In addition, the MFoA features Exhibits specific to seniors and students, musical performances in Marblehead's Crocker Park, a two-day Artisans' Marketplace, Painting-the-Town, a variety of performers at a Street Festival, a Film Festival, a Theatre Festival, a Literary Arts Festival, a Kite Festival, a Sand Sculpture Competition and a Model Boat Building Workshop. Most activities are free of charge. All are detailed at MarbleheadFestival.org.

"This year's Festival will take advantage of the three-day holiday week-end, offering fine arts, musical performances and activities that engage the entire family," says Festival President Jeff Kane. Board member Cathy Michael added, "The Festival of Arts provides generations of tradition and connections with the community. This is a time we all realize how uniquely special it is to live here."

Satellite parking will be available at Marblehead High School, 2 Humphrey Street. A Festival Trolley, free to all, will provide shuttle service between the parking lot and the Festival exhibits and events. The trolley will operate on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 3-5, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

The Festival will operate its own Logo Stores at two locations, on July 3-5, 10 am to 5 pm, selling an array of products featuring the award-winning 2010 Festival logo, created by Steve Webster. Proceeds from sales of logo products support the Festival. Among this year's items are a variety of shirts for men, women and children; hats in varied sizes; sweatshirts and fleece vests; bags; sports chairs; metro carts and wine glasses.

Festival activities will be open according to the following schedule:

Thursday, July 1:

- 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Awards Night Presentation at Abbot Hall
- 7:45 – 9:00 pm – Art Exhibits open at Abbot Hall, St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church and Old North Church

Friday, July 2:

- 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Artists are out Painting-the-Town (*Plein Aire*)
- 6:00 – 8:45 pm – Performing Arts at Crocker Park, with Jubilee Mule followed by Session Americana with Rose Polenzani
- 9:00 – 10:30 pm – Film Festival at Crocker Park

Saturday, July 3:

- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Kite Festival at Devereux Beach
- 9:30 am – 5:30 pm – Satellite Parking at Marblehead High School and Trolley to Festival Exhibits
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – Sand Sculpture Competition at Devereux Beach
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at Abbot Hall, St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church and Old North Church
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Festival Logo Stores outside Abbot Hall and 2 Market Square
- Noon and 2:00 pm – Theatre Festival featuring the Rebel Shakespeare Company at Unitarian Universalist Church
- Noon – 3:30 pm – Performing Arts: Local Artists Showcase at Crocker Park
- Noon – 5:00 pm – Tea Room at King Hooper Mansion
- Noon – 5:00 pm – Literary Arts Café at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Writers' World Workshop at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm – Painting-the-Town Awards & Reception at King Hooper Mansion
- 2:30 – 5:00 pm – Painting-the-Town Exhibit opens at King Hooper Mansion
- 6:00 – 10:30 pm – Performing Arts at Crocker Park, with Violette followed by Machine 475

Sunday, July 4:

- 9:30 am – 5:30 pm – Satellite Parking at Marblehead High School and Trolley to Festival Exhibits
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Festival Logo Stores outside Abbot Hall and 2 Market Square
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Artisans' Marketplace outside Abbot Hall
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Model Boat Building Workshop outside Abbot Hall followed by Regatta at 3:00 pm at Redd's Pond
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at Abbot Hall
- Noon – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church, King Hooper Mansion and Old North Church

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- 1:00 – 3:00 pm – Writers’ World Workshop at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 6:00 – 10:30 pm – Performing Arts at Crocker Park, with KBMG followed by Adam Ezra Group, with break for harbor illumination and fireworks

Monday, July 5:

- 9:30 am – 5:30 pm – Satellite Parking at Marblehead High School and Trolley at to Festival Exhibits
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at Abbot Hall, St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church, King Hooper Mansion and Old North Church
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Artisans’ Marketplace outside Abbot Hall
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Festival Logo Stores outside Abbot Hall and 2 Market Square
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Literary Arts Café at Unitarian Universalist Church
- Noon – 4:00 pm – Street Festival on lower Washington Street
- Noon – 5:00 pm – Tea Room at King Hooper Mansion
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm – Readings from the Writers' World by Mugford Street Players at Unitarian Universalist Church followed by Reception in Literary Arts Café

For more information, visit 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 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 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 or visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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