Marblehead Festival of Arts

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June Rhodes Photograph Selected for CBS4 2006 Weather Almanac Cover

Award-winning Image also Chosen for 2005 Marblehead Festival of Arts Photography Competition

Marblehead, MA (January 18, 2006) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts wishes to congratulate photographer, June Rhodes on the selection of her image for the cover of the channel CBS4 2006 Weather Almanac. This award-winning photograph of a sunrise behind Marblehead Light, which will represent "summer" in a four-season collage on the Almanac cover, was also selected for display in the 2005 Marblehead Festival of Arts Photography Exhibit held last July 4th weekend.

As an avid photographer for many years, June Rhodes has a passion for sunrises and sunsets as her subject matter. Taken in September 2004, this photograph features an intense red coloration in the sky, a product of a morning rainstorm that contributed uniquely to this artistic shot. In spite of her lack of formal training in photography, Rhodes has successfully applied for inclusion in the Marblehead Festival of Arts Photography Exhibit the last two years. She is a former member of the Greater Lynn Camera Club and was honored with a "Portrait of the Year" award in the mid-1980's.

The CBS4 weather team compiles this Weather Almanac annually and it is the only Boston publication that specifically focuses on how the weather impacts life in southern New England. With 25,000 copies of the Almanac published each year, CBS4 makes them available free-of-charge to educators and educational organizations to use in their fund-raising efforts. Copies of the 2006 Weather Almanac are available at: http://www.cbs4boston.com/almanac

About Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFA)

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 July 4th weekend, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (painting,

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

The Marblehead Festival of Arts Inc is a not-for-profit organization comprised of area residents who volunteer their time and services in a variety of capacities. With the mission to promote and foster artistic events and activities in the town of Marblehead, this organization was launched in 1962 by producing an annual Arts Festival. Today, in addition to its summer arts program, the Marblehead Festival of Arts sponsors events throughout the year, promotes area artists, supports up and coming art students via an annual scholarship and contributes to the overall cultural climate of Marblehead.

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 primarily on donations to fund its operations. Individuals, families, and businesses may become Festival Sponsors by making a tax-deductible contribution. For additional information on MFA, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities and sponsorship, please call: **781-639-ARTS** (**639-2787**) or visit: www.marbleheadfestival.org

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