

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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MFA Board Member, Lisa Keller Wins Gold Key Award

Digital Photography Portfolio is recognized in 2006 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Marblehead, MA (March 9, 2006) – The Board of Directors of the Marblehead Festival of Arts is celebrating one of its own today, as Lisa Keller wins the Gold Key Award in the 2006 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (More information at: www.artandwriting.org). Lisa Keller, a senior at Marblehead High School and Student Representative to the Marblehead Festival of Arts Board of Directors, received the Award in recognition of her Photography portfolio, which consists of 8 digital photos taken during the first semester of her senior year.

The Scholastic Art Awards is sponsored in part by The Boston Globe and co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Art Education Association, and is conducted nationally by Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Inc. Candidates are selected on the basis of originality, vision, technical proficiency (the competence required for successful execution of working in a particular medium) and the ability to take risks and experiment with materials, form and content.

Lisa is a Marblehead Festival of Arts volunteer. In 2003 and 2004, she helped out with the Student Art Exhibit; and in 2005, she co-chaired the Exhibit. Next year she plans to attend Emerson College in Boston, where she'll pursue a double major, in Marketing Communication: Advertising & Public Relations, and in Photography.

Her winning portfolio can be viewed online at: www.marbleheadfestival.org

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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, 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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