

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts to be Community Host at Farmers' Market

MFoA to Feature Children's Program on June 10th, Opening Day

Marblehead, MA (May 25, 2006) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) announced today that they would act as Community Hosts on opening day of the Marblehead Farmers' Market, June 10th, 2006. MFoA will once again offer an interactive creative children's activity as part of their program, following in the tradition of the children's dory painting done in past years. Come meet and greet the Festival Board of Directors and hear about this year's exciting Festival plans.

Premiered at the June 10th Farmers Market will be the 2006 Marblehead Festival of Arts Logo merchandise. These popular items emblazoned with this year's winning MFoA logo, a favorite among Festival-goers, will be on sale at the Market. This year's logo product line will include adult and children's tee shirts in assorted colors, hooded sweatshirts, fleece vests, polo shirts and hats. New to the product line this year will be doggie bandanas and a very cool, July 4th-inspired tie-dyed tee shirt. An infant tee shirt will also be offered by popular demand.

Sales of the Marblehead Festival of Arts logo products provide necessary funds that help underwrite the cost of producing the Festival. In addition to the Logo Store set up during the July 4th Festival in Old Town Marblehead, the products will be available at the following local retailers by mid-June: Irresistibles, Mud Puddle Toys, and another location which will be announced on the MFoA Web site: www.marbleheadfestival.org

Photo Caption:

What this beautiful craft lacks in speed, is made up by sheer creativity as a group of young painters take on an exciting painting project sponsored by the Marblehead Festival of Arts.

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 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 MFoA, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities and sponsorship, please call: **781-639-ARTS (639-2787)** or visit: www.marbleheadfestival.org

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