

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Krewe de Roux to be Featured Band at MFoA Champagne Reception

Invitations are Available Locally for this "Must Attend" June 25th Social Event

Marblehead, MA (June 12, 2006) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) announced today that Krewe de Roux would perform lively Zydeco music, rounding out this year's New Orleans theme at the MFoA Champagne Reception. The Champagne Reception will take place on Sunday, June 25th from 5 – 7 pm (rain or shine) at Fort Sewall, Marblehead overlooking Marblehead Harbor.

Krewe de Roux will play new and traditional Louisiana Cajun and Zydeco dance music on guitar, button squeeze-box accordion, fiddle, metal rub-board, bass and percussion. Songs are sung in French and English and range from authentic, acoustic and folkloric Cajun to the high energy, roadhouse boogie romps of Zydeco music. Reception guests will have a good incentive and plenty of opportunity to dance off the delicious party fare that is planned.

A talented group of local chefs are busy preparing their menus for this unique culinary arts tasting extravaganza. An updated list of area restaurants and food emporiums to provide gourmet delights includes: Caffé Italia Trattoria, Coffey Ice Cream, Foodies Feast, Fruit of the Four Seasons, The Hurricane Restaurant and Bar, Jack-Tar American Tavern,

Ladycakes, Maddie's Sail Loft, Savory Grace – Personal Chef Service, The Oxford Street Grill, Shubie's Marketplace, Starlight Creatives, Sticky Rice and Tony's Pizza. Two featured sponsors will be J & S Brandi's and The Landing Restaurant and each will host their own extensive spread of delectables.

Invitations to the Champagne Reception are being offered, prior to the event, for a \$35 donation per person, at the following Marblehead locations:

Arnould Gallery & Framery, 111 Washington Street, Marblehead

Chet's Video, 1 Essex Street, Marblehead

Shubie's Liquors & Market Place, 16 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead

The Spirit of 76 Bookstore & Card Shop, 107 Pleasant Street, Marblehead

Invitations will also be available for a \$40 donation per person at the door. Invitations are among the benefits provided to individuals and businesses that support the Festival. You may contribute online and have invitations mailed to you. More information can be found on the MFoA home page: www.marbleheadfestival.org.

Be sure to join us on Sunday, June 25th at this premier kick-off to the summer social season. Come support the Marblehead Festival of Arts in its efforts to produce a one-of-a-kind summer arts program.

Photo Caption:

Lively Zydeco music will make for thirsty business at this year's MFoA Champagne Reception. Wine glasses emblazoned with this year's Festival logo will be available for purchase for \$8 at this key fundraiser event for the Marblehead Festival of Arts. The champagne refill is free to MFoA Champagne Reception guests!

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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