

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Announces Art Auction Fundraiser

APRIL 28th is THE Date for this Annual Marblehead Tradition

Marblehead, MA (March 20, 2007) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts announced its plans today for its annual Art Auction, scheduled for Saturday April 28th, 2006, at Abbot Hall (188 Washington Street) in Marblehead. The auction begins with a silent auction at 6:00 pm, followed by a live auction from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. This event is the primary fundraiser for the Marblehead Festival of the Arts, traditionally held each year over July 4th weekend.

Auction items include a wide range of original artwork by North Shore artists and artisans as well as items donated by area businesses. “Traditionally we auction off a small number of signed, framed Marblehead Festival of Arts logo posters,” said Tishey Noiseux, auction chair. “This year for the first time, the Festival has commissioned Hestia to create an ornament from the festival logo and we will auction off a signed, first strike ornament at the auction.” Returning this year is the ‘wet paint’ feature where several local artists, including Em Marquis Brown, Frank Costantino, Robin Samiljan, and Leighton O’Connor will create a work of art during the event, which is then auctioned off upon completion.

“The success of this auction is due in large part to the generosity of North Shore artists, businesses, and residents,” continued Noiseux. “A highlight of the auction each year is the Herb Goldberg and Nordia Kay special collector’s piece, which combines a watercolor and a photograph to depict a Marblehead scene. This artwork is produced specifically for the Festival’s Art Auction

and many flock to the auction just to bid on this outstanding piece.” Other items to be auctioned are paintings, ceramic plates, pottery, jewelry and other crafts by local artists as well as boat rides out of Beverly Harbor, a tour and luncheon at the State House with State Representative Doug Peterson, and lift tickets to Bretton Woods Ski Resort in New Hampshire.

Donations may be dropped off at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead on Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 am until noon, Wednesday, April 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 am until noon. Or, contact Tishey Noiseux at 781.639.1189 for special arrangements. Art Auction information, including downloadable Donation Forms, is available online, at www.marbleheadfestival.org.

“Delicious food, wine, live music, and lots of bidding makes this Auction the biggest, most successful and fun fundraisers for the Marblehead Festival of Arts,” said festival president Christine Kepko. “We look forward to seeing you on April 28th for both the silent and live auctions. Plan ahead and join this annual event!!”

Photo Caption (photo credit: Herb Goldberg, Marblehead)

Artist Nordia Kay and photographer Herb Goldberg will team up again this year to create their 28th collaborative piece for the Marblehead Festival of Art’s art auction, scheduled for April 28. Their work has become one of the highlights of this annual event; many people come to the auction specifically to bid on their contribution.

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 artists through out Essex County, 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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