

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of the Arts Auction Saturday, April 28, 2007

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Marblehead, MA (April 19, 2007) – Saturday's Marblehead Festival of Arts Annual Art Auction promises an evening of art, music, food, and good company, in addition to the evening's auction of fine arts and crafts, gift certificates and other items, services, and outings donated by area businesses and organizations. The Art Auction is a key fundraiser for the Marblehead Festival of Arts, held each year over the July 4th holiday.

Scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, in Marblehead, the fundraiser begins at 6:00 pm with a silent auction, followed by a live auction. The bidding action will be intense as Gene Arnould, owner of the Arnould Gallery & Framery and Leslie Gould, Development Director at the Jewish Community Center, once again headline the annual Art Auction fundraiser as auctioneers.

"Thanks to the generosity of North Shore artists, businesses, and organizations, the Marblehead Festival of Arts Annual Art Auction will feature a wonderful mixture of items for auction," says Tishey Noiseux, Festival board member and auction chair. "I am most excited about the new logo ornament, created by Hestia Creations based on Matt Byer's 2007 Festival logo design. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to bid on the signed artist's proof of what is expected to be the first design in a series of collectible Festival logo ornaments."

Other 'one-of-a-kind' auction items include:

- Lunch and tour of the State House with state representative Doug Peterson.
- A front row seat to the start of the Halifax race aboard a BYC vessel.
- A private tour of Abbot Hall.
- An afternoon cruise of Marblehead waters on the 28-foot sailboat, *Kismet*, including gourmet lunch donated by Monet's Garden Art Café in Beverly.

Once again Nordia Kay and Herb Goldberg have teamed up to create a special collector's piece, which combines a watercolor and a black and white photograph to depict a Marblehead scene. This artwork is produced specifically for the Arts Festival Art Auction and many attend the auction just to bid on this outstanding piece.

Many other local artists have contributed art which may be previewed on the MFA website. All media are represented with a vast array of oil paintings, water colors and photography, and crafts including several pieces of exquisite jewelry. People interested in previewing many the items to be auctioned off are invited to visit the Marblehead Festival of Arts online preview of auction items at: www.marbleheadfestival.org/auctionpreview.html.

PHOTO CAPTION:

AuctionScene3.jpg: Delicious food, wine, live music, and lots of bidding makes the MFA Art Auction the biggest, most successful and fun fundraisers for the Marblehead Festival of Arts. Come to the April 28th auction for both the silent and live auctions.

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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, Artisans' Marketplace and many other cultural activities designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for the entire family.

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 solely 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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