

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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The Marblehead Festival of Arts Presents the Winter Film Festival

Marblehead, MA (January 17, 2009) The Marblehead Festival of Arts invites the public to warm up at its Winter Film Festival in Marblehead Little Theatre, 12 School Street, on Thursday, February 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. The screening is free of charge, and the doors will open at 7:00 pm.

The Festival will screen 13 short films, the best of the many films submitted last year to the Festival of Arts. The great majority of the films are by artists who are current or former residents of Essex County, the Boston area, Connecticut, and New York. The films display a wide range of styles and subject matter; genres include music video, animation, personal documentary, comedy, drama, satire, and horror. Some of the filmmakers are expected to be present and they will talk about their work and answer questions at the end of the program.

Audience members will receive ballots to vote for their favorite film, and the *People's Choice Award* will go to the winner. Fresh popcorn and other refreshments will also be available. For further information, visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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

The MFoA 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 the MFoA, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities, and sponsorship, please call **781-639-ARTS** or visit www.marbleheadfestival.org.

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