

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead High School Graduate Wins Arts Festival Scholarship

Marblehead MA (June 12, 2009) The Art Scholarship Committee of the Marblehead Festival of Arts is pleased to award this year's annual Art Scholarship to Melissa Cornfeld of Marblehead. This fall, Melissa will be attending the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, majoring in Art.

Earlier this year, Ms. Cornfeld won a prestigious Gold Key award for her art portfolio in the *Boston Globe's* Scholastic Art Awards competition, a prize given to only 150 students of the 3500 Massachusetts applicants who submitted portfolios. She also received an Honorable Mention for an oil and pastel self-portrait in the same competition. During her high school career, Ms. Cornfeld was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society; and she was a member of the Rebel Shakespeare Company, appearing in important roles in the group's productions of *Twelfth Night* and *Richard III*.

The Art Scholarship Committee, consisting of Jim Farrell, Shira Karpo, and Ursina Amsler, selected Melissa from a field of talented young men and women. The \$3000 scholarship is the 24th annual art scholarship awarded by the Marblehead Festival of Arts to a high school senior residing in or attending school in Marblehead and interested in pursuing higher education in the visual arts, performing arts, crafts, music, drama, or writing. The Festival's objective is to encourage graduates interested in pursuing the arts professionally to acquire a sound academic grounding in their chosen fields.

For more information on the Art Scholarship program and the summer Arts Festival to be held this July 1–5, 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, Writer's World, the Street 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. 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 or visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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