

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Writers' World Featured at Marblehead Festival of Arts

Marblehead MA (June 21, 2010) – Writers' World, a special event of the Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) during July 1-5, will take place at Unitarian Universalist Church, 28 Mugford Street. Writers' World is a juried Exhibit of original, previously unpublished adult and student fiction, essays and poetry. It will also feature a Literary Arts Café and Workshops on Saturday, July 3, and Sunday, July 4.

"A Poetry Slam" will be led by John Dowds on Saturday, July 3, from 1 to 5 pm. Dowds said, "The poetry slam was invented in the late 1980s by a construction worker who thought traditional poetry readings were boring. He encouraged his friends to bring the poems they read to life and to perform the pieces instead of reading them." Dowds invites everyone to stop by the Workshop to get an "exposure to words, brain teasers and ideas that will make you question, rethink, reword and reinvent all that you think you know."

On Sunday, July 4, from 1 to 3 pm, author and teacher Phyllis Karas will discuss "How to Get Published." According to Karas, "Whether it be magazines or books, fiction or nonfiction, there are no secrets. It's a matter of figuring out what you want to write about, get it written and find the right avenue to make sure others get the chance to read your work. Let's talk about it!"

Cafés and salons have evolved over the centuries as writers have gathered to discuss their craft with other writers. With this historical perspective, the Festival Literary Arts Café is a comfortable place where readers and writers may discuss works while enjoying coffee, tea and light fare.

On Monday, July 5, at 2 pm, the Mugford Street Players will continue a long established tradition and do readings of winning entries from this year's Writers' World works. Please join the Players, along with the authors, to enjoy their contributions to the Festival of the Arts and the art world.

For more information, visit 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 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 or visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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