

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Offers Two Art Scholarship Programs

Marblehead, MA (February 22, 2011) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) awards two scholarships annually to deserving students who reside or attend school in Marblehead. The Scholarships Committee is now accepting applications for the two grants for 2011.

For both grants, criteria considered by the Scholarships Committee include academic and art achievements; art-related and extracurricular activities, both in and out of school; intended vocation; and any honors or special citations received. This year's Art Scholarships Committee includes Peggy Farrell, Lynne DeVoe, Mike Evers and Herb Goldberg.

The Art Scholarship, now worth \$3,000, has been awarded each year since 1986 to a high school senior who is pursuing higher education in visual arts, performing arts, crafts, music, drama or writing. In awarding this scholarship, the Festival's objective is to encourage graduates who demonstrate financial need and want a career in the arts to acquire sound academic groundings in their chosen fields.

Applications are available at Marblehead High School and at www.MarbleheadFestival.org. All applications for the Art Scholarship must be submitted to the Festival by April 1, 2011.

For the past two years, the Festival has had an additional grant, made by the Milton Bloom Student Art Scholarship Program. Open to students in grades 7-11, the \$500 award will go to a deserving student interested in developing his or her artistic talents. Selection shall be based on artistic talent, accomplishments and motivation. Applicants should have a demonstrated passion for art, at least two years of experience, excel in their chosen areas, and seek to expand their artistic horizons. The scholarship, to be awarded to assist a student in paying tuition for a program in the arts, is made possible by contributions donated to a special fund in memory of Milton Bloom.

Applications can be obtained at www.MarbleheadFestival.org, Marblehead High School, Marblehead Veterans Middle School, Marblehead Community Charter Public School, Tower School and Cohen Hillel Academy. The deadline to submit applications for the Bloom Scholarship is May 1, 2011.

An all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization, the MFoA produces a summer Arts Festival during the July 4th weekend and sponsors other events and art projects throughout the year. For more information, call 781-639-ARTS or 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 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.