# Marblehead Festival of Arts

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## Marblehead Festival of Arts Seeks Art Exhibit Entries

**Marblehead MA (April 7, 2011)** – With spring in the air, North Shore artists are making plans that include the upcoming Marblehead Festival of Arts. This summer’s Festival, to be held July 1-4, will once again feature art exhibits in Crafts, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Photography, Mixed Media and Sculpture, as well as special exhibits featuring Youth Art, Student Art and Senior Art. The Festival also sponsors *plein aire* painting, known as Painting the Town. For most exhibits, artists who reside in, work in, or are members of an arts association in Essex County are eligible to enter their original works.

Artists are encouraged to mark their calendars and prepare their artwork for entry. Drop-off dates are, for the most part, Wednesday, May 18 from 5 to 8 pm, and Saturday, May 21 from 9 am until noon. Entry forms will be available soon at a variety of North Shore locations, including art associations, libraries and art schools. Please check the Festival website, www.MarbleheadFestival.org, for specific entry details, including drop-off locations and downloadable exhibit entry forms. Aspiring participants may also receive entry forms by contacting the Festival via email (info@marbleheadfestival.org), telephone (781-639-ARTS) or U.S. mail (P.O. Box 331, Marblehead, MA 01945).

After the drop-off dates, each exhibit is juried by judges recruited for their knowledge and expertise in their respective fields. The judges select the works to be exhibited during the Festival and also the recipients of various awards, which include Best of Show, Outstanding Work and Honorable Mention. In addition, several exhibit categories carry special recognition awards.

A majority of the artwork displayed in the exhibits is available for sale. The purchase of an art piece benefits both the artist and the Festival.

Artists and art enthusiasts are encouraged to visit [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org) and sign up for e-newsletters to receive information on entering Art Exhibits and hear other Festival news. All Festival details will be posted on the website as they become available.

**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-ARTSor visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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