

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Rebel Shakespeare to Star at Marblehead Festival of Arts Theatre Festival

Marblehead MA (June 9, 2011) – On Saturday, July 2 at noon and on Sunday, July 3 at 2 pm, the Rebel Shakespeare Company, comprised of area teens, is returning to Marblehead to present *WillPower!* Keri Cahill, company founder and director, invites all to “come enjoy the teens from Rebel Shakespeare performing some of Shakespeare's best loved scenes and monologues from a wide selection of his plays!”

The Theatre Festival, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 28 Mugford Street, is one of many events taking place during the Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA), July 1-4.

Cahill continues, “These young local actors will explore Shakespeare's gift of holding the mirror up to nature, where he inspires, uplifts and celebrates the human condition.” This entertainment is appropriate for all ages. Participating this year are Annie Seminara, Sam Sklar, Mia Formicella, Alec Glass, Marcus Thompson, Emilie Soghomonian, Seth Finkelstein, Ryan Buchanan, Madeline Goldberg and Sophia Nardone.

Keri Cahill founded the Rebel Shakespeare Company 20 years ago. Currently, the troupe can be found each summer on Winter Island in Salem. She has worked with over 10,000 children and teens through her workshops, private

classes, school residencies and drama therapy programs. “We are thrilled to have Rebel Shakespeare back with us this year,” Festival vice president Cathy Michael said, “These are bright, talented actors who bring a lot of energy to their performances and to the Festival.”

For more 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 (including painting, sculpture, photography and drawing), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, the Film Festival, Writers’ World, the Street Festival, the Children’s 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 40 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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