

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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It's Time to Celebrate Marblehead Festival of Arts July 1-4

This release is an overview of all activities related to the four-day Festival. It also includes a comprehensive daily schedule of all exhibits and events. We hope it is helpful to you!

Marblehead MA (June 15, 2011) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts will host its 46th annual Arts Festival at venues around Marblehead from July 1-4. Offering activities from morning until night, this North Shore favorite is a celebration for all ages; and almost all events are free.

The Festival is home to fine arts exhibits showcasing artists from all over Essex County. Included are Crafts, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking 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.

Exhibits will be open Friday through Monday at various locations, including Abbot Hall, Marblehead Arts Association at the King Hooper Mansion, the Old Town House, Old North Church, St. Michael's Church and Unitarian Universalist Church. Note also that on Friday, artists will be creating the Painting-the-Town exhibit as they work in various locations throughout Marblehead.

Historic Crocker Park, overlooking Marblehead Harbor, will be the venue for Performing Arts throughout the Festival. "This year's outdoor concert series features an eclectic mix of 18 dynamite individuals and groups with tons of talent, heart and soul," according to chairperson Brian Wheeler. "We'll be on stage over four nights and three days, with a packed schedule of outstanding local and regional artists." Please note there is a rain location for Friday evening only at the Gerry #5 on Beacon Street.

At dusk on Friday evening, the annual Film Festival will be screened at Crocker Park, with a rain location of the Gerry #5. Sixteen short films, ranging in length from 1:37 minutes to 10 minutes, comprise this year's offerings. The films have been chosen to promote the unique qualities and subtleties of filmmaking as an art form. Parents should review the lineup to decide if these films are age-appropriate subject matter for their children.

Each year, a devoted group of authors, novelists, poets, essayists and journalists gathers at the Unitarian Universalist Church for the Writers' World series of programs. Workshops, exhibits, presentations and the camaraderie of the Literary Arts Café highlight this extraordinary segment of the Festival. The Theatre Festival, featuring Rebel Shakespeare, will also perform there.

Family events are a Festival highlight. Beginning Saturday morning, there will be a Kite Festival and Sand Sculpture Competition at Devereux Beach. In the afternoon, the Children's Festival will take place on the grounds of Abbot Hall. Sunday's events include a Model Boat Building Workshop outside Abbot Hall, followed by a regatta at Redd's Pond. On Monday, the Street Festival promises entertainment for all ages on Washington Street, which will be open to foot traffic only.

The Tea Room will be housed in the cool, relaxing wine cellar of the King Hooper Mansion, where refreshments will be served. There will be a guest art exhibit by

ArcWorks, a guild for artists with physical or intellectual challenges. King Hooper is also the home of the Marblehead Arts Association, and guests are welcome to view their July exhibit, "Seeing the Light."

The Artisans' Marketplace will be staged on the grounds of Abbot Hall on Sunday and Monday. This showcase of arts and crafts will feature the work of 38 artisans from all over the region and as far away as Florida. Their distinctive offerings, at all price levels, will include jewelry, quilts, glass, paintings, photography, tapestries, baskets, candles, wearable art and pottery.

A new, hands-on workshop, A Mighty Uke: Ukulele Workshop with Frets Halligan, will be held on Sunday at 4 pm on the lawn of Unitarian Universalist Church. "The uke is cheap, easy to learn and universally fun for any child or adult who takes a few minutes to try it," he said. Having played the uke for many years, Halligan has witnessed firsthand how much enjoyment people can have from the first chord they try. By the time the workshop is over, participants will be playing well-known songs.

Satellite parking will be available at Marblehead High School, 2 Humphrey Street. A Festival Trolley, free to all, will provide shuttle service between the parking lot and Festival exhibits and events. The trolley will operate on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, from 9:30 am until 5:30 pm.

The Festival will operate its own Logo Stores at two locations, outside Abbot Hall on Washington Street and at 2 Market Square, opposite the Old Town House. An array of products featuring the award-winning 2011 Festival logo will be available. They include adult, child and baby T-shirts; onesies; adult, youth and baby hats; adult hoodies with front zippers; adult polo shirts; aprons; tote and cinch bags; lanyards and wine glasses. Proceeds from sales of logo products help support the Festival.

All exhibits and events are detailed at www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

PHOTO CAPTION: 2010 Art Exhibit at the Marblehead Festival of the Arts

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PHOTO CAPTION: 2010 Street Festival of the Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Festival activities will be open according to the following schedule:

Thursday, June 30: Festival Preview

- 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Awards Presentation at Abbot Hall
- 7:45 – 9:00 pm – Art Exhibits open at Abbot Hall, St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church and Old North Church

Friday, July 1:

- 9:00 am – Artists out Painting-the-Town (*Plein Aire*)
- 10:00 am – 5 pm – Art Exhibits at Abbot Hall, St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church and Old North Church
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Literary Arts Café at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 7:00 – 8:45 pm – *Performing Arts: Alanna Manning with the Dave Mattacks Trio at Crocker Park -- *Rain Location at Gerry #5
- 9:00 – 10:30 pm – *Film Festival at Crocker Park – *Rain Location at Gerry #5

Saturday, July 2:

- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Kite Festival at Devereux Beach
- 9:30 am – 5:30 pm – Trolley to Festival Exhibits (Satellite Parking at Marblehead High School)
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Writers' World Workshop: Phyllis Karas at Unitarian Universalist Church

- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – Sand Sculpture Competition at Devereux Beach
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at Abbot Hall, St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church, Old North Church and King Hooper Mansion
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Festival Logo Stores outside Abbot Hall and 2 Market Square
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Literary Arts Café at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Tea Room at King Hooper Mansion
- 12:00 pm: Theatre Festival: Rebel Shakespeare at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 12:00 – 3:00 pm: Children's Festival outside Abbot Hall
- 12:00 – 3:30 pm – Performing Arts: Local Artist Showcase at Crocker Park
 - 12:00 – 1:00 pm – Marblehead & Salem Schools of Music
 - 1:15 – 2:15 pm – Super Prime
 - 2:30 – 3:30 pm – Marblehead Little Theatre
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm – Writers' World Workshop: Irene Pepperberg at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm – Painting-the-Town Awards & Reception at King Hooper Mansion
- 2:30 – 5:00 pm – Painting-the-Town Exhibit opens at King Hooper Mansion
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm – Performing Arts: EJ & Crazy Maggy at Crocker Park
- 8:00 – 10:30 pm – Performing Arts: Chad Burdick & the Ragged Impresarios at Crocker Park

Sunday, July 3:

- 9:30 am – 5:30 pm – Trolley to Festival Exhibits (Satellite Parking at Marblehead High School)
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at Abbot Hall
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Artisans' Marketplace outside Abbot Hall

- 10:00 am – 5: 00 pm – Festival Logo Stores outside Abbot Hall and 2 Market Square
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Model Boat Building outside Abbot Hall followed by Regatta at 3:00 pm at Redd's Pond
- 12:00 – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church, King Hooper Mansion and Old North Church
- 12:00 – 5:00 pm – Tea Room at King Hooper Mansion
- 12:00 – 5:00 pm – Literary Arts Café at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 12:00 – 3:30 pm – Performing Arts: Local Artist Showcase at Crocker Park
 - 12:00 – 2:15 pm – Music On & Up Showcase
 - 12:00 – 12:25 pm – Katy Morelli
 - 12:35 – 1:00 pm – Dalton Letorney
 - 1:15 – 2:15 pm – College Fund Band
 - 2:30 – 3:30 pm -- Britannica
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm – Writers' World Workshop: Janet Ruth Young at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 2:00 – Theatre Festival featuring Rebel Shakespeare at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 4:00 pm – Ukulele Workshop at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm – Performing Arts: Fats Hammond at Crocker Park
- 8:00 – 10:30 pm – Performing Arts: Los Sugar Kings at Crocker Park

Monday, July 4:

- 9:30 am – 5:30 pm – Trolley to Festival Exhibits (Satellite Parking at Marblehead High School)
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Writers' World Workshop: Flo and Hank Goodman at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Artisans' Marketplace outside Abbot Hall

- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Art Exhibits at Abbot Hall, St. Michael's Church, Old Town House, Unitarian Universalist Church, King Hooper Mansion and Old North Church
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Festival Logo Stores outside Abbot Hall and 2 Market Square
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Literary Arts Café at Unitarian Universalist Church
- 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Tea Room at King Hooper Mansion
- 12:00 – 3:30 pm – Performing Arts: Local Artist Showcase at Crocker Park
 - 12:00 – 1:00 pm – Eric Russell Student Showcase with Gus Egan and Tyler Morgan
 - 1:15 – 2:15 pm – Hayley Reardon
 - 2:30 – 3:30 pm – Jermain Martin & The Greater Bethlehem Temple Mass Choir
- 12:00 – 4:00 pm – Street Festival on lower Washington Street
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm – Readings from the Writers' World by Mugford Street Players at Unitarian Universalist Church, followed by Reception in Literary Arts Café
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm – Performing Arts: Caravan of Thieves at Crocker Park
- 8:00 – 10:30 pm – Performing Arts: Evan Goodrow Band with the EGB Horns, with break for harbor illumination and fireworks

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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