

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts to Host Winter Film Festival

Marblehead MA (January 25, 2012) – To bring some warmth to a bitter cold night, come to the Winter Film Festival sponsored by the Marblehead Festival of Arts. The Festival is set for Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 pm, with doors opening at 7 pm. Eleven films, ranging in length from two to 14 minutes, will be screened at Marblehead Little Theatre, 12 School Street in Marblehead. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

The selected pieces show the many ways that film and video can be used as an art form to inform and express. They are not commercial films found in a standard multiplex. Although some of these works can certainly be enjoyed by children, not all of the films will be appropriate for young audiences. Parents are encouraged to review the lineup.

2012 Winter Film Festival Program

- *Stalker*: Damien Patrik: (2 minutes)
A man is stalked in downtown Denver ... by himself. Patrik is an actor, writer, editor and film producer.
- *The Impossible Journey*: John Bonner (7:11 minutes)

This personal documentary about one Marbleheader's bike ride from Marblehead to Boston shows how, by persistence, courage and very observant drivers, it can be done!

- *Howna and Manny*: Jared Katsiane (10 minutes)
Two young women encounter each other outside the JFK Building while waiting for their parents to settle their immigration issues. Katsiane is a prolific maker of short films, one of which won an award as one of the year's best New England short works.
- *Just About Famous*: Matt Mamula (14 minutes)
This is a hilarious documentary about a convention of celebrity lookalikes: Oprah, Kenny Rogers, Sarah Palin, Bill Clinton, George Bush—you'll meet them all!
- *Beneath the Same Sky*: Dan Masucci: (13 minutes)
A regular participant in the Film Festival, Masucci returns with an emotional story about the relationship between a father and his son. The boy is troubled by the absence of his mother, a soldier in the Middle East.
- *Fernando's First Snow*: Jared Katsiane (4 minutes)
This film is the Boston filmmaker's affecting and poetic story in which a man recalls his first snow, when an elderly man helps him retrieve a scarf from a tree.
- *God and Dog*: Wendy Francisco (2 minutes)
The filmmaker offers a short animated music video about being loved by both the characters in the title. Francisco, a Boston-born musician living in Colorado, also animated the film.
- *Pie Heist*: Steve Baldwin (7:16 minutes)

This former Beverly resident is a prolific filmmaker with many awards to his credit. His comedy deals with the lengths one man will go to evade his self-appointed dietician and appropriate his favorite sugary treat.

- *Trampoline*: Dan Masucci (6 minutes)

This is a story of a father-daughter excursion that turns into an interior excursion for the father.

- *Twist of Fate*: Karen Aqua (8:40 minutes)

This award-winning Boston area animator and past Film Festival contributor has created an animated film about her bout with a serious illness.

- *Zen and the Art of Landscaping*: David Kartch (14 Minutes)

A young landscaper encounters more trouble on the inside of a suburban household than the exterior. This is a Film Festival Legacy showing, first screened in 2001!

For more information, visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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About Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA)

Founded in 1962, the Marblehead Festival of Arts has a rich history of producing a premier summer arts festival that has become a unique forum for artistic expression. Traditionally held each year over the July 4th holiday, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (painting, sculpture, photography, drawing and other media) outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, Writers' World, 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 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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