

# ***Marblehead Festival of Arts***

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## **Marblehead Festival of Arts Champagne & Culinary Arts Reception Calendar Announcement**

**Marblehead MA (May 4, 2012)** – The Marblehead Festival of Arts Annual Champagne & Culinary Arts Reception will be held Sunday, June 24, from 5 to 7 pm, under a tent at Fort Sewall, overlooking beautiful Marblehead Harbor. The Reception heralds the opening of the Marblehead Festival of Arts, which will be held June 30-July 4.

Event co-chairs Peter Jackson, Sandy McLaughlin and Lisa Hooper are busy lining up more than a dozen area restaurants which will showcase their menu specialties. Live music will be provided by Ned & The Big Babies, a soulful roots rock & punk band. Also featured is the annual Hat Contest where guests' creations are rated in several categories.

The Champagne & Culinary Arts Reception is a fundraising event for the summer Arts Festival. Invitations will be available in advance at various Marblehead locations for \$50 or on June 24 for \$55. For additional information, please visit [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

PHOTO CUTLINE: Christina Campa and Charley Morrow, winners of 2011 Hat Contest

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**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 holiday, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, and others.), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, Writers' 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](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

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