

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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GETTING READY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AT THE MARBLEHEAD FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Marblehead MA (May 16, 2012) – Before the musicians take the stage at The Marblehead Festival of Arts at Crocker Park, the stage has to be built. And before they utter a note, the sound and lights have to be up and running. These tasks, and many others, are the job of the volunteer Sound & Lights Crew & the Performing Arts Committee.

Performing Arts Chair Brian Wheeler explained that along with the regular crew, many of these volunteers are interns at or graduates of the New England Institute of Arts Audio and Media Technology Program in Brookline, MA. “Our connection with the school began over 10 years ago, and it is thriving today. Many of our previous classes of interns still come back every year ... taking breaks from their jobs, camping out at Crocker for the week and teaching our new volunteers how to put up, run and take down a show. And, of course, it’s all under the leadership of our long-standing Sound Lights Committee chair and 35+ year Festival veteran Robb Macomber. It’s truly an amazing experience!”

This year’s Festival is set for June 30-July 4, with live entertainment at beautiful, historic Crocker Park, overlooking Marblehead Harbor, over five nights and three days. On Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, the Local Artists Showcase will feature our up-and-coming talent. On Saturday through Wednesday evenings, the Pros take to the stage. All the performances are free.

All over Marblehead, plans like these are underway; and volunteers are gearing up for one of New England's premiere arts festivals. It's an exciting week for our town, and it's almost here. Visit MarbleheadFestival.org for details!

PHOTO CUTLINE: These 2011 volunteers helped make Performing Arts happen at Crocker Park.

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