Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Features Performing Arts

Marblehead MA (May 30, 2012) – The outdoor concert series at scenic Crocker Park, overlooking Marblehead Harbor at 11 Front Street, is among the most anticipated happenings at the Marblehead Festival of Arts, to be held this year on June 30-July 4. Performing Arts entertainers, on stage over five nights and three days, offer a packed schedule of outstanding local and regional artists.

"For our 47th Annual Performing Arts line-up, we are proud to present an eclectic mix of 19 dynamite individuals and groups with tons of talent, heart and soul to entertain fans of all ages," stated Brian Wheeler, Committee Chair. "We hope neighbors, friends, families and visitors from all over will come out to our beautiful, natural concert venue and share the energy and the experience."

On Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday afternoons, beginning at noon, the Local Artists Showcase will highlight upcoming artists and local favorites. Evening entertainment on Saturday through Wednesday will feature a wide variety of incredible acts. All performances are free, and many of the artists will be offering their CDs and merchandise for sale. Wheeler says, "Everyone is invited to bring picnic baskets and blankets and take home the music of their favorite performers." He adds, "We never say the 'R' word, but if it comes, we're still a go at Crocker Park! If it gets a bit wet, we'll try to get the show in. Just listen for the music, and come join us!" *Please note that, in the event of rain on Sunday*

evening, July 1 only, the program will move to the Gerry #5 at 210 Beacon Street so that the Film Festival may be screened.

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For details of all performances, including photos, visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

Performance Schedule

Saturday, June 30 Local Artist Showcase

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Afterthought – Rock

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Low Key Confusion – Folk/Blues/Jazz

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Yesberger Band – Jazz

Evening Program

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Trick Taylor – Alt/Folk

8:00 pm – 10:30 pm Mark Erelli – Folk-Rock/Country/Swing/Bluegrass

Sunday, July 1 Local Artist Showcase

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Marblehead & Salem School of Music Student Performer Showcase - Various

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Run Gazelle Run –Progressive Rock 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Jeff Buckridge Uke Joint – Uke-ified Jazz

Evening Program 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm Sean Fielder & Boston Tap Company – "Hoofin"

9 pm - 10:30 pm The Marblehead Festival of Arts Film Festival

Monday, July 2

Evening Program

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Salem String Quartet – Classical Steven Spungin – Flamenco Guitar

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm Salem Theatre Company – Comedy

Tuesday, July 3

Evening Program

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Inca Son – Peruvian Folk Music

8:00pm-10:30pm Brown Town All-Stars – Jazz/Funk/R&B/Soul

Wednesday, July 4

Local Artist Showcase

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Spaceman Spiff – Rock

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Dear Zim – Pop/Rock

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Me vs Gravity – Rock / Pop Evening Program

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm The Chicken Slacks – Classic Soul / Funk

8:00 pm – 10:30 pm The Brian Maes Band – Contemporary Classic Rock

During the show, the Marblehead harbor illumination and fireworks, counted down from the Crocker Park Stage, will add to a great July 4 celebration.

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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 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 visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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