# Marblehead Festival of Arts

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## Marblehead Festival of Arts Set for July 4 – 7;

## Preview Night July 3

**Marblehead MA (February 6, 2013)** – The Marblehead Festival of Arts will host its 48th annual Arts Festival in historic Marblehead from July 4-7. Four days of engaging activities are designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for visitors of all ages, coming from town, the region, the country and the world.

Preceding the official opening of the Festival, on Wednesday evening, July 3, will be a night of music and film at Crocker Park, overlooking Marblehead Harbor. “We are introducing a new Film Festival this year,” according to Mike Evers, Film Festival chair. “Many new films, in a variety of categories, by a number of new and returning film makers will get the Festival off to a great start. All are welcome to attend this Festival Preview.”

The Festival of Arts, a North Shore favorite, is home to fine arts exhibits, including Crafts, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Plein Aire Painting, Sculpture and Senior and Student art. These works are created by a mix of experienced, well-established local artists, as well as inspired, budding talent.

Additionally, there are four afternoons and evenings of Performing Arts in harbor-side Crocker Park, a two-day Artisans’ Marketplace, a Street Festival with a variety of performers, a Children’s Festival, a Literary Arts Festival, a Kite Festival, Sand Sculpture Competition and a Model Boat Building Workshop. Most activities are free of charge.

Special activities for July 4 are the Festival’s Street Festival and the Horribles Parade in town, sponsored by the Gerry Veteran Fireman’s Association. A harbor illumination and fireworks, provided by Marblehead Fireworks Forever, will complement the Festival’s exciting musical performance at Crocker Park.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts is an all-volunteer organization comprised of more than forty committees and involving several hundred volunteers. All activities will be detailed on the Festival website, [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

PHOTO: Fireworks over Marblehead Harbor

PHOTO: Regatta at Redd’s Pond

PHOTO: Street Festival

PHOTO: Flash mob at Performing Arts

PHOTO: Volunteers

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