

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Features Performing Arts

Marblehead MA (June 3, 2013) – 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 July 3-July 7. Performing Arts entertainers, on stage over four nights and three days, offer a packed schedule of outstanding local and regional artists.

Before the musicians take the stage at Crocker Park the stage has to be built from the ground up and before they play a note, the sound and lights have to be up and running. These tasks and many others are performed by the volunteer Sound and Lights crew led by the long standing technical chair and 35+ year Festival veteran Robb Macomber, assisted by Matt Furman. The foundation of the crew are life long volunteer members taking breaks from their jobs to help with the setup of Crocker Park augmented by interns and graduates of the New England Institute of Arts Audio and Media Technology Program in Brookline.

Performing Arts Chair Brian Wheeler, another 35+ year veteran of the Festival himself, promises an eclectic mix of 18 plus dynamic individuals and groups with the chops and soul to entertain fans of all ages. Opening on July 3 with Robin Lane (of Robin Lane and the Chartbusters fame) and John Pfister (folk/rock) at 6-6:45 pm and Mamadou Diop (2011 Boston Music Award winners-World Fusion Music) from 7-8:30 creates the perfect lead in to the Marblehead Festival of Arts Film Festival which begins at Dusk.

Brian says “We hope neighbors, friends, families and visitors from all over will come out to our beautiful, natural concert venue at Crocker Park and share the energy and the experience.”

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons,, the Local Artists Showcase, beginning at noon, will highlight upcoming artists and local favorites. Evening entertainment on Wednesday through Saturday, beginning at 6pm 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. For the first time this year a limited edition concert tee shirt with the names of the performers will be for sale while they last. 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 Wednesday evening, July 3 only, the program will move to the Gerry #5 at 210 Beacon Street so that the Film Festival may be screened.*

PHOTO CUT LINE: Brian Maes Band performing at Marblehead Festival of Arts
Crocker Park Concerts 2012

PHOTO CREDIT: Dave Kinney

PHOTO CUT LINE: The 2012 Festival Crocker Park Set up Crew included members of Performing Arts Committee, Sound & Lights Committee, Facilities Committee, and interns from the New England Institute of Art

PHOTO CREDIT: Roberta Andrews

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

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 3

Evening Program

6:00pm - 6:45pm

Robin Lane & John Pfister

Folk/Rock

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Mamadou

West African – World Fusion

Dusk – 10:30pm

The Marblehead Festival of Arts Film Festival

Thursday, July 4

Local Artist Showcase

12:00 pm – 12:30pm

Box of Birds

Alternative Folk

12:45pm – 1:45pm

Addy & Julia Band

Folk/Pop

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Lee Hawkins Trio

R&B/Rock

Evening Program

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Squeeze Box Stompers

Cajun/Zydeco/Blues

8 :00pm - 10:30pm*

Big Ol' Dirty Bucket

Funk/Soul/Hip Hop/Fun

*W/Break for annual Harbor Illumination & Fireworks at dusk.

Friday July 5

Local Artists Showcase

12:00pm – 1:00pm

School of Rock

1:15pm – 2:15pm

Dejas

Alt/ Folk/ Blues

2:30pm – 3:30pm

DJ & Friends

Jazz/R&B/Funk

Evening Program

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Bryce Milano

Americana/Jazz

8:00pm - 10:30pm

Nick Hakim & Nadia Washington

Soul/R&B/Jazz

Saturday, July 6

Local Artist Showcase

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Marblehead/Salem School of Music

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Kat Quinn

Folk

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Future Archaic

Alt Rock

Evening Program

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Ned and the BIG Babies

R&B /Rock

8:00pm – 10:30pm

Jenny Dee & The Deelinquents

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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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