

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Children's and Street Festivals Top Family Activities at Marblehead Festival of Arts

Marblehead MA (June 10, 2013) – Family fun for all ages is a highlight of the Marblehead Festival of Arts, to be held this year on July 3-July 7 . Children's Festival is set for Saturday, July 6, from 9:00am until noon at Abbot Hall lower grounds. Rain date is Sunday, July 7. Street Festival will take place on Sunday July 7, from noon until 4 pm on lower Washington Street. These two events will welcome kids and their parents for outdoor delight and enjoyment.

With a full range of activities for families to participate in, Children's Festival chairperson Lauren Fogle Boyd invites children ages 10 and younger and their parents to Abbot Hall Lower Grounds for a studio-like experience geared totally to them. Laura tells us "This year's theme is "Under the Sea" and our crafts include rubber fish prints, crab headbands, shark masks, tissue paper fish, and magic color turtles. Rock painting is back by popular demand as is face painting. There will also be "Collaborative Collage" for the children this year presented by Create Art Studio and we will also have a craft by On Board Interiors designer Krisha Plauche. The cookie table by Cygnet Confections (owned by Marbleheader Cathyann Swindlehurst) is back too with starfish and seahorse cookies to decorate! Children's music will be provided by Kellie Cormier of Kiwi Girl Studio.

“On Sunday, July 7, Washington Street will be open only to foot traffic from Abbot Hall to the Old Town House for our annual Street Festival. It is a happy affair, a family block party, where crowds will enjoy comedy, magic, roving artists, juggling, music, dance, face painting and balloon twisting,” said Greg Triplett, chairperson.

Refreshments will be part of the event. Look for Terry’s Party Ice Cream truck, where Carlos will make you smile as he shares tasty treats. Also, visit Devereux House to sample their award-winning chowder.

Other family activities during the Festival are the Kite Festival and the Sand Sculpture Competition at Devereux Beach on Thursday, July 4th and the Model Boat Building Workshop and Regatta at Abbot Hall and Redd’s Pond on Friday, July 5th.

For more information, visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

PHOTO OUTLINE: Brent McCoy of Comedy that Works at Marblehead Festival of Arts Street Festival

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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 weekend, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (including painting, sculpture, photography and drawing), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, the Film Festival, Writers’ World, the Street Festival, the Children’s 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 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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