

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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It's Time to Celebrate Marblehead Festival of Arts July 3-July 7

This release is an overview of all activities related to the five-day Festival. It also includes a comprehensive daily schedule of all exhibits and events. We hope it is helpful to you!

Marblehead MA (June 19, 2013) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts will host its 47th annual Arts Festival at venues around Marblehead from July 3-July 7. Offering activities from morning until night, the Festival is the largest all-volunteer arts festival in the region. It is a celebration for all ages, and almost all events are free.

The North Shore favorite is home to fine arts exhibits showcasing artists from all over Essex County. Included are Crafts, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture, as well as special exhibits featuring Youth Art, Student Art and Senior Art. The Festival also sponsors *plein- air* painting, known as Painting-the-Town.

Exhibits will be open Wednesday through Sunday at various locations, including Abbot Hall, Marblehead Arts Association at the King Hooper Mansion, 139 Washington Street (the new home of photography), Old North Church, St. Michael's Church and Unitarian Universalist Church. Note also that on Thursday, artists will be creating the Painting-the-Town exhibit as they work in various locations throughout Marblehead.

Historic Crocker Park, overlooking Marblehead Harbor, will be the venue for Performing Arts throughout the Festival. "This year's outdoor concert series features an eclectic mix of 19 dynamite individuals and groups with tons of talent, heart and soul," according to chairperson Brian Wheeler. "We'll be on stage for four nights and three days, starting on the Eve of the Festival with a packed schedule of outstanding local and regional artists."

At dusk on Wednesday evening the annual Film Festival will be screened. Thirteen short films ranging in length from 22:20 minutes to 7:56 minutes, comprise this years' offerings. The films have been chosen to promote the unique qualities and subtleties of filmmaking as an art form. Parents should review the lineup to decide oif these films contain age-appropriate subject matter for their children. Please note there is a rain location for Wednesday evening only at the Gerry #5 on Beacon Street so that the Film Festival can be viewed.

Each year, a devoted group of authors, novelists, poets, essayists and journalists gathers at the Unitarian Universalist Church for the Writers' World series of programs. Workshops, exhibits, presentations and the camaraderie of the Literary Arts Café highlight this extraordinary segment of the Festival.

Family events are a Festival highlight. Beginning Thursday morning, there will be a Kite Festival and Sand Sculpture Competition at Devereux Beach. On Saturday morning, the Children's Festival will take place on the grounds of Abbot Hall. Fridays' events include a Model Boat Building Workshop outside Abbot Hall, followed by a regatta at Redd's Pond. On Sunday afternoon, the Street Festival promises entertainment for all ages on Washington Street, which will be open to foot traffic only.

The Tea Room will be housed in the cool, relaxing wine cellar of the King Hooper Mansion, where refreshments will be served. King Hooper is also the home of the Marblehead Arts Association, and guests are welcome to view their summer exhibit.

The Artisans' Marketplace will be staged on the grounds of Abbot Hall on Saturday, July 6th and Sunday, July 7th. This showcase of arts and crafts will feature the work of 36 artisans from all over the region. Many of the artists are new this year; and, along with returning vendors, will feature a variety of distinctive offerings at all price levels. Some of the artists' offerings will include many styles of intricate jewelry; hand-blown, painted and stained glass; paintings in many mediums; photography with many themes; a wide variety of ceramic and pottery pieces; well-honed wood furniture; woven baskets; beautiful candles; wide-ranging gift items; and functional and unusual wearable art and accessories.

A special treat for Artisans' browsers and shoppers will be Dario's Artisan Cafe –. Serving cold sandwiches, snacks and drinks, Dario will bring a delicious dimension to those around Abbot Hall on Saturday and Sunday.

Free satellite parking will be available at Marblehead High School, 2 Humphrey Street. A Festival Trolley, also free to all, will provide shuttle service between the parking lot and Festival exhibits and events. The trolley will operate on Thursday, July 3, Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 7 from 9:30 am until 5:30 pm.

The Festival will operate its own Logo Store outside Abbot Hall on Washington Street. An array of products featuring the award-winning 2013 Festival logo will be available. They include adult, child and baby T-shirts; infant onesies; adult, and baby hats; adult sweatshirts; adult polo shirts; and wine glasses. Proceeds from sales of logo products help support the Festival.

All exhibits and events are detailed at www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

PHOTO CUT LINE: Everyone loves the Street Festival

PHOTO CREDIT: Herb Goldberg

PHOTO CUT LINE Crocker Park is where it happens July 3-6..Great entertainment for the family

PHOTO CREDIT::June Rhodes

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.

Festival Schedule

WEDNESDAY July 3rd

Awards Presentations

Abbot Hall Upper Grounds 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Art Exhibits - preview 6:45 -8:00 PM

Performing Arts / Crocker Park 6:30 -8:30 PM

Film Festival/Crocker Park 9:00 - 10:30 PM

THURSDAY July 4th

Festival Trolley (2) & Satellite Parking

Painting the Town: Plein Aire Painting

Locations around town 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Art Exhibits 10 AM - 5 PM

Kite Festival 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sand Sculpture Competition 11 AM - 3:00 PM

Logo Store

Abbot Hall 10 AM - 4:30PM

Tea Room 1 - 4:30 PM

Performing Arts/Crocker Park Noon to 10:30 pm

FRIDAY JULY 5th

Art Exhibits ABBOT HALL 10 AM - 5 PM

Model Boat Building

Workshop/ Abbot Hall

11:00 AM

Regatta/ Redd's Pond

3:00 PM

Logo Store

Abbot Hall

Noon- 5 PM

Tea Room

1 - 4:30 PM

Painting the Town

- Awards & Reception at the MAA

2:00 PM

- Exhibit open

2:30 - 5 PM

Performing Arts/Crocker Park

Noon to 10:30 PM

Artisans' Marketplace

10 AM - 5:00 PM

Children's Festival**

9:00 AM to Noon

Tea Room

1:00 - 4:30 PM

Performing Arts/Crocker Park

Noon - 10:30 PM

**** Children's Festival Rain date Sunday July 7th 9AM – Noon*****SATURDAY JULY 6th*****Festival Trolley (1) & Satellite Parking**

MHS to Exhibits

9:30 am to 5:30 PM

Art Exhibits

10 AM - 5:00 PM

Logo Store

Abbot Hall

10 AM - 5:00 PM

Artisans' Marketplace

10 AM - 5:00 PM

Children's Festival**

9:00 AM to Noon

Tea Room 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Performing Arts/Crocker Park Noon - 6:30 PM

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SUNDAY JULY 7th

Festival Trolley (1) & Satellite Parking

MHS to Exhibits 9:30 am to 5:30 PM

Art Exhibits Abbot Hall 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Art Exhibits - OTHERS Noon - 5:00 PM

Logo Store

Abbot Hall 10 AM - 5:00 PM

Artisans' Marketplace 10 AM -4:00 PM

Street Festival Noon - 4:00 PM

Tea Room 1:00 - 4:30 PM

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