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City of Martinez Announces Blues by the Bay Outdoor Music Festival at the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater

March 25, 2014, Martinez, CA. - The City of Martinez announced today it is presenting **Blues by the Bay**, an outdoor music festival at the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater on Saturday May 10, 2014 from 12:00pm-9:00pm. Blues by the Bay will feature live concert performances on two stages along with an arts and crafts fair and an array of food, wine and beer served in a party atmosphere, right in the heart of the Martinez Marina.

Blues by the Bay will be headlined by Elvin Bishop and co-headlined by Marcia Ball. Other Main Stage acts include local favorites Zydeco Flames and Frankie G and the Conviction, with Martinez's own Kyle Jester rounding out the musical lineup. St. Gabriel's Celestial Brass Band will kick-off the festivities at 12:00pm, with their roving New Orleans style marching band. Festival guests can also spend the afternoon perusing the booths of local artisans and craftsmen.

The Martinez City Council voted to pursue increased usage of the Amphitheater and bring new business to the Martinez business district. "Many people have expressed interest in becoming more familiar with all the city has to offer while also celebrating the natural beauty of the shoreline. This concert meets both objectives," said Mayor Rob Schroder.

City staff is working with Prime Time Entertainment, Inc., and Armando's to produce and promote the concert. Also assisting with the event is Main Street Martinez, which represents the interests of downtown businesses. "We are always eager to pursue opportunities to introduce new people to Martinez," Interim City Manager Anna Gwyn Simpson remarked. She then added, "The concert is already generating buzz and we're confident people will return to Martinez again and again, once they experience Blues by the Bay."

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are still available. Interested sponsors should contact Michael Chandler at (925) 372-3517 or mchandler@cityofmartinez.org. Vendors can still apply for booth space by contacting Leanne Peterson of Main Street Martinez at (925) 228-3577 or director@mainstreetmartinez.org.

Concert details are now posted and will be regularly updated on the [City of Martinez](http://CityofMartinez.org) website and MartinezWaterfrontAmphitheater.org. Tickets to Martinez Blues by the Bay can be purchased online using a debit or credit card through Eventbrite.com. To purchase by cash visit City Hall in the Recreation Department, 525 Henrietta Street in Martinez, CA, beginning April 14, 2014.

The City of Martinez and sponsors, including Shell and Republic Services, invite you to "Come for the music and stay for the fun!"

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