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### **City of Martinez Announces Performers for the May 10, 2014 Martinez Blues by the Bay Outdoor Music Festival**

**May 1, 2014, Martinez, CA** - The City of Martinez is bringing some good ol' down home blues to the county seat with a full day of music intended to get people out of their seats and dancing to the beat. [Blues by the Bay](#), the first concert of 2014 at the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater, features **Elvin Bishop**, who shares the bill with **Marcia Ball**. Guests will be treated to music on two stages, along with food and an arts & crafts fair. Elvin Bishop, who plays at 7:00 pm, will be preceded throughout the day by **Zydeco Flames**, **Frankie G and the Conviction**, and **Kyle Jester Blues Show**. When doors open at 12:00pm (noon), the Main Stage acts will get a kick-off performance by the **St. Gabriel's Celestial Marching Band**, who will wind their way through the audience and infuse the crowd with the spirit of the blues greats. Between Main Stage performances, the Second Stage will be abuzz with local artists whose impressions on the local music scene have been powerful to say the least. The concert is in the marina at the **Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater located at 115 Tarantino Drive, on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 12:00pm-9:00pm.**

Headliner, **Elvin Bishop's** 50 year career has taken him and his audiences around the world. He's played them all and seen it all from deep down gutbucket Blues played in smoky South Side Chicago taverns, to raucous roadhouse R&B, to good time Rock & Roll on concert stages and festivals around the world. The Blues by the Bay audience is getting a treat the world has been experiencing for decades. Bishop's pop success with his 1976 smash hit "Fooled Around and Fell In Love" didn't change his love of rhythm and blues or his audience's love of him.

Co-headliner, **Marcia Ball** is a rhythm & blues powerhouse that packs her deep vocals and emotion-filled lyrics into each of her groove-laden, New Orleans boogie and rollicking Gulf Coast blues performances. Ball transfixes audiences every time she hits the stage and Martinez Blues by the Bay is sure to fit right at the top of her list of great performances.

**Zydeco Flames** brings a unique New Orleans flare with their timeless rhythm and relentless beats. With a range from traditional zydeco to the powerful grooves of a contemporary crowd pleaser, Zydeco Flames will burn up the stage and ignite the crowd. **Kyle Jester Blues Show**, a son of Martinez, returns home to make his fellow Martinez citizens proud. With years on the road playing with R&B greats, Kyle Jester has crafted an infectious sound that makes every day seem like the good ol' days. **Frankie G and the Conviction**, rounds out the Main Stage acts with their range of electrifying contemporary classics and soulful R&B. They energize audiences at every venue they play and delight fans when they introduce new original music.



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The Blues by the Bay Main Stage lineup is just the beginning. For the jazz-lovers at the festival, great rhythm & blues will be coming to you all day. The Bay Area has some of the most original and rollicking independent bands and the Martinez Blues by Bay festival gives you the opportunity to get to know them. Performing on the Second Stage between Main Stage acts are the **Killbillies** and **Tablues**, each with their own growing fan base.

Just 30 miles east of San Francisco, Martinez makes the ultimate music festival destination. With its stunning views of the Carquinez Strait and tree-lined entrance, the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater is an intimate venue but large enough for the party! This day of music, food, more music, wine, beer, more music and arts & crafts kicks off the summer season.

Guests are invited to **come for the music and stay for the fun!**

### **Performance Lineup**

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. St. Gabriel's Celestial Brass Band

#### Main Stage

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Kyle Jester Blues Show  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Frankie G and the Conviction  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Zydeco Flames  
6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Marcia Ball  
7:45 - 9:00 p.m. Elvin Bishop

#### Second Stage

Killbillies  
Tablues

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are still available. Interested sponsors should contact, Michael Chandler at (925) 372-3517 or e-mail [mchandler@cityofmartinez.org](mailto: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](mailto:director@mainstreetmartinez.org).

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

Martinez Blues by the Bay is presented by the City of Martinez with sponsors Shell, Republic Services and Wells Fargo.

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