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### **MARTINEZ BLUES BY THE BAY KICKS OFF THIS FRIDAY NIGHT WITH A LIVE PERFORMANCE BY THE ED EARLY BAND AT ARMANDO'S MARTINEZ**

- Who:** The City of Martinez invites Rhythm & Blues lovers and **Martinez Blues by the Bay Festival** ticket holders to come enjoy a preview of the Festival as we get the party started.
- When:** Friday, May 9, 2014; 8:00pm-10:00pm PDT; Doors open 7:30pm
- Where:** Armando's Martinez, 707 Marina Vista, Martinez, CA ([map](#)); (925)228-6985  
Tickets to the Kick-off event are \$10, cash only at the door; Festival tickets on sale at early bird prices.
- What:** Kick-off Party for the May 10, 2014, "Martinez Blues by the Bay Festival" at the Martinez Waterfront Amphitheater. Live performances, jam session, and advance ticket sales the night before the big day!

Saturday's all-day blues festival, Martinez Blues by the Bay, gets an "Ed Early" start with a kick-off event that gets the party started. Enjoy a live performance by Elvin Bishop's own, Ed Early and his band. This is also the final chance to purchase Martinez Blues by the Bay concert tickets at the early bird price.

Live performance by:

[THE ED EARLY BAND](#) featuring:

- Ed Early - trombone/ vocals (Elvin Bishop)
- Ian Lamson - guitar/ vocals
- Richard Smith - keyboards/ vocals
- Crisco Janda – drums
- Peter Rochelle – bass
- Lisa Lane – vocals

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### **Martinez Blues by the Bay Festival** ([MartinezEvents.org](#))

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 7:45 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 Armando's Stage will be abuzz with local artists whose impressions on the local music scene have been



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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.

**Armando's Martinez** ([armandosmartinez.com](http://armandosmartinez.com))

Armando's features the best of LIVE music including jazz, blues, bluegrass, folk and everything in between, everything except over-played typical bar rock and roll.

Located at 707 Marina Vista in Martinez, ([map](#)) Armando's is an intimate, close to the music, get to know the performers, hot spot for local talent. Armando's is a cash-only music venue serving beer, wine, and other non-alcoholic beverages, 21 and over please.

**Martinez Blues by the Bay Sponsors**

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