



# Magical Martin - Musical Memories



Thanks to the arts advocacy organization Weakley Arts Can visitors to Magical Martin Day will be able to test drive an instrument, dance their cares away, and join a band.

Realizing its mission to support and empower students, educators, and community members through the promotion of inclusive and innovative offerings, the fledgling group of volunteers already made its mark during the summer's Music in the Park series by staffing tables for Posters in the Park. Now they are taking the Soybean Festival by storm with three musical options for the magical day Sept. 2.

## Instrument Test Drive

They are big and small, sturdy and delicate, shiny and



well-worn. Just the sight of them can take a child's breath away. Imagine how they will feel when they get to touch and even play the woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments available for a hands-

on introduction. Weakley Arts Can volunteers, UT Martin music faculty and students, and local musicians including Martin Community Band director John Oelrich are revving up guiding youngsters through their very own test drive. Organizers guarantee "making a joyful noise" will bring smiles to these up and coming musicians.

## Line Up and Dance

For all the dancers who rush the floor at the first recognition of the needed beat, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to "line up and dance" as pop and country tunes set the stage for The Electric Slide, the Cotton-Eyed Joe, The Stroll, the Cupid Shuffle and maybe even a Chicken Dance or two. And if you don't know the difference between a kick-

ball-change and a grapevine, no worries, instructors will be walking you through the dance steps needed.

## Magical Martin School of Rock

Have you dreamed of being onstage performing in your own rock band? Get ready to unleash your inner rock star. The stage will be set, and your backup band will be on hand to ensure all skill levels will "rock on" for 20-minute sets. Ages 8 and up including adults are welcomed to perform with or without prior experience using a guitar pick or drumstick. To make sure all who care to perform care, a sign-up sheet will be available or individuals, small groups or even full bands to take the stage.



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