

Van Halen

Through June 26th

Tickets \$25-\$150

SET LISTS ON VAN HALEN'S massive 2012 tour have been running like clockwork: four songs each night from their new LP, *A Different Kind of Truth*, plus 19 super-amped classics from the original David Lee Roth era – including at least one wicked Eddie Van Halen solo that eventually turns into “Eruption.”

Roger Waters

Through July 14th

Tickets \$31-\$395

WATERS' HUGELY SUCCESSFUL *The Wall* tour is going bigger than ever, with stops at New York's Yankee Stadium and Boston's Fenway Park. Says Waters, “It's beyond anything I could have imagined.”

Jack White

Through August 12th

Tickets \$40-\$50

WHITE ASSEMBLED TWO bands for his first solo tour – one all gals, the other all guys. There's no telling which crew will be backing him up on any given night, and he refuses to write down set lists in advance. “There's a lot of dangerous stuff going on, and when that exists, the crowd can smell it,” White says. “Even the band doesn't know what's happening next.”

Wilco

Through September

Tickets \$25-\$65

JEFF TWEEDY PAYS CLOSE attention to fans' set-list requests via Wilco's website – but don't try stuffing the online ballot box. “Most nights, there are things that cry foul,” says the frontman. “There can't possibly be that many people who want to hear [2002 rarity] ‘Cars Can't Escape’ every night. I just don't believe it.”

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Skrillex

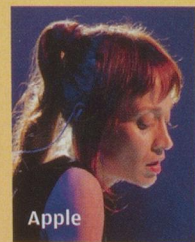
The Rest of the Fests

Governors Ball

New York
June 23rd-24th

Top Acts: Beck, Fiona Apple, Modest Mouse

Randall's Island – located between Manhattan and Queens – has become New York's go-to spot for outdoor shows and festivals. This



Apple

two-day, two-stage fest is looking like the best yet, packed with supercool acts like James Murphy, Major Lazer and Santigold.

Forecastle

Louisville, Kentucky
July 13th-14th

Top Acts: My Morning Jacket, Wilco, Sleigh Bells

Now in its 10th year, the Louisville shindig is bigger than ever. Organizers marked the anniversary by inviting hometown heroes My Morning Jacket to help select a killer lineup of indie-leaning acts over three days.

Newport Folk Festival

Newport, Rhode Island
July 28th-29th

Top Acts: Jackson Browne, My Morning Jacket, Conor Oberst, Tom Morello

Newport's scenic Fort Adams State Park gets rocked (and strummed) during this weekend of sunny acoustic singalongs – plus louder acts, like Texas blues ace Gary Clark Jr. and Southern soul crew Alabama Shakes.

Hard Summer

Los Angeles
August 3rd-4th

Top Acts: Skrillex, Bloc Party, James Murphy

The sixth edition of the L.A. blowout brings together sound-system-shredding DJs (Skrillex, Boys Noize), underground MCs (Action Bronson, Danny Brown) and EDM-inflected indie acts (Bloc Party, Little Dragon). “It's geared toward being able to dance, but there are a lot of live bands as well,” says Skrillex. “It's probably the most diverse festival – they always choose their lineups tastefully.”

Outside Lands

San Francisco
August 10th-12th

Top Acts: Neil Young and Crazy Horse, Metallica, Stevie Wonder, Skrillex

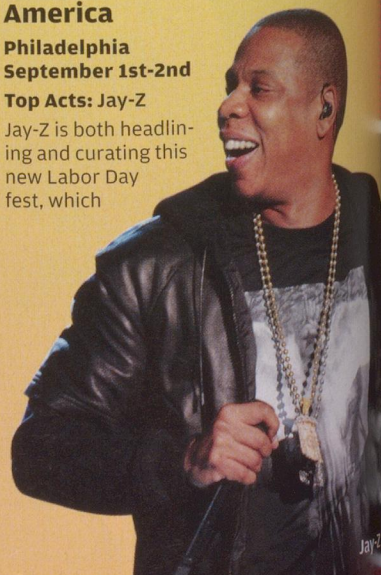
Music-loving foodies descend on Golden Gate Park every August for food from the Bay Area's coolest restaurants, high-end wine options – and a seriously heavy-hitting lineup. “I played a festival with Stevie Wonder last year, and that was a trip,” adds Skrillex. “Pretty fucking cool!”

Made in America

Philadelphia
September 1st-2nd

Top Acts: Jay-Z

Jay-Z is both headlining and curating this new Labor Day fest, which



will feature 28 acts (unnamed at press time) across three stages. A portion of the proceeds will benefit United Way. “I'll probably get one of those silly headsets just to look important,” says the rapper. “I don't really need it, but I'll just do that. Overall, have a good time. You'll see me with probably a beer in my hand, just enjoying the festivities and the music like everyone else.”

Bumbershoot

Seattle
September 1st-3rd

Top Acts: Jane's Addiction, Tony Bennett, Skrillex, Golye

One of America's longest-running rock fests, Bumbershoot has developed a rep for crazily eclectic lineups. Where else do you get Tony Bennett and Skrillex in the same weekend?

Austin City Limits

Austin
October 12th-14th

Top Acts: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Iggy and the Stooges, Alabama Shakes

This Texas bash rounds out festival season in October – with top rock acts playing eight big stages, including the family-friendly Austin Kiddie Limits.

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