

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

LET'S RIOT

THE TOP BANDS AT RIOT FEST



Stilt walkers, carnival rides, and a Ferris wheel? At a music festival? No, nobody slipped you Molly.

Closing out the summer festival season is **Riot Fest**, the annual punk rock carnival taking over Humboldt Park this weekend with that most unique harmony of groupies and carnies.

Here's your daily rundown on **which bands to see when**. Or just follow the stilt guy.

FRIDAY: Andrew W.K.

After listening to "Party Hard," "Party Till You Puke," "It's Time to Party," and "Long Live the Party," you kind of get the feeling that **heavy rock guitar ambassador Andrew W.K. likes to rage**. And the former motivational speaker/current owner of NYC club Santos Party House is the only dude who can soundtrack your rager with an entire album of instrumental piano songs.

Riot to this: "**Party Hard**"

SATURDAY: Guided By Voices

It's been 30 years since GBV first began hissing their **ear-banging assault of jangled rock and dissociative pop through some blown-out speakers**. We'll drink to that, and so will the band (let's see how wasted frontman Robert Pollard can get in such a short set). So stash that flask of whiskey, break the knob off the treble, and enjoy a band that is as self-assured as the bottles they drink from.

Riot to this: "**I Am A Scientist**"

SUNDAY: The Pixies

In what could be the most legendary set of the summer, these alt rock icons take the stage with a new bassist and their first new track in 10 years. The Pixies are aging well with their **ferocious blend of punk rock aggression and surf rock chill, all layered atop infectious oddball lyrics** that make you want to fist pump like it's 1989.

Riot to this: "**Where Is My Mind?**"

Riot Fest

Friday-Sunday, September 13-15

Humboldt Park, 1440 N. Sacramento Ave., Humboldt Park

riotfest.org

Price: \$55-125 [here](#)

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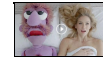
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