

Summer

Who's coming to your town to help you party down? Everyone from Madonna to the Warped Tour's tattooed punks. Here are the details



Prince and Madonna, with a sidelined Britney

June

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The Dead

TOUR OPENER

Warren Haynes takes Jerry Garcia's spot for thirty-five psychedelic summer shows, kicking off with a five-night stand at Colorado's Red Rocks.

The Streets With Dizzee Rascal

HOT DOUBLE BILL

Two of the most inventive voices in hip-hop are British? True! Tonight, this double-shot is in Seattle; it ends in Atlanta on July 3rd.

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Prince

HOMETOWN SHOW

Prince brings his *Musicology* tour back home to Minneapolis, where it all began. Watch for the spot in the show where the Purple One reads a recent issue of *Rolling Stone*, with him on the cover.

Phish

TOUR OPENER

The legendary jam band bids you good night. The thirteen-gig farewell begins in Brooklyn with a show that will be simulcast live in

forty-six movie theaters across the country.

Dave Matthews Band

TOUR OPENER

DMB is going out this summer with a whole slew of opening acts: O.A.R. take the slot tonight, to be followed by Nappy Roots, N.E.R.D., the Black Eyed Peas and Jason Mraz, among others. The tour ends September 8th in Utah.

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Courtney Love

TOUR OPENER

America's Sweetheart hasn't been keeping a low profile lately, but her first solo tour should keep her off the streets. The twenty-two-date tour kicks off tonight and wends its way toward a closing show in Hollywood on July 23rd.

IN THE HOT SEAT

Tom DeLonge of Blink-182

What's the best way to keep cool during the summer? I'm hooked up to a backpack that pumps cold water into my underpants. As you've probably noticed, I've never overheated once.

Where's your favorite pool? The Four Seasons in Hawaii. It has an edge where the water's flush with the ground.

What's your favorite poolside beverage? Long Island Iced tea served in a pineapple.

Where's the strangest place you've ever had summer sex? Next to a train track, in the dirt. It sounds so cave man, doesn't it?



What's your favorite thing to throw on the grill? Marinated vegetarian hot dogs and burgers. Grab everything in sight - mustard, barbecue sauce, ketchup, beer, vodka - put it in a giant

tub and marinate. Sounds weird, but it's the best thing you've ever tasted.

SHIRLEY HALPERIN

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The Roots With 311 and Medeski Martin and Wood

TOUR OPENER

Always one of hip-hop's most adventurous live bands, the Roots play twenty-seven shows this summer, some with Nineties funk-rock vets 311 and jammers Medeski Martin and Wood. The tour starts in Long Beach, California, and ends up in Tampa, Florida, on August 1st. The Roots' new album, *The Tipping Point*, comes out on July 13th.



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Jadakiss

ALBUM RELEASE

It's on! *Klss of Death*, the hip-hop album everybody has been fiending for this summer, finally drops.

Mobb Deep

ALBUM RELEASE

Queensbridge, raise up! Havoc and Prodigy bring back that hardcore East Coast hip-hop beat with *Amerikaz Nightmare*.

Wilco

ALBUM RELEASE

Jeff Tweedy and crew have made one of the year's monster guitar albums, *A Ghost Is Born*, the follow-up to *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*.

Brian Wilson

ALBUM RELEASE

With the Beach Boys, he wrote timeless songs for an endless summer. Now he's got a fine new album of his own: *Gettin' In Over My Head*.

The "Megalomaniac" rockers have the longest tour of the summer: sixty shows. They'll set it off at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, finally ending in Richmond, Virginia, on October 12th.

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Milwaukee Summerfest

FESTIVAL OPENER

The eclectic eleven-day festival has performances by Jet, the Roots, Liz Phair, Guster, Jason Mraz, Fountains of Wayne, Seether, Chevelle, Tawdrich and more.

Eric Clapton

GUITAR AUCTION

Clapton's guitars are up for bids at Christie's, in New York, with proceeds to benefit his Crossroads Centre rehab facility.

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Aretha Franklin

RARE CLUB GIG

The Queen of Soul at B.B. King's Bar and Grill in New York, a 550-capacity club? Be there!

Warped Tour '04

TOUR OPENER

Duuuuude! The punk tour is ten years old this summer. Bad Religion, NOFX, Thursday, the Vandals and more celebrate for forty-eight shows, starting in Houston.



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The Cure

ALBUM RELEASE

Robert Smith brings out the guitars on *The Cure*, the gloomy New Wavers' finest album in more than a decade. Up next: July's *Curiosa* dates with Interpol and the Rapture.



July

Festival on August 7th in Rhode Island.

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John Mayer and Maroon 5

TOUR OPENER

These old buddies pair up for a co-headlining, forty-two-date cross-country tour beginning at Milwaukee Summerfest.

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Madonna

HOLIDAY CONCERT

One day to celebrate - it would be so nice! So why not mark Independence Day in style as the Re-Invention Tour pulls into Philadelphia for the first of two nights of singing, dancing and promoting kabbalah.

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Angie Stone

ALBUM RELEASE

Stone Love is the Philly-soul maven's follow-up to her 2001 breakthrough, *Mahogany Soul*.

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Hard Rock Live

TELEVISION PREMIERE

MTV debuts its weekly concert series with a show from Kanye West. Check for sets from Joss Stone, Yellowcard and the Darkness later in the summer.

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Return to Sin City

TWO-DAY TRIBUTE CONCERT

Gram Parsons' daughter Polly has enlisted Norah Jones, Dwight Yoakam, Lucinda Williams, Steve Earle and My Morning Jacket's Jim James to honor the country-rock pioneer. "I thought it would be so cool to sing his songs," says Jones. "Just a good couple nights of music." The first night is at

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Ozzfest

TOUR OPENER

Old metal gods don't die - they headline Ozzfest. This year, Black Sabbath and Judas Priest both reunite on the main stage, and Lamb of God, Hatebreed and Slipknot will grace the second stage, beginning a twenty-six-show run in Hartford, Connecticut.

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Alanis Morissette and Barenaked Ladies

TOUR OPENER

Catch the Canadian Invasion in amphitheaters and arenas for twenty-four nights, beginning in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.



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Evanescence

TOUR OPENER

Amy Lee's goth rockers take to the road with her boyfriend Shaun Morgan's band Seether for twenty-four dates, starting in Minneapolis.

Jimmy Buffett

ALBUM RELEASE

Buffett will fight for the right to relax when he unveils his thirty-ninth album, *License to Chill*.

The Polyphonic Spree

ALBUM RELEASE

The Spree - everyone's favorite twenty-plus-member cult band in choir robes - reveal the method to their madness with *Together We're Heavy*.

IN THE HOT SEAT

Adam Levine of Maroon 5



What was your favorite summer show? Phish in San Diego. Me and a few of my best friends followed them for a few days. Around the third night, I saw them play an unbelievable fucking show, which, I can honestly say, changed my life. I was physically torn apart and spiritually moved by the experience.

What's your favorite thing to throw on the grill? Steak. And I like it bloody as hell.

What was the weirdest place you've had summer sex? Last year in New York during the blackout -

I had sex all night in my hotel room lit by only candles. The city was completely silent, and it was just an incredible experience.

Where's your favorite pool? At the Chateau Marmont. It's very L.A. - Spanish, really ornate and insane-looking, with lots of vegetation - but at the same time, it's the kind of pool you would want in your back yard. It's homey.

When was the last time you wore Speedos? Never! I always wear long, long shorts to cover up my pale, skinny legs.

S.H.

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Siren Music Festival

INDIE-ROCK MUSIC FEST
It's rock & roll at the seashore as Electric Six, Death Cab for Cutie, Blonde Redhead and Har Mar Superstar take over the boardwalk at Brooklyn's Coney Island.

Rock the Bells

CONCERT SPECIAL
We can't promise they'll all show up, but the members of Wu-Tang Clan are expected to perform together for the first time in seven years in San Bernardino, California, as well as Dilated Peoples and members of Jurassic 5.

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Ashlee Simpson

ALBUM RELEASE
Jessica's little sis unveils her debut, documented on an MTV reality series called, appropriately enough, *The Ashlee Simpson Show*.

The Hives

ALBUM RELEASE/TOUR OPENER
"We like to stay as pale as possible," says Hives frontman Pelle Almquist. "We don't like sun on the skin." So the Swedish garage rockers will celebrate the release of *Tyrannosaurus Hives* with a thirteen-date indoor tour, starting at Washington, D.C.'s 9:30 Club.



Hilary Duff

TOUR OPENER
One week after the release of the soundtrack to *A Cinderella Story*, which boasts four new tunes from Duff, she embarks on her thirty-three-city Most Wanted arena tour in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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Devo at Summerstage

CONCERT SPECIAL
The highlight of the summer concert series in New York's Central Park features a Devo reunion plus a pair of hometown favorites: the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Stellanor.

Projekt Revolution

FESTIVAL OPENER
Linkin Park, Korn, the Used, Less Than Jake - and, of course, Snoop Dogg - will hit the amphitheaters, with M.O.P., Ghostface, Funeral for a Friend and Downset on the second stage. The tour rolls on for thirty-three dates, beginning today in Cincinnati and ending on

September 5th at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View, California.

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Old 97's

ALBUM RELEASE
Their follow-up to 2001's *Satellite Rides* promises to be "most personal," says guitarist Ken Bethea. The lead track, "Won't Be Home," is an alt-country barnburner that harkens back to their days on Bloodshot Records.

Sahara Hotnights

ALBUM RELEASE
The Swedish band's major-label debut drops just as it wraps up a club tour opening for the Hives.

Stevie Wonder

ALBUM RELEASE
Details about his first studio album since 1995's *Conversation Piece* have been closely guarded, except for the title: *A Time 2 Love*.

k.d. lang

ALBUM RELEASE
The country chanteuse's first record for Nonesuch will be a tribute to her fellow Canadians, including songs by Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen and Neil Young.

Boyz II Men

ALBUM RELEASE
Throwback, an album of classic rhythm & blues songs, will include covers of songs made famous by Michael Jackson, Al Green, the Isley Brothers and Teddy Pendergrass.

[IN THE HOT SEAT]

Joe Perry of Aerosmith



What's your favorite pool? The pool at the Four Seasons at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas is just the height of luxury - they have the little cabanas with the misting spray, they give you frozen grapes - it's pretty awesome. I also love to hang out at the Villa pool at the Sunset Marquis in L.A. You can literally get anything you want at any time.

When's the last time you wore a pair of Speedos? I wear them under a wet suit, then take that off if I want to get a lot of sun. It took me a while to get used to them, but I do keep a set around just for sunbathing. And in Europe, all bets are off.

What's your favorite outdoor summer show? When I was twenty, I saw Emerson, Lake and Palmer at the Hatch Shell in Boston. Hippies were in full bloom; there were tens of thousands of people there. Anyway, there was a spot on the first ELP record where Keith Emerson made all kinds of wild noises with his keyboard-organ - remember, at the time, synthesizers were rudimentary sounds that people were just starting to experiment with - and the vinyl groove was so

deep, and it would make the record skip. So everyone wanted to hear that part of the song. It was like this ungodly low note. Amazing. I just remember that being a really fun gig.

What's the best place you had summer sex? I wouldn't want my kids to read this and say, "You did that with Mom there?!"

What song makes you think of summer? "Little Red Corvette," because it came out during the summer when I met my wife.

What's your favorite summer drink? Thanks to our housekeeper, we just discovered our new summer drink. You take two cups of ice and grind it. Then take a papaya, remove the seeds and put it in a blender. Throw in some sugar and milk, and blend it. It tastes unbelievable. Apparently, it's popular in Taiwan. They give it to girls and tell them their breasts will grow. S.H.

August



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LL Cool J

ALBUM RELEASE
Holy Yo! *MTV Raps!* LL drops his eleventh album, *Definition*, featuring the Timbaland-produced single "Headsprung."

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Chicks With Attitude

TOUR OPENER
Liz Phair, the Cardigans and youngsters Katy Rose and Charlotte Martin rock for eighteen dates, starting at Chicago's House of Blues.

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Usher and Kanye West

TOUR OPENER
Usher's album *Confessions* has spent nine weeks at Number One. His arena tour, with twenty-four dates already booked, kicks off in Hampton, Virginia.

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Newport Folk Festival

FESTIVAL
Lucinda Williams, Rufus Wainwright, Wilco, Doc Watson, Steve Earle, and Crosby, Stills and Nash are among those who'll meet up at Fort Adams State Park in Rhode Island for the three-day fest.

Good luck: Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey of the Who

BARBECUING WITH JOE PERRY

The Aerosmith guitarist doesn't just cook during "Sweet Emotion" - he can also throw down some mean ribs and steak tips.

Marinate the ribs for four to five hours. I go with a dry rub with some salt, brown sugar and a few spices. The salt helps seal in the meaty part. The sugar will help when it starts to caramelize. You want to cook off all the fat, so do it slow over smoke at about 180 degrees. To do a couple of slabs, turn up the heat on one of the sections, and don't put the meat

over it; just put down wood chips and let the heat build up.

We're also partial to fillet and steak tips. For those, get some really good bacon, wrap it around the steak and hold it in with toothpicks. Burn it for seven minutes a side so that it's just warm in the middle, then add some of my Rock Your World hot sauce. It's amazing.

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The Who

EXCLUSIVE SHOWS
If you want to catch the Who in the U.S. this summer, you have but two chances: Tonight, Pete Townshend, Roger Daltrey and company play the Shoreline Amphitheatre near San Francisco; two nights later, they hit the Hollywood Bowl.

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Norah Jones

TOUR OPENER
Jones heads out for fifty-seven shows of mostly amphitheaters and arenas, beginning at Starwood in Antioch, Tennessee, in support of her second record, *Feels Like Home*, which has already sold 4 million copies.

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Phish's Final Shows

CAREER CLOSER
Wrapping up its final tour, the band will play six sets in two days at the Coventry festival, at Newport State Airport in Vermont. Onsite camping will make the grounds the biggest city in the state for the weekend.

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Blind Boys of Alabama

ALBUM RELEASE

"They're one of the musical wonders of the world," says Ben Harper, who recorded eleven songs with the Blind Boys for *There Will Be Light*, including a cover of the country-music standard "Satisfied Mind."

Guided by Voices

ALBUM RELEASE

GBV have decided to call it quits after nineteen years; today marks the release of their last album, *Half Smiles of the Decomposed*.

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MTV Video Music Awards

TELEVISION PREMIERE

Feeling hot hot hot! For the first time ever, the VMAs will be broadcast from Miami.

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Ray Charles

ALBUM RELEASE

On *Genius Loves Company*, his final record, Brother Ray, who passed away on June 10th, duets with Norah Jones, B.B. King, James Taylor and Willie Nelson.

The Used

ALBUM RELEASE

Says singer Bert McCracken of this follow-up to the Used's 2002 debut, "It's more piano-based."

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Bumbershoot

The annual celebration in Seattle, September 3rd-6th, will close out the summer with performances by Nas, Nickelback and the Pixies.

Jazz Aspen Snowmass Labor Day Festival

Jack Johnson, David Byrne, Sheryl Crow, Lyle Lovett and the Steve Miller Band go for Rocky Mountain highs at this Colorado fest.

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Summer Survival Guide

From the beaches to the rock festivals, this guide to safety and etiquette will make this summer the best since the one Creed broke up. Wait... that's this one! It's official: *Best Summer Ever!* By Rob Sheffield



DRINK WATER

Whether you're cruising the beach, the game or the rock show, a few hours in the sun can make you look and feel like a Komodo dragon's ass. Pound the water. Especially if you have other liquid refreshments: Boozing and roasting in the sun is a genius idea, if you're a serious vomit fan.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR TUNES ON THE BACK SEAT

From iPods to old-fashioned mix tapes, everything melts. Of course, if you're road-tripping with a big Clay Aiken fan, this might be the solution you're looking for.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE BEACH HOUSE STAYS AT THE BEACH HOUSE

The problem is, genital warts don't know this rule.

BEWARE THE BEAST RUM

Rum is all the evil things in the world boiled down to a silent river of agony and despair. Rum gives you Chernobyl-size summer hangovers. Rum means sugar, which means massive dehydration, which means,

in the immortal words of Mr. T, "*Pain!*" Stick to bourbon, which smells better and has a cooler name.

DON'T PLAY PET SOUNDS WHILE MAKING OUT

No matter how much you love the Beach Boys, this'll kill the moment dead. You'll sniffle, "Where are we heading? Heartbreak? Regret? How did we lose our happy glow?"

SHARE THE LOVE

The Olsen twins turned eighteen on June 13th. Be sure to remember them tonight in your, uh, evening prayers.

DON'T SHAKE IT LIKE A POLAROID PICTURE

That's so cute - you're playing "Hey Ya!" at your summer slam jam. Guess you didn't get the memo about how we're all totally fucking sick of this song, ever since Mom rapped the "you know what to doooo" part at Christmas dinner. Whatever happened to the good ol' days, when hip-hop was about killing people who touch your car?

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Metallica

TOUR OPENER

Metallica start this twenty-five-date jaunt in St. Paul, Minnesota. Godsmack open for every date.

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Northern State

ALBUM RELEASE

The all-girl hip-hop trio from Long Island, New York, drops its second album, *All City*, with tracks produced by Pete Rock, Cypress Hill's DJ Muggs and the Roots' Questlove.

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Van Halen

HOMETOWN GIG

The last five years have been trying for Van Halen: Eddie Van Halen fought off tongue cancer, rumors swirled about David Lee Roth's return, and then there was that whole Gary Cherone thing. Finally, some good news: Sammy Hagar has reunited with the band after eight years, taking a break from mixing Cabo Wabo margaritas to celebrate with two hometown shows at L.A.'s Staples Center.

Warped Anniversary

FESTIVAL

Punk veterans such as Rancid and Pennywise, as well as New Found Glory, Simple Plan and Good Charlotte, will pay tribute to the Warped Tour at the festival's tenth-anniversary show, in the parking lot of Gillette Stadium in Massachusetts.

[IN THE HOT SEAT]

Jessica Simpson

What's your favorite pool? The one in Cabo San Lucas at Las Ventanas. It's romantic, and it's an infinity pool, so when you're in it you can only see the ocean. Which is amazing - you're in water, and all you see is water.

Favorite poolside beverage? I like a Dos Equis. With a lime! Two limes.

What's your favorite thing to throw on the grill? Teriyaki chicken - you've got to marinate in Lawry's teriyaki sauce

and throw a pineapple on it.

What song reminds you of summer? "Red Red Wine" - I think it's because every cheesy place that my family and I vacationed to, there was some horrible band playing it by the pool.

Wax or shave for summertime? I'm a baby, so I shave. And I guess it's weird, but being a celebrity, I just don't like to have other people see my... you know... wawa. AUSTIN SCAGGS



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