

Destinations

NIGHT LIFE

Bonnaroo to BamaJam, it's all a ball

JUNE 10-13
MANCHESTER, Tenn.
Bonnaroo Festival: We always love a good ugly duckling story, and none is more heartening than the tale of Bonnaroo, a little festival that began in the wilds of Tennessee in 2002 and has since blossomed into a gorgeous gathering of top-notch talent. Given that it began with a humble lineup of Gov't Mule, Soulive, and (shudder) Umphrey's McGee, it's wonderful to see that eight years on, Bonnaroo has shaken its jam band past, given itself a long bath, and emerged as an eclectic and exciting weekend. A few highlights we're excited about include Daryl Hall performing with Chromeo, Conan O'Brien, Phoenix, Stevie Wonder, She & Him, They Might Be Giants, and Miike Snow. Tickets are nearly sold out, so if you're interested in checking out the Flaming Lips performing Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon," it would behoove you to move quickly. A weekend package is \$249. www.bonnaroo.com

MAY 27-29
BARCELONA
Primavera Sound Festival: This gathering features some local flavor, but excels in creating a fascinating mix of pop from multiple eras and genres. Over the span of Primavera, you can hear everyone from 1980s synth-pop stalwarts the Pet Shop Boys to 1960s Beach Boys collaborator Van Dyke Parks. There's a near-mind-blowing mix of acts such as



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Since its humble beginning in 2002, fans keep lining up for Bonnaroo Festival in Manchester, Tenn.

Beach House, the Pixies, Mission of Burma, Mark Almond, the New Pornographers, Grizzly Bear, and Orbital. The mix may not make sense on the surface, but programmers for Primavera have perfected this haphazard style of band booking. Tickets are \$236 for the weekend. *Parc del*

Forum, Rambla Prim 1, www.primaverasound.com

JUNE 3-5
ENTERPRISE, Ala.
BamaJam Music & Arts Festival: For fans of country music, the unfortunately named BamaJam is two days of heavenly

twang. The impressive lineup is virtually a modern-day "Hee Haw" (minus Lulu, of course), with sets from Kenny Chesney, Dierks Bentley, Travis Tritt, Gregg Allman, Hank Williams Jr., and Edgar Winter (how did he slip in there?). There's even a Miss BamaJam contest for those

interested in that sort of thing. Three-day ticket is \$122. www.bamajammusicfestival.com

JUNE 5
LONDON
Bizarre Ball: Bizarre magazine brings together the city's craziest, latex-clad partiers at the Coronet

Theatre for an evening that includes a horror circus, an AC/DC tribute band, and an act that is described as "Power tools, steel panties, fire!" It's probably best not to ask for too many details about that one. There are also performance artists, burlesque, and the kind of Goth-heavy people watching that results in a lot of impolite staring. Pull out your finest leather, lace, and nose rings and enjoy yourselves. Tickets are \$38. 28 New Kent Road, www.bizarremag.com/bizarre-events

PLAN AHEAD

JULY 10
LIVERPOOL
Beatles Day: First you log onto www.beatlesday.tv, buy your very own mop-top Beatle wig, and then you're ready to participate in this daylong charity event that takes place all over Liverpool. Buskers play Beatles songs and there are bused Magical Mystery Tours of childhood homes of band members, special Beatles meals at restaurants around the city (Lettuce Be, anyone?), and a big Beatles Day concert in the evening. All proceeds from the day go to charity. www.beatlesday.tv
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Currents

In praise of Boston's green spaces

Meg Muckenhaupt's new book, "Boston's Gardens & Green Spaces" (Union Park Press), comes out this month. It looks at the history and reinvention of Boston's public spaces, particularly over the last decade. In June, Muckenhaupt teams up with Maryglenn Vincens, founder of the Boston Your Way tour company, to offer three walking tours that explore some of the city's most popular green spaces, including the Fenway, the Esplanade, and the waterfront. The two-hour tours run June 13, 20, and 27. Tickets cost \$50 per person, per tour, and must be purchased by June 4; they include a signed copy of Muckenhaupt's book and complimentary tea at Sportello, one of Boston's top restaurants. 617-423-0840, www.unionparkpress.com

Tweet for service

If you have an airline complaint, whether you're home or still traveling, you can go the traditional route and phone customer service. Or you can tweet. AirfareWatchdog.com, an airfare-tracking website based in Charlestown, claims that posting a message on Twitter is becoming an effective way to make a complaint or be heard by your airline. It offers anecdotes about stranded or inconvenienced travelers who have had their situations remedied after they either contacted their airline directly on Twitter or after their airline's customer service reps saw their disgruntled tweets. "I tweeted JetBlue about a problem and got a response within 10 mins," one traveler posted on AirfareWatchdog.com. "They couldn't fix the problem but at least they tried, and quickly." The Australia-based website AirlinesonTwitter.com lists more than 180 airlines that now tweet.

San Francisco seniors

The newly renovated Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco has introduced a "Senior Moments" package. Through June 30, guests 62 and older can book rooms for 25 percent off, with special rates starting at \$95 (normally \$127), based on availability and double occupancy. The hotel sits in a quiet section near Ghirardelli Square, Pier 39, and the Golden Gate Bridge. 415-563-1234, fishermanswharf.hyatt.com

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