

THE TICKET

Sunday, August 31, 2008

@ Electric Picnic 2008

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- The best of the arts
- Yesterday in pictures
- Line-up, stage times and tips

Day two: A bit soggy, but still a thriller

THE VIBES

Is everyone happy? A rain-free day at the Picnic (that soft lunchtime drizzle doesn't count) meant an abundance of smiles everywhere you went. That said, there are some soggy patches around the site, so mind how you go.

SIGN O' THE TIMES

"Back at 10pm, gone to see Grace Jones" was the banner we spotted in Thisispopbaby as their galaxy of high-stepping drag queens decided to pay their respects.

POINTY-HEADED CHAT

A gathering of literary types took over the Spoken Word area to discuss Amnesty International-themed human rights issues, while the Leviathan talking heads went back to 1968, the year counter-culture went supernova.

THE MUSIC

Do you want a few tunes with that pie? This may be the year the arts really flexed their muscles at the Picnic, but we're still in love with the soundtrack. Whether it was Dan Deacon ripping an electro hole in the ozone layer or Wilco proving that guitar solos could still be elegant, the musos are still winning the battle for our affections.

Jim Carroll



Alex Kapranos gets the Picnic in the palm of his hand.
Photograph: Bryan O'Brien

More stuff we liked ... it just keeps getting better

The next big things?

Electro party animals You're Only Massive in Thisispopbaby. Ireland's very own Go! Team in miniature. And they're playing again today. Get down.

Making cocktails/burning rubber

Cooking with Rachel Allen in Body & Soul. If they'd taught us how to squeeze lemons like this in Home Economics, we'd have all signed up.

And this evening in The Cookery Tent, Tom Doorley will be joined by Caroline Byrne, editor of the Bridgestone Food Guide, to judge some of the myriad different foods on offer at this year's festival.

Awards will then be handed out for: best presentation and style, best healthy food, most eco-friendly and best use of local and regional ingredients.

WEATHER, OR NOT

Wait for it ... cloudy in the morning, sunny periods in the afternoon with temperatures expected to hit 16°C. And the moon will rise five minutes before the sun goes down. Wow!

Everyone's been served

Spontaneous dance-offs erupting in the Pussy Parlour yesterday - a great way to make new friends.

Kila on the loose

Rónán Ó Snodaigh - main stage on Friday, Body & Soul on Saturday. The Irish for ubiquitous?

feast your ears at the picnic

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