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Concert Review: The AP Tour at Irving Plaza

Tuesday night the Alternative Press ("AP" for short) Tour hit Irving Plaza. The killer lineup of Sharks, The Swellers, Title Fight, Gallows and Four Year Strong brought out a fairly young crowd who showed up drenched from the evening rain, ready to mosh the night away.

Lorraine Schwartz

On at least one occasion during the marathon show, the entire main floor turned into a giant circle pit of shoving, fist throwing and stomping as older members of the audience jumped ship to the safe harbor that was the back bar to avoid injury. But as anyone who has had the pleasure (or terror) of partaking in a mosh pit knows, it's all in good fun.

Fans who wanted to take a breather from the sweaty mess of people headed to the hall to check out tour merch and meet bandmembers manning the merch booths, who were happy to sign autographs and take photos with anyone who wanted them. It also wasn't uncommon to see any one of the guys in the bands walking through the show area to get a drink at the bar or socialize with

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their friends who came out, including members of Bayside and I Am The Avalanche who were in attendance.

Judging from the big showing at Irving Plaza and the Toad's Place date in October, the tour seems to have been a big success. There's only two more dates left in Pittsburgh (11/25) and Cleveland (11/26), but each band will jump onto other tours shortly. For more info, check out each individual band's websites:

Sharks

The Swellers

Title Fight

Gallows

Four Year Strong

Check out my slideshow from the show <u>here</u> with additional shots from the show located <u>here</u>. Follow me on Twitter at <u>@concertexaminer</u>.

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