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Concert Review: Riot Fest Brooklyn cut short

Although the lineup for Saturday's Riot Fest Brooklyn was fantastic, fans unfortunately didn't get to see all the scheduled bands play. As a dark storm rolled in around the 5:30 mark towards the end of an explosive set from The Bronx, fans nervously looked skyward as the sunny blue skies turned ominous. Just before 6pm, when Hot Water Music was set to perform, followed by punk legends Descendents and headliners Gogol Bordello, an announcement was made that terrible rain and winds approaching 60 mph were on their way and the show had to end for safety reasons. As the crowd filed out of the Williamsburg Park gig quickly but orderly, sure enough the skies opened up and down came sheets of rain swept along by a powerful wind, causing concertgoers to flee for shelter.

Lorraine Schwartz

Up to that point, the otherwise beautiful afternoon was filled with fantastic sets from Larry And His Flask, The Menzingers, Screaming Females and The Bronx. Though the weather scared many into staying home, causing a low turnout for the day, those who took their chances and braved the weather showed

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enthusiasm for all the bands, moshing and dancing along to the four acts who were able to play. Those in-the-know got to catch an impromptu free Hot Water Music and Descendents gig at Brooklyn's St. Vitus bar to make up for their canceled sets earlier in the day.

Check out my slideshow from <u>Riot Fest here</u>, with additional shots from the show <u>here</u>. Follow me on Twitter at <u>@ConcertExaminer!</u>

NOTE: Refunds for this show are available at point of purchase. Also, all Riot Fest Brooklyn tickets will be honored at no cost for the RIOT FEST & CARNIVAL dates next weekend at Humboldt Park in Chicago on September 15-16. For the RIOT FEST & CARNIVAL Chicago lineup, Visit: http://lineup-chicago.riotfest.org.

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