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## Concert Review: Rockstar Energy Drink Uproar Festival at PNC Bank Arts Center

Friday night, Hard Rock fans from the Tri-State Area descended upon Holmdel, NJ's PNC Bank Arts Center for the [Rockstar Energy Drink Uproar Festival](#), a day long extravaganza that saw 14 bands play across three stages from afternoon to night. Fozzy headlined the Jagermeister Stage, led by famed wrestler and "Dancing With The Stars" alumnus, Chris Jericho, while the Ernie Ball Stage closed out the afternoon with a headline set from P.O.D. The Southtowners ended their set with the 2001 hit "Alive" followed by a quick rendition of Sublime's "What I Got" as singer Sonny Sandoval & co. left the stage to raised, sunburned fists.

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The Main Stage opened with a high energy set by Las Vegas band Adelitas Way, followed immediately by Staind. Originally Papa Roach were set to play after Adelitas Way, but the foursome had to pull out of the tour after singer Jacoby Shaddix was advised by his physician to undergo corrective surgery to remove a nodule on his left vocal cord. Shaddix has since [tweeted](#) that his surgery was a

success.

Following Staind were Godsmack, whose singer Sully Erna seemed to be in good spirits as he threw guitar picks into the crowd, handed out a setlist to a front row fan, and joked around with the venue's cameraman. Godsmack put on a solid set, playing every hit including "Keep Away", "Voodoo", and "Awake." Midway through the performance, Erna and his drummer, Shannon Larkin faced off behind dueling drum sets, playing along to tracks like Metallica's "Creeping Death", Led Zeppelin's "Moby Dick" and AC/DC's "Back in Black." The powerhouse quartet finished with the snakelike "I Stand Alone."

Shinedown was up last, with a pyro filled set that included a visit from In This Moment singer Maria Brink, who donned a sexy white nurse's outfit to join singer Brent Smith on "Devour." Included in Friday night's set were "Sound of Madness", "Diamond Eyes" and "I'll Follow You", off their current release "Amaryllis." Smith thanked the crowd for toughing out the extremely long day, sending them off into the Jersey night exhausted from a daylong rock-out.

Be sure to check out my slideshow [here](#) with additional shots from the show [here](#). For upcoming tour dates for the Rockstar Energy Drink Uproar Festival, check out their official [site](#). You can follow me on Twitter at [@ConcertExaminer!](#)