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## Concert Review: Jimmy Eat World plays Central Park

Jimmy Eat World and their devoted fans braved the threatening skies over Manhattan, when they played the Summerstage at Central Park on Wednesday night. Though winds picked up and it looked like it could downpour at any minute, the rains luckily stayed away long enough for the large crowd and the band to enjoy the full show without getting drenched.

After an opening set by The Royal Bangs, Jimmy Eat World took the stage as the sun set. Promoting their newest CD, "Damage", they kicked off the evening with "I Will Steal You Back" and also played "Appreciation", "Damage", and "No, Never" from the album (available now). Their cover of Taylor Swift's "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together", which fits in nicely with the general romantic theme Jimmy Eat World's lyrics by the way, inspired a singalong. Given it was their favorite band playing their take on the song, any too-cool-for-school audience members didn't have to feel self conscious singing to the gigantic teen-pop hit. However, the most excited audience reaction came when the band played their hits "Sweetness" and the show finale, "The Middle", both off their 2011 album "Bleed American." The crowd participation was so loud that the audience almost overpowered the volume of the [music](#)

coming from the stage, which seemed unusually restrained for a rock show (presumably due to a city noise ordinance). The show was a memorable experience for the band, as singer Jim Adkins informed the crowd he was actually born in Manhattan and thanked his fans for helping to make his Mom proud that night.

Check out my photos from the concert [here](#)!

To find out more info about Jimmy Eat World, visit their official [site](#). To browse the rest of Summerstage's schedule for the year, visit the CityParks Foundation [website](#).

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