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## Concert recap: Governors Ball 2015 proves to be another success

This past weekend, Governors Ball once again gave the tri-state area (and those who traveled from beyond the reaches of Metro North and the LIRR) another 3 days of extraordinary music, fantastic food and an all-around good time. Held on Randall's Island, the festival proved to be hugely successful yet again, selling out for the third year in a row since it was originally held on Governors Island back in 2011. The eclectic lineup included Drake, My Morning Jacket, Bjork, Deadmau5, Ryan Adams, The Black Keys, Flume, Royal Blood, Weird Al Yankovic, Ratatat, SBTRKT, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds and Tame Impala among others.

Though there was a bit of rain on Friday afternoon and overnight into Saturday, mud thankfully wasn't too big of an issue as it had been during the epic mudfest that was the 2013 Governors Ball. Durable plastic walkways were laid down on commonly traveled routes around the grassy grounds just in case, but overall it was easy enough to avoid the sporadic mini mud pits and puddles. Concertgoers easily found space to spread out a blanket, enjoy one of the many creative culinary concoctions offered, and listen to music under the June stars. If they just weren't the type to sit back and relax, they headed towards the stage to rock out and dance,

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careful not to let their flower crown slip off their head.

A big variety of acts were offered, as is usually the case with Governors Ball. Ryan Adams made headlines across the internet dissing Deadmau5's "iPhone" music while Bjork once again gained attention wearing a bold & bright futuristic butterfly dress designed by Nikoline Liv Andersen. Vampire Weekend's lead singer Ezra Koenig made surprise cameos during SBTRKT and Chromeo's sets, while Weird Al Yankovic came out all accordions blazing. The mysterious Flying Lotus and strikingly good looking Flume revved up crowds, while Future Islands and St. Vincent brought their special brand of electro pop rock to the masses. The weekend came to a close with a fantastic set by the Black Keys, followed by a grand display of fireworks as the fans headed towards the exit, exhausted from another fun-filled weekend that flew by all too fast.

To check out my photos from the weekend:

Click here for <u>Day 1</u>, here for <u>Day 2</u> and here for <u>Day 3</u>.

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