**NEXT-GEN MUSIC FESTS**

Still deciding where to rock out this summer? Bypass the homogenized mega festivals and follow our lead to something more fine-tuned.

By Kristina Ensminger

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**Do you own a banjo?**

- **Umm, no.**

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**Can you play it?**

- **Indeed I do!**

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**You okay with a little mud-dancing?**

- **Just Doolittle**

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**How many Pixies albums can you name?**

- **Zero**

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**What’s your preference for on-site refreshments?**

- **I’m good with beer!**

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**How about off-site activities?**

- **Leaf-rubbing**
- **Ziplining**
- **Shopping for vintage vinyl...**

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**How about it for a...?**

- **...honky-tonk dive bars**
- **...after-hours dubstep clubs**

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**Radar**

**The Choice**

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**Pickathon**

Happy Valley, OR, Aug. 1–3

Eco-, kid-, and freak-friendly roots rave-up on an 80-acre farm near Portland. **Headliners**

Nickel Creek; War on Drugs†. pickathon.com.

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**Americana Music Festival**

Nashville, Sept. 17–21

Citywide confab devoted to bluegrass, folk, and country. **Headliners**

Rosanne Cash†; Willie Watson. americana music.org.

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**Mountain Jam**

Hunter Mountain, NY, June 5–8

Drum solos, noodling guitars, and free-form dancing in the Catskills. **Headliners**

Allman Brothers†; Avett Brothers. mountainjam.com.

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**Riot Fest**

Chicago, Sept. 12–14

Punk/alt-rock/hardcore mayhem in Humboldt Park, with carnival rides and Lucha Libre wrestlers. **Headliners**

*Danzig*†; the Replacements. riotfest.org.

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**Bottle Rock**

Napa, CA, May 30–June 1

This one’s for you, grown-up indie rockers with wine fridges. **Headliners**

The Cure†; Weezer. bottlerock napavalley.com.

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**Chef’s Tour: Rome**

Under-the-radar picks in the Eternal City.

Chris Boswell, former executive chef of the American Academy in Rome and author of a new vegetable-driven cookbook, *Verdure* (Little Bookroom; $22), shares his insider haunts with T+L. **Trattoria** “In the quiet Gianicolense quarter, *Cesare al Casaletto* (39/0653–6015; $$$) prepares classic Roman dishes such as *tonnarelli cacio e pepe.*” **Café**

“At the centro storico’s *Chiostro del Bramante* (chiostrodelbramante.it), coffee is served in a Renaissance-era cloister with stone walls.” **Wine Bar** “Few people know about L’Angolo Divino (angelodivino.it), near Campo de’ Fiori, which focuses on biodynamic Italian wines. I like a crisp Verdicchio di Matelica.” —KATIE PARLA