



Lollapalooza '92 features Pearl Jam, left, Soundgarden, below left, and Red Hot Chili Peppers, below, as well as a slate of other bands and a highly unusual circus sideshow



Lollapalooza brings 9 hours of music, mayhem

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The monumental Guns N' Roses/Metallica double bill storming across the country may be the biggest rock-music tour of the summer season, but the concert known as Lollapalooza '92 is running a close second.

Boasting a popular bill of six alternative-rock acts and one rapper, the tour has been selling out major outdoor venues throughout the land.

The concert will feature the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Ministry, Ice Cube, Soundgarden, the Jesus & Mary Chain, Pearl Jam and Lush.

It is expected to last about nine hours.

Each of the groups is a proven draw with on-the-fringe listeners. But each also has been winning over increasing numbers of mainstream fans.

Three records from the Lollapalooza acts are in Billboard magazine's Top 20 this week.

Pearl Jam's "Ten" is No. 3, while the Red Hot Chili Peppers' most recent album, "Blood Sugar Sex Magik," is planted at No. 14.

PREVIEW

What: Lollapalooza '92, featuring Red Hot Chili Peppers, Ministry, Ice Cube, Soundgarden, the Jesus & Mary Chain, Pearl Jam and Lush.

When: Tuesday at 3 p.m. Gates will open at noon.

Where: Desert Sky Pavilion in Phoenix. To get there, take interstate 10 to either the 75th Avenue or 83rd Avenue exits. Entrances to the parking lot are on either street.

Admission: Sold out.
Information: (602) 264-6161.

Also, the album "Temple of the Dog," a collaboration between members of Pearl Jam and Soundgarden, is No. 8. Winding down after a month and a half, the manic road show will come Tuesday to Phoenix's Desert Sky Pavilion.

All of the more than 19,000 tickets have been sold.

This tour actually is the second Lollapalooza in as many summers. Last

year's heavy voyage included such acts as Siouxsie and the Banshees, Nine Inch Nails, the Rollins Band, Ice-T and the now-disbanded Jane's Addiction.

In fact, Jane's Addiction lead singer Perry Farrell is the guiding force behind both tours. His new band, Porno for Pyros, has appeared at selected Lollapalooza stops, but it's not scheduled for Phoenix.

Also on the tour is the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow, which features some, ah, unique sideshow acts, including a sword swallower, a chain-saw juggler, a human pincushion and other performers.

This being the '90s, the oddballs are older than ever.

For instance, one of the most popular performers this summer has been the Amazing Mr. Lifo, who is known for lifting heavy objects attached to pierced body parts, including his genitals, tongue and nipples.

Rose himself steps in to allow audience members to walk on him while he lays on a bed of nails or to step down on the back of his head while his face rests in broken glass.

Performing twice daily, the Jim Rose

Circus Sideshow appears on a second stage, which also will boast a variety of smaller musical groups, some of them drawn from the cities visited by Lollapalooza.

In Phoenix, these second-tier acts will include Shark Bait, the Stone Temple Pilots, Chaik Circle, B. Strange and Chris Caccavas & Junkyard Love, which also will appear in Tucson on Sunday.

Something of a festival for alternative-lifestyle music fans, the Lollapalooza concert has been subtitled an "American Youth Experience."

It also features a traveling visual-arts show and 14 political information groups distributing materials.

These groups include Greenpeace, Rock the Vote and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Evening Star Productions, the concert's Phoenix promoter, is asking concertgoers to beware that counterfeit tickets have been sold by unauthorized parties to earlier Lollapalooza shows.

Those attending may bring into the facility only blankets and small plastic bottles of water. No lawn chairs or ice chests allowed.