

Bonnaroo pushes limits

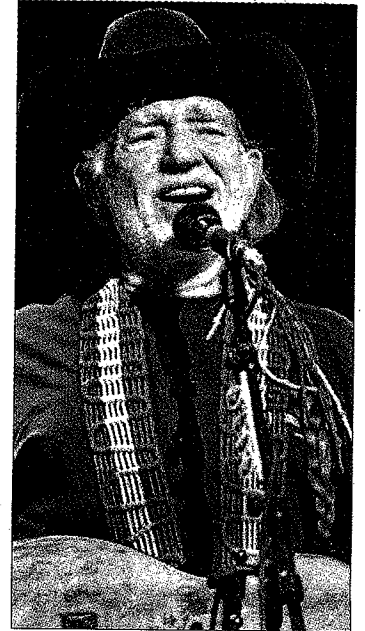
Pearl Jam, Metallica, Plant and Krauss highlight 'most diverse lineup ever'



Metallica's James Hetfield



Kanye West



Willie Nelson



Jack Johnson



Alison Krauss



Robert Plant

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one of the most aggressive-sounding acts to ever play the festival. While acknowledging that Bonnaroo-goers might consider the band's inclusion a "curveball," the organizers believe it fits the festival's ideals.

"Metallica's a great live band," Capps said, "and that's always been one of the guiding principles in the decision-making process of who plays Bonnaroo."

Jonathan Meyers, co-owner of fes-

tival co-organizer Superfly Productions, agrees.

"We have never doubted that when (Metallica) hits the stage, they're going to deliver and turn a lot of people on," he said. "It's also an environment where maybe a lot of people know their music and have been fans, or maybe the opposite — and this is a great opportunity to see them in a different environment."

Nashville musician Sam Bush,

who will be making his third Bonnaroo appearance, says the open-minded nature of the audience is what draws artists of all different stripes to the festival.

"It isn't just one type of music that

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The list of performers at this year's Bonnaroo festival — which includes headliners Pearl Jam and Metallica, along with Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, Kanye West, Willie Nelson and Jack Johnson — pushes its already flexible musical boundaries even further, with performers running the gamut from heavy metal and hip-hop to bluegrass and classic country.

The range of entertainment offered this year is a point of pride or Ashley Capps, president of Bonnaroo co-organizer A.C. Entertainment.

"I think it's probably our most diverse lineup ever," Capps said.

No act pushes the envelope as much as Metallica, which is easily

IF YOU GO

What: Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival

When: June 12-15

Where: Manchester, Tenn.

Tickets: Tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. Saturday exclusively through www.bonnaroo.com. Ticket prices have not yet been announced.

