

Entertainment

Summer Concert Preview

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Summer is right around the corner, and along with the hot weather comes some of the hottest artists and bands to the Philadelphia area.

Popular bands and solo artists usually go on tour during the summer, and this year is going to be no exception. Some of the most widely talked about country singers, rappers, and pop stars will be making a stop in either the Camden or Philadelphia area this summer.

The Wells Fargo Center, formerly the Wachovia Center, will be hosting many big name concerts this summer. In June alone the Wells Fargo Center will have concerts from Katy Perry, Sade, and Glee Live. It will also be hosting the boy bands New Kids on the Block and the Backstreet Boys as they go on a combined tour this summer.

In July, the arena will be hosting concerts from artists such as Keith Urban, Josh Groban, and Rihanna. Rihanna is one of the hottest female singers right now and there is no doubt that she will be performing in front of a sold-out crowd.

Lincoln Financial Field will also play host to a few summer concerts this year. U2 will be performing at the home of the Philadelphia Eagles this July. Country stars Kenny Chesney and Taylor Swift will also have concerts at Lincoln Financial Field this summer. Kenny will be performing in June and Taylor will be performing in August, just before the end of the summer.

Perhaps the most popular venue to go to in the summer for concerts is the Susquehanna Bank Center. This venue usually showcases many famous artists and bands each summer that people from all over the tri-state area go to see.

Andrew Snyder, a student at Delaware County Community College, has been living in Delaware

County all his life and has attended numerous concerts at the Susquehanna Bank Center.

"I usually go to a couple concerts at the SBC each year. They show bands from all different types of music genres, which is perfect for someone who likes all types of music like me. It has the perfect parking lots to tailgate too, which is a big reason why kids my age go to half of these concerts. This year I am probably going to go to Rascal Flatts and the Warped Tour concert, and I am going to try to go to the XTU country concert," said Andrew.

In May, the Susquehanna Bank Center will have the young, upcoming artist Bruno Mars, and it will showcase the bands Sugarland and 3 Doors Down. In June, it will have Jimmy Buffet and the very popular XTU concert.

The XTU Concert is a very popular country concert hosted by the radio station 92.5 XTU. Many different country artists perform each year for this popular show.

The Susquehanna Bank center might have its most success in July when it plays host to Rascal Flatts, Tim McGraw, and the Warped Tour concert which has all types of different bands and artist perform.

There are many other venues in Philadelphia that will have some concerts this summer. The Trocadero, Electric Factory, and Theatre of Living Arts (TLA) are just a few venues that are sure to schedule some popular events this upcoming summer.

It will be interesting to see if any of the other venues schedule last minute concerts to draw even more Philadelphia area residents to go enjoy some music and beautiful weather this summer.

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iPad 2

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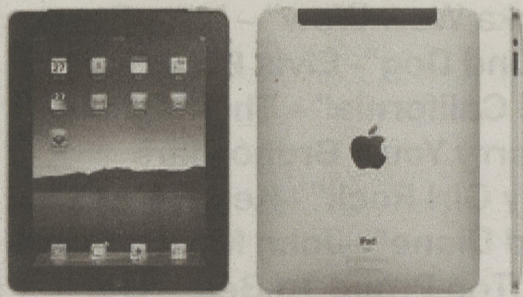


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There has been a large amount of buzz in the technology world over the past few months. People were asking when will the iPad 2 launch? what will its features be? And more importantly, how can I get one?

The iPad 2 finally launched on March 2, 2011, with the usual keynote that accompanies an Apple launch. In the Keynote (which can be found on www.apple.com), Steve Jobs introduces the new iPad 2 and details its features.

"With more than 15 million iPads sold, iPad has defined an entirely new category of mobile devices," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "While others have been scrambling to copy the first generation iPad, we're launching iPad 2, which moves the bar far ahead of the competition and will likely cause them to go back to the drawing boards yet again."

The iPad 2 was made available in U.S. stores and on the Apple store on March 11, 2011 with prices starting at \$499. Anyone who purchased an iPad 2 was offered free Personal Setup service, helping them customize their iPad 2.

According to an Apple press release, "iPad 2 comes with iOS 4.3, the latest version of the world's most advanced mobile operating system, with new features including faster Safari® mobile browsing performance; iTunes® Home Sharing; enhancements to AirPlay®; the choice to use the iPad side switch to either lock the screen rotation or mute audio; and Personal Hotspot to share an iPhone 4 cellular data connection over Wi-Fi."

Some more of the improvements and embellishments for the iPad 2 include a dual core A5 processor, two cameras, up to nine times the graphics performance, 33 percent thinner and up to 15 percent lighter in weight yet still retaining its ten hour battery life. The new dual core processor allows users to surf the web, watch movies and play games quicker and with better quality. You are able to do twice the amount of work at one time. The dual core processor allows multitasking on the iPad 2 to be quicker and smoother than before.

The two cameras enable FaceTime to be used more easily and enable users to be able to chat with millions of iPhone 4, iPod touch and Mac users. Photo Booth allows you to apply fun effects to photos captured by either camera.

There has been a huge demand in the market for the iPad 2 which has created shortages in Apple stores. It was reported that the iPad 2 made an "appearance" on March 11 in stores, yet by March 12, they were nowhere to be found. Those who are placing orders are experiencing a long wait for delivery, typically three to five weeks.

When asked about the shortages, an Apple employee said, "To be honest, the only way you're going to have a chance of getting an iPad 2 is to line up starting between 4 - 6 AM. Even then we can't guarantee we're going to get a shipment cause they're blind shipments and we don't know till the day of."

The iPad2 is experiencing great demand internationally as well. Apple recently issued a press release that they will release the iPad 2 in 25 additional countries on Friday, March 25.