

Eclectic line-up for all at BDO

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Bands and fans are looking forward to an eclectic line-up at the Big Day Out this year with Californian rockers Rage Against the Machine being the headline act.



Many are getting ready for an all day music ride on Friday with 68 bands lined up to play, and no-one is off limits - even folk singers who have just turned the big 50 are excited.

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"The fact that you come all the way to Auckland, there's this huge festival and a free bar and you only have to play for forty five minutes - we all call it the big day off. We love it!" says folk musician Billy Bragg.

Re-formed Rage Against the Machine are back to headline this year, playing their first concert together outside of the States.

The band's first kiwi concert was 12 years ago, but for kiwi band Opshop, Friday will be their very first Big Day Out experience.

"Are there any nerves? Oh hell yeah! We had to do a few rehearsals just to work out exactly what we were going to play and how long a sets going to take and that sort of thing. It suddenly got very professional with Opshop over the last day," says frontman Jason Kerrison.

Eccentric act Bjork does not always play professional off-stage but is planning a treat for fans. She turns up with a 12 piece Icelandic brass band for the big day.

"I guess the fortunate thing is being an artist and a fan is that I have a Triple A Pass and I can get round as quick as I can and try and avoid the crowds," says Kerrison.

For those without a Triple A Pass there's just 45,000 people to push past and all for the love of the music.

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