

Electric Zoo spins into city

Moby, Chemical Brothers headline 2-day electronic music festival on Randalls Island

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A horde of 26,000 fans jammed Randalls Island last year for inaugural Electric Zoo festival.

While many New Yorkers will flee the city for Labor Day weekend, thousands of music lovers will flock to Randalls Island for the second annual electronic music lollapalooza known as Electric Zoo.

Last year's festival drew 26,000 people to witness more than 50 acts on four stages at the 26-acre park. This year's two-day event, which begins Saturday, will bring over 70 of the best electronic music artists representing the finest in techno, trance, house and indie dance music, including Armin van Buuren, the Chemical Brothers, Benny Benassi and Moby.

"New York is one of the best markets for electronic music and there are a lot of fans," said van Buuren, whose new album, *Mirage*, drops this month. "New York finally has the [Electronic Dance Music] festival it deserves."

The Chemical Brothers make a rare performance as the headliners Saturday night, while van Buuren, the world's No. 1 deejay and a forefather of electronic dance music, will close the show on Sunday.



New York legend Benassi, who headlined at Governors Island this summer, will be joined by the likes of John Digweed, Awwell, Diplo, Flying Lotus, Major Lazer, Pretty Lights, Richie Hawtin and Steve Aoki.

Moby, a lower East Side icon, will spin on Sunday.

"Almost every genre of music has now become electronic music. Hip-hop and house music and reggaeton and even a lot of indie rock, so it's amazing to me just how ubiquitous electronic music has become in the last 20 or 30 years," said the bald-headed wonder. "So much so that I don't even think people really realize that a lot of the music they're listening to is essentially electronic dance music."

For those wanting to keep their buzz going, the official Electric Zoo after-parties will be hosted at Pacha NYC (618 W. 46th St) on both Saturday and Sunday nights.

Two-day general admission passes are available for \$157 and single-day general admission passes are available for \$96. VIP Upgrades are also available with optional parking. For tickets, lineup, set times and more information, [click here](#).