

Highlights of the 2009 Sled Island music Festival

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Here are some highlights of Sled Island 2009. For a full lineup visit sledisland.com.

Anvil

Canada's long-haired metal pioneers may seem an unlikely fit for an alt-rock festival. But the band, formed in 1973, has been building a healthy cult audience since its sad-sack story was chronicled in the 2008 documentary *The Story of Anvil*.

The Breeders

The Pixies' Kim Deal's Boston supergroup are cult faves, best known for the alternative hit *Cannonball*.

Health

Lead purveyors of L. A.'s burgeoning noise-rock sound, Health scored early notoriety with a 2007 split EP with Toronto's *Crystal Castles*.

The King Khan & BBQ show

A critically acclaimed garage-rock duo from Montreal that has won high praise for its energetic live shows.

Liars

The sound-shifting New York trio, Liars, rose from the same scene as Yeah Yeah Yeahs and TV on the Radio but has since proven more experimental than their early contemporaries.

Monotonix

Tel Aviv's Monotonix reportedly left few prisoners during a raucous gig at Calgary's Broken City late last year. The band is gaining ground as an exciting live act.

tricky woo

Montreal's garage rockers Tricky Woo has reformed, revisiting the guitar sounds that made it a cult favourite in the 1990s.

women

Calgary's Women, fresh from a whirlwind tour of Europe and the U. S., have hit buzz-band status in indie circles this year. They return to town as conquering alt-rock heroes, on par with labelmate Chad Van Gaalen.

Andrew W. K.

Chart-topping party rocker Andrew W. K. has made the weird transformation to new-age motivational guru in the past few years. Nevertheless, he reportedly still knows how to party.

Final Fantasy

The domain of violinist Owen Pallet, originally best known for his association with Arcade Fire but building international acclaim in his own right.

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