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Subject: Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival 2010  
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I and my best friend went to the festival in Chicago last month and it was absolutely PHENOMENAL. We were lucky to get tickets as they sold out the 28K arena in less than 20 minutes. There was a short 2hr movie made of it that they played for one night only on July 27th. Kind of a prelude to the DVD release this fall.

Here's a link to pics and such: <http://www.crossroadsguitarfestival.com/>

The best sets of the day for me were Robert Randolph, Derek Trucks, Buddy Guy, and Jeff Beck. Jeff just came out and buried everyone up till then. Amazing!!! And Buddy worked the crowd like only he can!! Everyone was top notch and very good though. The only bad set was Johnny Winter. He was so decrepit that they had to carry him out. He started playing Red House in the wrong key, then his hands just wouldn't sync up and there was a lot of doink-doink going on, his voice was spot on though. Derek Trucks carried him through with gentle grace and he only played the one song. I think Johnny is done. As is BB King. BB just talked and talked, to the point people just started leaving as it was towards the end of the show. He didn't play much of anything. A real letdown there. Everyone played 4-6 songs or so and they had a rotating stage so there was never more than about 10 minutes at most between bands. Bill Murray MC'd in between bands. Clapton came on at the end and played 3-4 songs with his band, then Steve Winwood joined him and they played 7-8 songs at least. Clapton really started to pull out the stops and shine when Winwood came on.

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