

# BACKSTAGE AT PHOTOGRAPHS BY GAVIN BOND **OZZFEST**

They came, they saw, they pumped fists. Thus went the 10th edition of Ozzfest, the annual parade of heavy metal grand-marshaled by the 56-year-old Prince of Darkness himself, Ozzy Osbourne. This collection of photographs—shot Aug. 27 at the Woodlands, north of Houston—captures the sweaty-heady essence of the tour, which featured such high-decibel acts as Velvet Revolver, Rob Zombie, Mudvayne, Shadows Fall, and an Ozzy-fronted Black Sabbath. “My voice kept giving up,” notes the Ozzman, who was valiantly battling a chest infection. “It’s a hard gig, you know? But who gives a f---? It’s all about giving the kids a good f---ing time.”



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