Music Flows at Summer Festivals, but Not as Freely in Weak Economy

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And I'm Faith Lapidus. Summertime in the United States always means many outdoor activities. They include outdoor fairs, carnivals, theater and lots of music. Many music festivals and concerts are in full swing this summer.

But some have had to cancel or cut back because of the weak economy. For example, organizers of the Street Scene festival in San Diego, California, cancelled this year's event because of poor ticket sales last year. The American Idols Live tour cancelled dates in seven cities.

Rihanna, Maxwell, the Eagles and the Jonas Brothers have also cancelled appearances. Still, there are plenty of performers to see and music festivals to attend. Some music festivals present one hundred or more performers during a weekend.

Summerfest calls itself the World's Largest Music Festival. It was held for eleven days earlier this summer in a park along a lake in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More than eight hundred bands performed.

Today we talk about some other music festivals taking place this summer.