ENIGMA INDEPENDENT EVENT AUDITS
Unbiased Intelligence for Senior Marketers

2017 AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL Austin, Texas

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## Highlights

## Most popular reasons for attending

(1) To see a specific artist or artists
(2) Enjoy the festival atmosphere
(3) Enjoy all types of music

## Most popular features within brand activations

1 Honda Rebel motorcycle
(2) Aviator Nation merchandise display

3 Tito's Plinko Parlor free merchandise

## Most popular feature attractions

ACL Eats
(2) Camelbak Hydration Stations
(3) Festival Stores

## Most popular brands used

- Vehicle: Toyota
- Soda: Coca-Cola
- Cigarettes: Camel and Marlboro


## Most visited brand activations

1) Red Bull and Water Stations
(2) Honda X Waterloo Records Signing Stage and Record Store
(3) Tito's Plinko Parlor

## Tourism and economic impact

Percentage non-local: 33\%

- Estimated hotel room nights: 22,700
- Estimated economic impact: $\$ 49.6 \mathrm{M}$


## Most appreciated brand activations

State Farm \#HERETOHELP
## Best attendee comments

"ACL has been my family reunion for 11 years. I can't imagine a sibling reunion without the music, beer, laughing, and life-loving experience."
HomeAway UpsideDown House
Honda X Waterloo Records Signing Stage and Record Store
"Amex Experience Lounge was the single best amenity at ACL and greatly added to my experience!"
"Stay weird!"

## Event Experience



## Performances watched (aided)



## Event Experience



Event ratings



Quality of entertainment


Variety of entertainment
 of food and beverage


Quality of food and beverage



Value for admission price

## Sponsor Recall and Appreciation



Extent to which brands and corporate sponsors enhanced experience


Sponsor recall (top 3 unaided among those who could recall sponsors)


## Activation Evaluations



Red Bull and Water Stations


Honda X Waterloo Signing Stage and Record Store

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2016


Received autographs from
artists artists
Took photos with artists
Sat in Honda Civic
Purchased other products
Used \$8 bag check service


## Activation Evaluations



Tito's Plinko Parlor


EXTENT ENHANCED EVENT EXPERIENCE (among those who entered)
Greatly enhanced
Somewhat enhanced
Did not enhance


MORE LIKELY TO PURCHASE THAN BEFORE THE EVENT
(among those who entered)



Chipotle Mexican Grill


| \#LIFEISBURRITOFUL sign |
| :--- |
| Purchased other food |
| or beverage |
| Received branded |



## Activation Evaluations



Miller Lite Bar 75


American Express Experience


State Farm \#HERETOHELP

| PARTICIPATION RANKING | 5 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| ENHANCEMENT RANKING |  |



ACTIONS TAKEN (among those who entered)


Greatly enhanced
Somewhat enhanced
Did not enhance


MORE LIKELY TO PURCHASE THAN BEFORE THE EVENT (among those who entered)


## Activation Evaluations



Honda Rebel motorcycle


Homeaway UpsideDown House


Aviator Nation Store
(3)


EXTENT ENHANCED EVENT EXPERIENCE (among those who entered)
Greatly enhanced
Somewhat enhanced
Did not enhance


MORE LIKELY TO PURCHASE THAN BEFORE THE EVENT (among those who entered)


All who entered


## Beverage Consumption



Type of liquor or spirits consumed most (among those who consumed liquor or spirits)


## Product Ownership and Use



## Vehicle Preferences



## Brand of Vehicle Driven (among owners)




## Telecommunications Brand Preferences


 74\%


Wireless service provider (among users)

$=2 \%$
$=2 \%$
$=\mid 1 \%$
$=\| 1 \%$ $\square 2 \%$


## Beverage Brand Preferences



Preferred liquor or spirits brand (among liquor drinkers)

Soda brand drink most often (among soda drinkers)

$32 \%$


## Other Brand Preferences

Bank use most often


Preferred US airline (among those flying within 30 days)


Auto insurance company


Preferred cigarette brand (among smokers)


## Demographics of Attendees




## Occupation



Household income (before taxes)


## Tourism and Economic Impact



## Place of residence (among non-locals)



## Transportation to region (among non-locals)

Private or personal vehicle


## Accommodations in region (among non-locals)



## Economic Impact of Attendees



| Total spending by non-locals | 2017 | 2016 | Spending by non-local attendees |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Admission tickets and wistbands |  |
| Economic impact (Industry output) | 5 | 508 | Accommodations |  |
| Direct and indirect | 5 | - | Concessions at festival |  |
|  |  |  | Restaurants outside festival site |  |
| Induced |  | - | Shopping and retail |  |
| Total employment supported |  |  | Parking, fuel, and repairs |  |
| (full-year job equivalents) |  |  | Groceries |  |
|  |  |  | Other entertainment |  |
| Total taxes supported | mos | 5 | Ride share services |  |
| Federal | 8 | - | Retail clothing |  |
| State | 3 | - | Public transit or taxis |  |
|  |  |  | Car rentals |  |
| Local | - | - | Total spending by non-locals |  |

Spending by local attendees
(not economic impact)


## Comments from Attendees

"ACL has been my family reunion for 11 years. I can't imagine a sibling reunion without
the music, beer, laughing, and life-loving experience."
"ACL needs an ice vendor because water at hydration stations is warm!"

## "Add Dr Pepper the the bars."

## "Amex Experience Lounge was the single best amenity at ACL and greatly added to my experience!"

"Can you have more brands that are willing to give freebies to attendees just like at Lollapalooza?"
"Could not find any vodka vendors and two types of wine were sold out by mid-afternoon on Day 2."
"Great experience for myself and my teenagers enjoying a music experience."
"Have fire trucks at the main stages to spray people and in return they can set up a boot for donations."

## "I love Austin City Limits with all my heart. 2017 was my fourth year in a row."

"I wish they had more places to take pictures. For example, the big ACL frame."

"It would be awesome if there was some sort of liquor sold. Since Tito's is already there they should just limit how many drinks a person can have with a wristband hole punch."
"Let us bring umbrellas again! There is not enough shade and it was hot this year. 20+ mins waiting for water is crazy!"
"More gluten-free drinking options! Multiple cider choices should be provided."
"On the ACL website, please add where you can click the artist name and it takes you to their video on YouTube. Other music festivals do this."
"Please bring back the Quiet Events Silent Disco. It was our favorite part of ACL.
We went every night."
"Stay weird!"
"Thank you for flushing toilets. I was able to have more drinks with out being worried to go to a dirty porta potty."
"The beer garden with good beer is only on one end of the festival. It would be nice to ( have one near each main stage."
"The cashless wristband form of paying was clever and helped a lot. It made payments go by quicker so customers did not have to wait as long."
"Took too long getting in and I missed a show I really wanted to see. We waited in line over 1.5 hours in the heat with no water."


## Methodology

Enigma Independent Event Audits provide unbiased data for senior marketers. Leading event marketing brands subscribe to confidential reports. Event promoters and marketing agencies are not involved in the data collection. Unauthorized copying or distribution is strictly prohibited.

## Survey technique

Survey method

## Field dates

Sampling
method

Sample size

| Incentive for |
| :--- |
| respondents |

Unbiased, online post-event survey
One week commencing Sunday evening
Proprietary algorithm featuring targeted pay-per-click ads and other databases

Approximately 1000 respondents
\$200 Visa gift card

## Verification

SSkill-testing questions at end of survey verify actual attendance Names and email addresses of respondents collected Subscribers may request skill-testing response data or email lists for independent verification

## About Enigma Research Corporation ${ }^{\ominus}$ <br> N <br> World's leading event research firm <br> Approximately 1000 events surveyed since 1993 <br> Offices in New York, Toronto, and Santa Monica

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