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Coachella kicks off with headliners Sabrina Carpenter, Bieber and Karol G

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Thousands of fans have gathered in the California desert for the hotly anticipated Coachella Festival, which kicks off Friday with pop princess Sabrina Carpenter in the headliner spotlight.

The star-studded line-up -- which also includes headliners Justin Bieber and Colombia's Karol G -- will grace the stage in Indio on two consecutive weekends, kicking off the US music festival circuit for 2026.

Friday's acts include standout emerging talent Teddy Swims and girl group KATSEYE, as well as established artists like Moby.

But the highlight of the opening night will be Carpenter, who promised "the most ambitious show" of her career in an interview with Perfect Magazine.

The "Manchild" singer made her Coachella debut in 2024, the year she released her catchy summer hit "Espresso."

Closing out the first day will

be Italian DJ Anyma, who is set to premiere his new production, "ÆDEN," which promises to be an immersive audiovisual experience that will hit the road after Coachella for a tour including stops in Milan, London and Seoul.

Bieber Fever

The party continues across Coachella's nine stages on Saturday, with the highly anticipated appearance of Bieber, who will close out the night.

"Bieber fever" seems to have returned after a decade and already spread across the Coachella Valley, after the singer made a comeback at the Grammy Awards this year.

Fans of the 32-year-old artist posted videos on social media this week of what appear to be rehearsals that included hits such as "Sorry" and "Where Are U Now."

The night will also feature performances by techno stalwarts like Armin van Buuren and Adam Beyer, K-pop stars such as Taemin and British dance sensation PinkPantheress.

French DJ and producer David Guetta returns to the desert in Indio, and David Byrne, the legendary co-founder of Talking Heads, will make an appearance.

Another highly anticipated act is Nine Inch Noize -- a collaboration between

the industrial rock band Nine Inch Nails and German producer Boys Noize -- which has just announced a joint album.

As a testament to the diversity of genres on display at Coachella, the festival's main stage will host influencer-turned-singer Addison Rae, as well as New York rockers The Strokes.

Led by Julian Casablancas, the band returns with a new album slated for June, following a six-year hiatus.

'Tropicoqueta'

The cherry on top for Sunday will be reggaeton star Karol G, the first Latina to headline the festival.

The winner of eight Latin Grammy Awards made her Coachella debut in 2022 with a performance that paid tribute to Latin music icons such as Selena, Celia Cruz, and Daddy Yankee.

For this year's show, the "Provenza" singer is expected to embrace the "Caribbean showgirl" aesthetic of her latest project, "Tropicoqueta."

Sunday also promises the festival debut of K-pop kings BIGBANG, who are celebrating their 20th anniversary with a highly anticipated return to the international stage.

Also appearing will be the godfather of punk, Iggy Pop, and Fatboy Slim -- the British DJ and producer who dominated the electronic music scene in the 1990s.

Sabrina Carpenter



Keanu Reeves offers advice to aspiring movie stars

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Keanu Reeves has urged aspiring actors to respect their colleagues.

The 61-year-old actor - who stars alongside Cameron Diaz in Outcome, the new black comedy movie - has offered some words of wisdom to those hoping to follow in his footsteps.

He told E! News: "Go to work and respect who you're working with until they prove they don't get your respect. Try not to be [an a*****]. It might not work out, but try."

Cameron, on the other hand, noted that every person who encounters fame and success experiences it differently.

The Hollywood star said: "I would say there's no handbook or manual on being famous, so you have to write your own and follow your own manuscript. You got to just make it your own. You can't really do it - you don't know what it's going to be. Reach out to other people that you admire, the way that they do it, and ask them for some advice."

Meanwhile, Keanu previously revealed that he was encouraged to change his name when he first arrived in Hollywood.

The actor has enjoyed huge success in the movie business, but his manager thought Keanu's name might stunt his career prospects.

During an appearance on the New Heights podcast, Keanu explained: "I got paid when I was like 16, so I was a professional actor around 16, 17

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[years old].

"I was in Toronto, Canada, and then I got a manager who lived in Los Angeles ... At 20 years old, I drove in my car to Los Angeles. Got out of my car and my manager said, 'We want to change your name.' So that's like, a welcome to Hollywood [moment]."

"I remember I was walking on the beach and I was just like, 'My name? What if I change my name? What?'"

Keanu actually considered changing his name to "Chuck Spadina" at one point in time.

He shared: "My middle name is Charles, so I was like, '... Chuck?' And I grew up on a street called Spadina, [therefore] Chuck Spadina. And then I was something Templeton. So then I became KC Reeves. Keanu Reeves



Keanu Reeves



The festival will conclude with a unique cinematic event: an outdoor screening of the first episode of Euphoria Season 3, marking the show's highly anticipated return to television after a four-year hiatus



Cameron Diaz

Cameron Diaz gives a 'career-best performance in Outcome'

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Jonah Hill thinks Cameron Diaz gives the "best performance of her career" in Outcome.

The 42-year-old actor wrote and directed the new black comedy film, which stars Cameron, Keanu Reeves and Matt Bomer, and he's heaped praise on the star-studded cast.

He told Extra: "Getting these guys together

was the greatest thing of all time. I'm the most blessed director on the planet."

Jonah was particularly effusive about Cameron, who he described as "an actual angel that fell from heaven".

He said: "Cameron is an actual angel that fell from heaven, and she is not only, like, an iconic classic movie star. When she came on the screen for her camera test or something, we're all back there like, 'Whoa, we're making a real movie.'

"As an actor, she gives the best performance of her career, in my opinion ... knockout performance. And as a

person, she just supported me and continues to support me in such a real way ... She is just the perfect friend and artist. Combination actually of those two."

Cameron was equally complimentary about Jonah, insisting there was nobody else who could have directed her performance in the film.

She said: "Jonah is the most earnest person."

"Like honestly, like, his words, like, he means them so much. To be on the receiving end of it, it's like ... when somebody who you feel the same way about says those things about you, it's like very heartwarming because

I think that all three of us here could just say all the same things about Jonah and who he is as a person, as a director, as an actor.

"I mean, my favourite thing is that ... there wasn't one single part of his performance in this movie that could be in the trailer and there's a reason. You will see it is absolutely stunning what he does... He is such a force in this movie... It was a free-for-all. Like, there's nobody who could have directed him in this performance other than himself. You know what I mean? And it's just incredible."

Jonah also singled out Keanu, 61, for praise.