

The pair seemed genuinely excited to introduce a special guest at the end of the evening: Alex Skolnick of the thrash metal band Testament. The three then launched into a cool jam session to end the evening, mostly centering around the theme to Dave Brubeck's Take Five. At that point my lovely date and I headed towards the egress, so unbelievably content in the 90-minute showcase we just received. I honestly wish every band brought their level of enthusiasm and intensity to the first night of a tour.



One note I left out in the covers – there was one moment of singalong hilarity at the show. After a long speech about their love of heavy metal, Rod Y Gab broke into Pink Floyd's Wish U Were Here, which I'm pretty sure is a non-sequitor. The song was quick and over fast, but I've never been a huge fan of an entire crowd singing lyrics (especially the wrong lyrics, Guy Behind Me) at the same time, even if we were prompted by the band. Regardless, just for posterity's sake, I took a little video of the shared lyrical experience:

Rodrigo Y Gabriela just ooze coolness. They throw up the devil-rock horns after every song, they tell funny stories, they collect funny stories, they're a good-looking pair and they rock the fuck out. What's not to love?

This really is a must-see band, and when they come to your town, you best get on it.

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