

BIG NAMES attract BIG CROWDS

→ Campus came alive as a variety of musicians, bands and shows came to William & Mary to perform. The Ting Tings, Girl Talk, and American Idol winner David Cook were just a few of the big names to visit campus during the year. AMP hosted many of the events.

During Homecoming weekend, The Cool Kids and The Ting Tings hit the stage. Crowds screamed for the rap duo from Chicago, The Cool Kids, who opened the show. One member of the crowd offered a viking hat to the duo, which one of the rappers wore for half the show. The main act, The Ting Tings, also brought great energy to the stage. Students cheered when drummer Jules de Martino donned a yellow William & Mary shirt. "It was so awesome seeing him wear our shirt," freshman Alex Brown said. "I got so excited!"

Girl Talk also came to Williamsburg to perform his award-winning remixes. The show was completely sold out. Students lined up hours ahead of time to get a good spot on the dance floor and were greatly rewarded by getting to dance on stage along

with Girl Talk. The dance floor below was also packed. "Girl Talk was a really fun event on campus," senior Christina Bianchi said. "Everyone was just dancing and having a good time, and it was nice to do something different for a change." Ultraviolet Ballet, which included several William & Mary alumni, opened the show.

AMP also brought American Idol Season Seven winner David Cook to the College. Many of the 800 crowd members in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall were from the public. David Cook engaged the audience in his performance, letting them pick some of the songs he would play that night. The show ended intimately as Cook shared personal stories.

In addition to many bigger names, AMP and other groups brought other bands to the stage. Frequently, students were treated to music in venues such as Lodge 1. Overall, students took advantage of and enjoyed the large variety of music and concerts available on campus.

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↗ A student jazz band performs in Lodge 1 during Homebrew Jazz Night. AMP hosted local bands and musicians nearly every Friday during the school year.

↖ Katie White, of The Ting Tings, sings at the Matoaka Ampitheatre during Homecoming weekend. The band performed their biggest hits, such as "That's Not My Name," "Great DJ," and "Shut Up and Let Me Go."



Students surround Gregg Gillis, better known as Girl Talk for his mash-up style mixes. Girl Talk performed in the Tidewater rooms at the Sadler Center the week after Spring Break. Many students donned bright colored shirts and glow-stick bracelets and necklaces.