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CMA Fest 2016: Top 5 moments from first night



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Jason Aldean puts in a little rock in country

Jason Aldean kicked off his headlining set well after 11 p.m. Thursday night as but he pointed out: “Sometimes the party is just getting started around midnight.”

“This is the highlight of our weekend to come out and play for you all,” Aldean said. “I don’t know about you all, but we’re ready to crank it up and have a little fun.”

Aldean played a set rich with time-tested and more recent hits including “Tattoos on This Town,” “Take a Little Ride,” “Lights Come On,” “Burning It Down,” and fan favorite “Dirt Road Anthem.”

“I’m as big a country music fan as anybody, but I like a little rock and roll every now and then,” Aldean said. “Is it OK if we put a little rock in our country? You all look like a party crowd tonight.”

Aldean ended his set with “My Kinda Party” and “She’s Country.”

Red, white and blue fireworks lit up the sky as 60,000 fans filed out of the stadium just after midnight.