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Bonnaroo 2017: 6 Best Country and Americana Moments



Lanco's brand of radio-ready anthems sound like Gin Blossoms with a twangy sheen. Which would have seemed totally out of place at this Bonnaroo – dominated by a plentitude of memory-stick-wielding EDM acts – were it not for one cardinal value Lanco and the fest share: super-posi vibes. The band received a warm reception on Friday afternoon from a hundreds-strong crowd of polite listeners and sunbathing noodle dancers at the club-sized New Music on Tap Lounge. Lanco's soaring tunes could pass for top-shelf Keith Urban cuts, and singer Brandon Lancaster's stadium-aspiring gestures are built for stages much larger than the smallest one at Roo. But that didn't stop the group from going for it as if they were that night's headliners – U2. It seems the famously open-minded Bonnaroo community has a soft spot for contemporary country artists, whose numbers seem to increase with every year's lineup. Hey, now that Bono and Co. have headlined the festival, anything's possible. A.G.