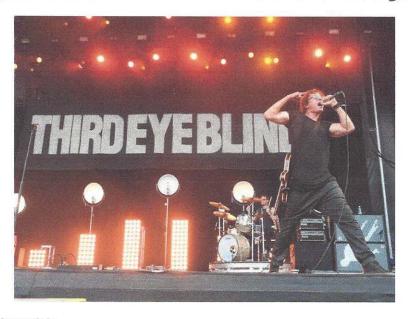


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Third Eye Blind to headline Jersey festival

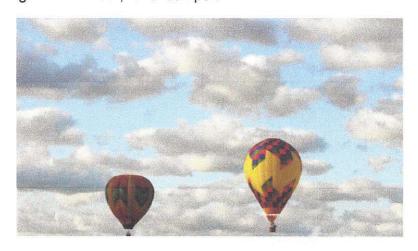


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Third Eye Blind will make their way back to Jersey this summer to kick off the 34th annual QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning.

The alt-rock band will be this year's headliners, performing at 8 p.m. Friday, July 29 at Solberg Airport in Readington. The QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning is the largest summertime hot air balloon and music festival in North America and is the premiere family entertainment attraction in New Jersey.

The band quickly gained success in 1997 after releasing their self-titled debut album "Third Eye Blind," which hit number 25 on the Billboard 200 chart, and sold six million copies. Since their debut, the band has become known for their hits, like "Semi-Charmed Life," "Graduate," "How's It Going to Be," "Losing a Whole Year," and "Jumper."



Third Eye Blind recently took over the <u>Stone Pony summer stage</u> this past June, and they released "Dopamine," their first studio album in six years.

The three-day festival will take place July 29 to 31, <u>featuring 100 hot air balloons from around the world</u> as well as live music each night.

The concert, presented by PNC Bank in association with Magic 98.3 FM, Third Eye Blind, will be followed by the festival's annual fireworks extravaganza.

"We're proud to have Third Eye Blind, our biggest Friday night headliner ever, open our concert series," Festival Executive Producer Howard Freeman said in a news release.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 18. Tickets will range from \$20 to \$85. For more information, visit balloonfestival.com.