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JoseMar - July 16, 2025, 12:33 pm

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So this hit differently.

I wasn't even planning to write about music festivals today, but I came across a clip, one of those phone recordings that spreads before the official news catches up, and just sat there watching the mainstage at Tomorrowland engulfed in flames. It felt surreal. This isn't just some festival stage. It's the mainstage. The one people dream of seeing at least once in their lives.

I think what really got me was the silence in those early videos. You expect music, lights, people losing themselves in it. Instead... smoke. Cracking fire. Stillness.

For context, Tomorrowland's 2025 edition kicks off this Friday. Or was supposed to. The festival hadn't even started yet, thank god, and there were no attendees on site when the fire broke out. Staff were present though, and thankfully, no one was hurt.

Still, it's hard not to feel shaken by the sheer scale of the destruction. The mainstage is a symbol of Tomorrowland, weeks (maybe months) of planning, design, logistics, and imagination, just gone. In smoke.

What we know right now

Belgian news outlet VRT NWS shared the footage first. Huge flames. Heavy black clouds. And later, a police statement confirming that emergency services are still on site. The exact cause? Not clear yet. But damage? Pretty much total, at least for that stage.

The festival's campsite, DreamVille, is still set to open Thursday. Organizers said events in Brussels and Antwerp will carry on. They're working on "solutions" for the main festival weekend.

I don't envy the crew trying to pull this together with 48 hours on the clock. That's a logistical nightmare, not to mention the emotional weight of watching something you built collapse before your eyes.

But knowing Tomorrowland, if any team can pivot fast and pull off a miracle, it's probably them.

Still, I can't help but wonder... what happens next?

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Does this change the vibe of the whole festival?

Let's be honest. People don't go to Tomorrowland just for the lineup. They go for the worldbuilding. The production value. The kind of visuals that make you feel like you're inside a dream or a video game or something not entirely grounded in reality. That stage is central to all of it.

Will the energy feel the same if the centerpiece is missing, or hastily rebuilt?

Also: is it weird that part of me admires how the team just kept going? Maybe that's resilience, maybe that's business, or maybe both. But I'm guessing the artists, Garrix, Guetta, Amelie Lens, Aoki, and so many more, are still planning to play. And the fans? They'll show up.

Because sometimes when you've waited a year (or your whole life) for something like this, the show really must go on. Even if it looks different.

A bigger question...

Do we take these events, the tech, the fire, the drama, too much for granted?

Maybe this is one of those reminders that things can change overnight. Plans can burn down, literally. But it's also a reminder of how quickly people pull together when that happens. Within hours, the festival had already released statements, reassured fans, and started damage control.

That doesn't erase the loss, but maybe it adds something else to the mix. A kind of collective effort. An improvisation. Something raw.

And in a weird way, maybe it makes this year's Tomorrowland even more memorable, not for the reasons anyone wanted, sure, but for the resilience it might represent.

So yeah, I don't have a hot take. Just a quiet thought: If you were headed there... does this change how you feel?

Would you still go? Would it still feel magical?

I'm genuinely curious how people are processing this.

[Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myj-D_wiASw]

P??sonl?af - July 17, 2025, 2:08 am

As it stands right now the festival will go on but without a main stage.

If you don't want to go because of the missing main stage this year you can apply for a refund.

Those are the only confirmed things from Tomorrowland right now.

Knowing them however, I can see a smaller simpler mainstage being deployed before the official start or at least for the headliners on Saterdag/Sunday.

As for now Dreamville has opened and people are arriving at the campsite.

The Pact - July 17, 2025, 10:11 am

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P??sonl?af - July 18, 2025, 11:29 am

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Martin Garrix had a really good set. It's obviously nothing compared to the stage that burned down, but it looks so much better at night.

Rahul007rhp - July 18, 2025, 10:15 pm

So sad to see the mainstage burn , when the concert was right around the corner. Greatfully no one was hurt.