

L.A. PHILHARMONIC & ACOUSTIC GUITAR DUO

I just went to the Hollywood Bowl for the first time in my life and had an amazing time. I know, it took me a long time to get there but my first concert there was exceptional. My friend was covering the show as media, and I got to go in for free which is always cool. The LA Philharmonic was opening first then later Rodrigo and Gabriela would take the stage to perform.

When we first arrived, we parked in a lot which was very far away from the entrance and our seats. I wasn't prepared to exercise but the hills we walked up gave us a workout. Once we hiked up to our seats, I was in awe of the mountain views.

We brought our own food to eat before and during the concert, which I was ready for after the hike. Our own tasty food and champagne! Usually, venues take these items away from you when they search you at the entrance, but the Hollywood Bowl welcomes food and drinks. I felt excited to have the full Hollywood Bowl experience. We ate, drank champagne and was merry. It was so cool to see everyone else around me all dressed up eating and drinking with loved ones. It was just beautiful and felt homey.

The LA Philharmonic came onto stage first and I felt like I was in a movie just floating around and could not stop smiling. The sound at the Hollywood Bowl is ridiculous. The whole night was one marvelous sounding acoustics after another. The conductor was funny every time he spoke and was very informational about the music they played.

After a quick break, Rodrigo and Gabriela took the stage with the LA Philharmonic still playing behind them. Rodrigo and Gabriela are a Mexican acoustic guitar duo. Now I know plenty of people who play guitar very well but how this duo played, blew my mind. The amount of passion that went into their performance was incredible. Gabriela was my favorite because she played a little bit of a different style than Rodrigo which was using the guitar as a drum. It was like Gabriela turned this acoustic guitar into many instruments and the sounds she created were so unique and intriguing. I could listen to her play every day forever. This duo played well together, and we could all feel their energy creating this great positive vibe all around us, begging them for more.

Later, it was just Rodrigo and Gabriela playing guitar and a little singing from Rodrigo. I did not mind at all that there was little singing because their guitars sang. The duo had two guest musicians playing with them on stage for a few songs which was fun.

I would highly recommend seeing the LA Philharmonic and Rodrigo with Gabriela live whenever, wherever you can, and you will not regret your experience especially if it's at the Hollywood Bowl.

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