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Lollapalooza 2019: Crowd flocks to Lil Wayne and J Balvin becomes first Latino headliner on day 3

Idol-icious: Nobody was cheering for Scarypoolparty at his Lakefront set Saturday afternoon. Instead, they were cheering for Alejandro, even though the two are one in the same. Scarypoolparty has been Alejandro Aranda's alias since before his run on "American Idol" where he stole hearts across the nation. His audition video alone has grabbed over 13.5 million views. Stevie Nicks (Stevie Nicks!) counts herself as a fan. The crowd Friday was mostly fans like Stevie, fans of Aranda and by extension "Idol." At times they seemed a bit apprehensive. A full band accompanied Aranda on stage, and for a moment it felt as though the old Idol "homie" was gone. He jumped and fist pumped with an abandon and confidence he rarely displayed on screen every Sunday last spring during "Idol." If anything, it was a welcome change. It may have taken a song or two or three for some, but by the time Aranda sang "Out Loud," the audience was ready to text in their Idol votes again. His instruments — guitar, keyboard and voice — were just as magical as they were on TV. When he left the stage, a group of ten or more people congregated further down to catch a glimpse and a wave. It took a few minutes but he complied, "he's so shy. I'd die," a girl said. But Aranda was not shy on Saturday. He was loud. (Bianca Sanchez)