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Bang, whimper



A fairly huge crowd materialized in the Winter Garden at the World Financial Center for Bang on a Can's twelve-hour [new-music marathon](#), the inaugural event in this year's [River to River Festival](#). Suffering from a summer cold and middle age, I made it through only the first five and a half hours, and missed, with much regret, Stockhausen at sunrise. [Steve Smith](#) has the [full report](#); see also [Justin Levine](#), [Lauren Cartelli](#), [Darcy James Argue](#), [Bruce Hodges](#), and [Brooklyn Vegan](#) (with photos of the mosh-pit moment). More shots below.



Looking from the back of the space toward the stage, the bluish area on the far right.



Bang co-founder David Lang holds forth.



Lisa Moore plays Annie Gosfield with flourish.



Owen Pallett and Evan Ziporyn.



Some T-shirts seen in the très hip crowd: "Dissent is patriotic," "Please God fuck my mind for good," "Sasquatch," and, of course, "Mostly Mozart."