



# BLACK 47

## At Your Venue 2013/2014

Finally! Rock 'n Roll that means something again.  
- Time Magazine



With such praise Time Magazine heralded the arrival of Black 47 on the national scene. With over 2500 gigs under their belt Black 47 will disband in November 2014, exactly 25 years after their first performance, and will do a year long tour of festivals, clubs & performing arts centers to bid farewell to their legion of fans.

Taking their name from the worst year of the Irish Potato Famine, Black 47 burst onto national radio in 1992 with the hit single, Funky Céili. With its signature eclectic sound, socially conscious lyrics and exciting concerts the band created a new form of Celtic inspired folk-rock that now encompasses bands from Flogging Molly to Gaelic Storm.

Black 47 has released 14 CDs on major and indie labels, and been a feature on national TV, including many appearances on Leno, Letterman & O'Brien. They have worked alongside Matt Dillon and Danny Glover in movies, played Farm Aid with Johnnie Cash & Neil Young, while Joe Strummer of The Clash called them "the only band that matters."

Black 47 was a smash hit on Sons of Anarchy when their song Big Fella was featured for three minutes. They had three songs in recent episodes of Gossip Girl; while Larry Kirwan provided all vocal backing for Carrickfergus on Boardwalk Empire. Their innovative version of Danny Boy will be highlighted on the upcoming BBC program to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the song.

Black 47's song subjects cover a wide spectrum from Irish historical figures like Michael Collins and James Connolly to American concerns with Downtown Baghdad Blues and Bankers & Gangsters; their songs have long been used in political science and history courses in hundreds of high schools and colleges. But the band is equally known for its humor with the riotous Izzy's Irish Rose, Green Suede Shoes and Long Lost Tapes of Hendrix, and it's a rare fan who doesn't leave a performance without a smile.

Black 47 is led by playwright/novelist/guitarist Larry Kirwan, who hosts Celtic Crush on SiriusXM and writes a weekly column for the Irish Echo. The band also features three other original members, Fred Parcels (Trombone), Geoffrey Blythe (saxophone) and Thomas Hamlin (drums), joined by Joseph Mulvanerty (uilleann pipes) and Joseph "Bearclaw" Burcaw (bass). They head into the studio in November to record Last Call, a CD of new songs.

Black 47 looks forward to performing one last show at your venue when they will pull out all the stops in bringing the curtain down on a dynamic, innovative and influential career.



Video – Funky Ceili - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVIX08bZDz8>



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