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#### Picks&Pans

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Larry Kirwan (front and center) and his mates roar through Celtic-colored anthems.

### s on g Trouble in the Land

Black 47 (Shanachie)

These Manhattan Irish-pub rockers are back with another cycle of front man Larry Kirwan's angry, mournful and hilarious drinking songs. Founded by Kirwan, former New York City cop Chris Byrne and a group of their fellow Irish expatriate pals in 1989, the band has won a rabid and rowdy cult following with a hybrid sound that intertwines Celtic music (provided by Byrne's tin whistles and uilleann pipes) with a pounding punk-rock guitar attack. Kirwan, who writes plays and poetry when he's not strumming his guitar onstage, shouts his story songs over the mix. On tunes like "Bobby Kennedy," he offers listeners bits of Irish-American oral history. And on a ribald ditty about James Joyce, he sends up a nicely wrought bit of blarney.—S.D. Bottom Line: Sing along, drink along and be merry

#### spotlight on . . . Laurie Berkener

**Singer Laurie Berkener is such a** popular act at kiddie birthday parties around New York City that parents need to book her months in

advance. But for one mother she made an exception. "Madonna was dancing her butt off," she says of the party that the Material Mom threw for daughter Lourdes's 3rd birthday last October in Manhattan. "I grew up watching Madonna, and here I am, playing my songs, and she's dancing!" A frustrated rock star, Berkener, 30, who lives in Manhattan with husband Brian, 32, a computer programmer (no children yet), began writing kids'



Berkener's discs are a hit on the kids' party circuit.

Brian, 32, a computer nmer (no children yet), began writing kids' songs in 1992 to pay the rent. Now with the release of her third CD, Victor Vito, the rock stars are her fans. At a party last December for Sting's

December for Sting's son Giacomo, 4, one parent asked, "Did you see Bruce [Springsteen]? He was really into it, man!'" Sona Charaipotra

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