



ShamrockFest Mania

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The typically placid RFK Stadium parking lot on the edge of Capitol Hill will once again morph into a rocking party for one day this month as the annual [ShamrockFest](#) celebrates all things Irish with a slate of more than 30 bands and DJ's.

Black 47

After nearly 24 years as New York's most popular and political celtic rock band, [Black 47](#) is calling it quits this year, but not before they rock stages – including ShamrockFest's – one last time on a final coast-to-coast tour.

The six-piece outfit not only brings a rollicking, upbeat musical game, their songs also delve deeply into issues that matter, ranging from longstanding political conflicts in Northern Ireland to civil rights and socioeconomic problems in their hometown of New York City. Frontman Larry Kirwin explained the band's breakup as amicable.

"It's a simple wish to finish up at the top our game after 25 years of relentless touring and, as always, on our own terms," he said.

We're looking forward to raising a pint of Guinness to Black 47 at ShamrockFest one last time.



The Gobshites

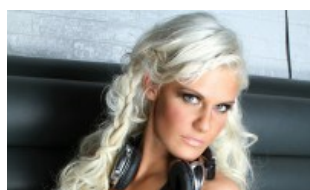
Boston's favorite Celtic punk band – a title that should not be underestimated considering the city's rich Irish musical legacy – is sure to send ShamrockFest's already high energy into the stratosphere.

[The Gobshites](#), who have been revving up crowds along the east coast for more than a decade, are known for infusing traditional Irish songs with a fiery punk rock attitude, as well as "Irishing" up some well-known punk jams.

In early 2011, they released "Songs Me Da Got Pissed To," an album of traditional Irish songs and tunes, as well as "Poitín," a bootleg CD of rare tracks, demos and more. If your pulse doesn't quicken when these guys hit the stage you may already be dead.

Carbon Leaf

Since getting their start at college in Richmond in 1992, [Carbon Leaf](#) has become one of the mid-Atlantic region's most consistent and beloved indie rock bands. The veteran rockers, whose music is tinged with southern and alt-country sounds, have attracted a wide following through relentless touring and recording. While not a traditional Irish rock band, Carbon Leaf melds easily with ShamrockFest's headliners as they play an array of instruments crucial to the Celtic genre, including bagpipes, mandolins, fiddles and penny whistles. The guys in Carbon Leaf know how to work a crowd and their feel-good melodies always seem to leave their audiences smiling and wanting more.



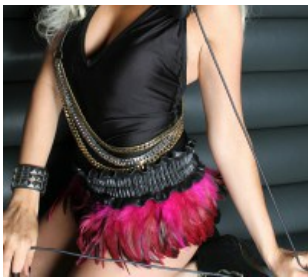
DJ Freezie

While ShamrockFest is well-known for its accomplished Irish rock bands, the festival's growing emphasis on DJs is helping to attract more enthusiastic crowds than ever.

[DJ Freezie](#) (aka Chelsea Frost, On Tap's March 2013 cover girl) is back and

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hotter than ever. Her big personality, magnetic stage presence and fierce beats are winning over clubgoers from D.C. to her hometown of Philly to the Jersey Shore and Connecticut.

Freezie's sound mixes hip hop, house, funk and soul and she doesn't just spin – she puts herself front-and-center in the performance. DJ Skribble, Spinbad, and Ice –T are among those who Freezie has shared a stage with. Make sure and check out her set at ShamrockFest so you can say you saw you saw this rising star before she was famous.

Don't miss out on ShamrockFest March 22.

To see the full lineup, learn more about the fest and buy tickets visit www.ShamrockFest.com

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