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O'Malley's March booked as opening act this weekend for long-running Celtic rock band

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BY JOHN WAGNER June 3



Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, center, plays with his band, O'Malley's March, in Baltimore in 2011. (Photo by Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post)

After moonlighting as [a street musician on Memorial Day](#), Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) has a real gig this weekend.

The governor's Celtic rock band, O'Malley's March, is booked as the opening act Saturday night for Black 47 at a concert venue in Baltimore.

The New York-based band has played Celtic rock with political overtones for a quarter century and is now on its farewell tour. Saturday's concert at Sound Stage is billed as Black 47's "last Baltimore show."

O'Malley's semi-retired band, which had its heyday during his run as a Baltimore councilman and mayor, [still plays several shows a year](#) and

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maintains an aging audience.

The governor sings and plays guitar in O'Malley's March, which is most often booked as a headliner. It has occasionally served as an opening act for kindred musical spirits, including the Saw Doctors, one of the governor's favorite bands.



Flyer for O'Malley's show)

Ravens T-shirt, cargo shorts and flip-flops. He appeared to accept tips in his open banjo case.

O'Malley curtailed his band activity after he launched his 2006 campaign for governor. At the time, his advisers argued that the late-night spotlight detracted from his gravitas.

That has become less of a concern in recent years, even as O'Malley gears up for a [possible 2016 White House bid](#).

A photo of the governor playing his six-string banjo for passersby at City Dock in Annapolis went viral on Memorial Day. It showed O'Malley wearing a Baltimore

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The trick is that once you buy your tickets, at the door they levy an additional 17% tax on them.

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jayjay9

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"Oh, me name is Guv O'Malley, I'm the leader of me band. And tax and tax and tax is all I understand.

We play at wakes and mitzvahs and the fanciest of balls,
But soon we'll stop our playin'...
You'll have no payin' left at all.

Then, the guns won 't go bang, though cymbals will clang,
Cymbals are not threat to we...
But you'll thank me for the gun controls
When your credit score you see.

For once, ho-ho, I take all your dough,
Nothin's left for you to do...
But blow yourself to Kingdom Come...
'Cept I took your weapon, too."

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Weak.

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Someone recently pointed out that it doesn't seem the Governor applied for a panhandling permit as is required in Annapolis for such street acts. Good news, his Baltimore booking will not require an individual permit.

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