

Vin Scelsa's "Idiot's Delight" For November 8

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Celtic rockers **Black 47** have been a part of the fabric of New York for 25 years and frequent guests of Vin Scelsa's "Idiot's Delight"® since the early '90s, but on Saturday, November 15, the dynamic band will play its final show at B.B. King Blues Club & Grill. Tonight at 8, Vin will have his own radio-style wake for the group that frontman Larry Kirwan and former member Chris Byrne first brought to the show years ago, swaggering with punkish hubris, uilleann pipes, and rich tales of the politics, perils and poetry of the Irish experience and beyond.

Since the birth of **Black 47**, the landscape of New York has changed dramatically, badly shaken by 9/11. **Black 47** has faced its own travails too and like many hard-working groups with longevity, the shifting, struggling music industry is exhausting to negotiate. Last year, Kirwin wrote why **Black 47** was choosing to disband, explaining: "We remain as good friends as when we first played together. We just have a simple wish to finish up at the top our game after 25 years of relentless touring and, as always, on our own terms." They've released a final album of new songs, *Last Call*, and will leave with what promises to be a raucous, meaningful, full-on farewell next Saturday.

Below are Black 47's last show dates and the band's network television debut, thanks to David Letterman. There's also a fine adieu to Black 47 in the [New York Times](#) this weekend, in which Vin talks about the band—and spotting Joe Strummer at a gig.

In addition, Vin has music from Ani DiFranco, Bob Dylan and the Band, and more.

That's Vin Scelsa's "Idiot's Delight"®, Saturdays from 8-10 p.m. on 90.7FM, also [streaming online](#).

You can find "Idiot's Delight"® in the [FUV archives](#) for two weeks after broadcast.

Black 47's Final Shows:

November 8 New Orleans, LA International Irish Famine Commemoration at Gallier Hall

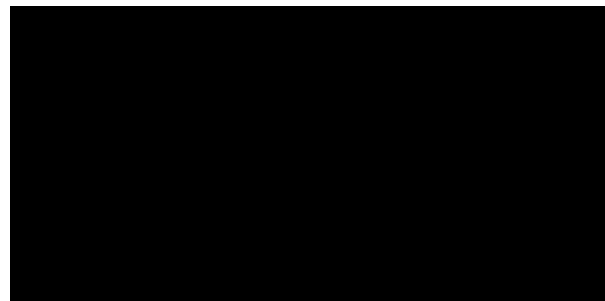
November 11 Redding, CT Georgetown Saloon with the Bobby Paltauf Band

November 13 Philadelphia, PA World Cafe Live

November 14 Poughkeepsie, NY Mahoney's Irish Pub

November 15 NYC B.B. King Blues Club & Grill (sold out)

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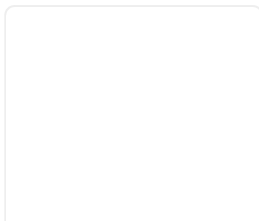
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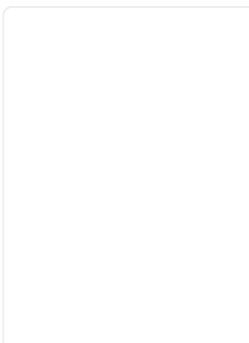
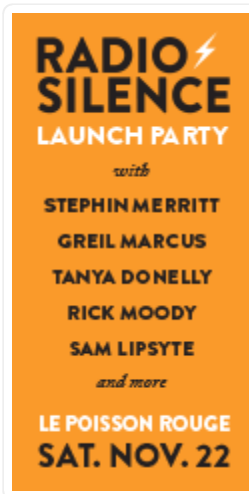
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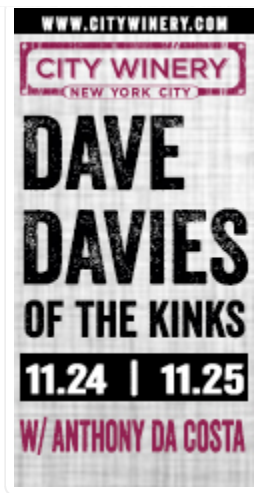
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