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Holy Craic! Black 47 To Close Curtain On 25 Year Career This Weekend With Final Two Shows In Poughkeepsie and NYC

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When [Larry Kirwan](#) and Chris Byrne met in New York City and formed Black 47 in the late 1989, they had no idea that 25 years would bring the band to 2,300 shows and 13 full-length studio albums. Though Byrne left the band in 2000 for other commitments, the band is here now in November 2014 for what will literally be their last call. Black 47 decided to disband

about this time last year but not first without releasing one more album of new material and aggressively hitting the road to bid farewell to as many friends as possible.



Black 47 bowing one last time for Connolly's in NYC, a frequent venue for the band, September 15, 2014

Black 47 performs their second to last (and final Upstate NY) show tonight at [Mahoney's in Poughkeepsie at 8pm](#), doubling as a fundraiser for the [Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes and Drums](#). Though the band is from New York City, they have performed dozens of shows in the Upstate NY area over the years making Poughkeepsie a fitting choice for their penultimate show. Tickets are still available for this show, but lately Black 47 shows have been selling out as the final curtain call has been drawing closer.

A final celebration of their career will be Saturday in their home city at the B.B. King Blues Club near Times Square in Manhattan with special guests and friends. With a smirk on his face after a recent show at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, NY, Kirwan mentioned Black 47 has an exciting show planned for November 15. With fans loyal to the band and the band loyal to its fans alike, Black 47 will have a truly special evening of music in store for their last show.

Saturday's show sold out two months ago. However, the band has on one occasion relayed a fan's message with extra tickets on their [Facebook page](#), and the some people have been posting their extra tickets on the fan-made Facebook group "[25 Years of Black 47.](#)"

If you missed your chance to get a ticket to Black 47's final show, be sure to follow UpstateLIVE on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for an update from the show and check back

for a review of the show early next week.

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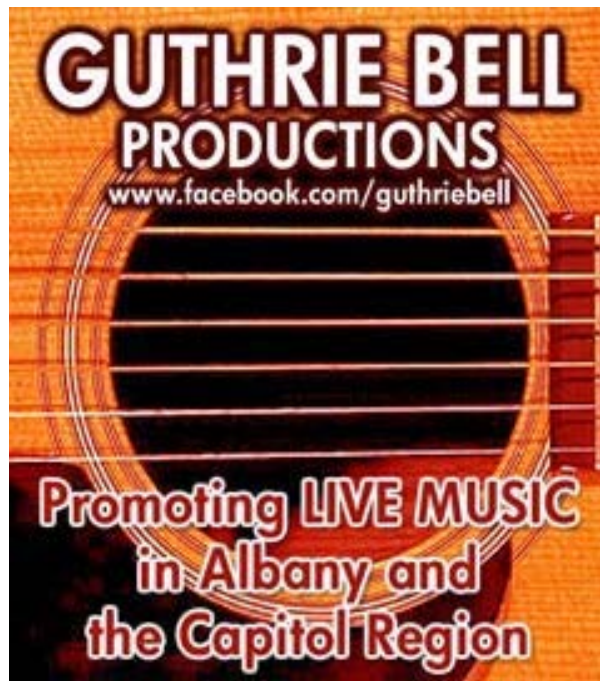
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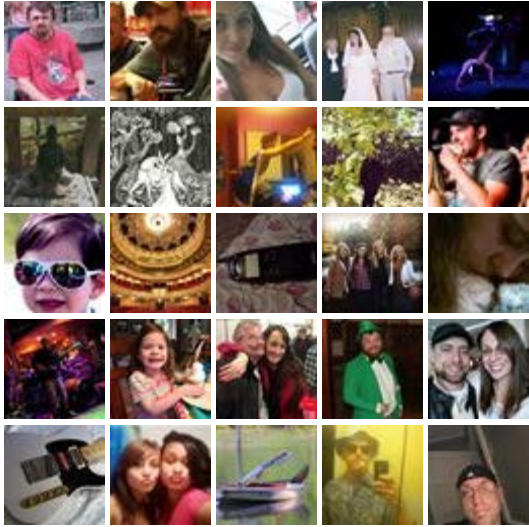
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