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**Irish Eyes Will Be Smilin' – and Rockin' – At Empire City Casino's  
First-Ever Outdoor Irish Concert Featuring the Legendary Irish Band 'Black 47' and the  
Rousing 'Shilelagh Law', Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*Tickets On Sale February 10<sup>th</sup>\*\***

**New York, February 5**—The “Luck of the Irish” will be musically profound at **Empire City Casino** (Yonkers, NY) with the announcement that **Black 47** and **Shilelagh Law**, the exceedingly popular New York City-based Irish-American bands, will perform on Sunday, **March 16**, from **2:00-6:00pm** in a pre-St. Patrick's Day outdoor trackside concert (rain, snow or shine), as was announced today by casino President **Timothy J. Rooney**.

*“After the success of our outdoor summer concert series, our customers continued to request an outdoor Irish concert,”* said Rooney. *“These bands are the best of their kind and have an incredible fan base. We're very excited to welcome them here to Empire City Casino.”*

**Black 47**, in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, has performed more than 2500 shows and recently announced that it will disband November 2014 after having recorded its final album, *Last Call*, and touring the country. The band became popular nationally after heavy airplay and television exposure on Leno, Letterman and Conan O'Brien. The concert at Empire City Casino is expected to draw thousands for what will be one of their final performances.

**Shilelagh Law** is known to embody all that is New York Irish music. By interpreting traditional Irish music through a filter of urban grittiness, Shilelagh Law helps define the Irish-American experience that is such a part of New York. Their fan base is wide-spread and one of the most loyal in the music industry.

Tickets are priced at just \$20 and will be sold online at [empirecitycasino.com](http://empirecitycasino.com) beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>. All tickets are general admission/standing room. An online pre-sale for Empire Club members will begin February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Fittingly, with **Black 47's** connection to first responders after 9/11, discounted tickets are being made available for EMS, police and fire personnel at a twenty-five percent discount (\$15 tickets) for tickets purchased onsite at Empire City Casino at the second floor cage window. Proper identification is required.

*“We played every Saturday night in Connolly's for years after the tragedy trying to get people to come back to midtown while providing a scene for first responders and New Yorkers who needed to kick back and let off some steam,”* said Black 47 leader, **Larry Kirwan**.

This Irish celebration won't stop at the music. A Jameson Tent will serve shots and fan favorite cocktails and the Irish Beer Tent will quench the thirst of concert goers with Guinness, Harp Lager, Smithwicks Irish Ale, and Magners Cider. There will be food aplenty with the traditional corned beef and cabbage, bangers, burgers with Guinness onion rings and more.

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And when the outdoor concert ends and the chill begins to set in, the party moves inside for more live entertainment with the **Steve Reilly Duo** performing in Dan Rooney's Sports Pub from 8pm – 11pm and **Girsa** performing in the Entertainment Lounge from 9pm to 12:30am.



**Photo: Black 47**

**About Black 47:** They played more gigs at Shea Stadium than The Beatles, shut down the city of Hoboken, appeared multiple times on Leno, Letterman & O'Brien, starred in a movie with their fans Matt Dillon and Danny Glover, helped spring the Guilford Four and the Birmingham Six from British prisons, saved an Irish immigrant church from the wrecking ball. Anything else? Oh yeah, their CD IRAQ was the most popular with troops serving in Iraq, their song The Big Fella was featured for 3 minutes on Sons of Anarchy, they've played over 2500 gigs from pubs to stadiums and released 14 CDs, their songs are used in hundreds of high school and college history and political science courses, and they intend disbanding on Nov. 8th 2014, exactly 25 years after their first gig in The Bronx. Led by Irish author,

playwright, and SiriusXM radio host, Larry Kirwan, Black 47 play a uniquely Irish form of rock 'n' roll that touches on many social and political issues, and yet is never less than entertaining and riveting. Black 47 earned their chops playing four sets a night in New York pubs. They gained national attention for their first indie record before The Cars' Ric Ocasek produced their second album, Fire of Freedom, which brought them mainstream attention with MTV favorites, Funky Ceili and Maria's Wedding. Through years of relentless touring the band's signature eclectic sound, socially conscious lyrics and exciting concerts paved the way for other Irish influenced bands such as Flogging Molly and The Dropkick Murphys. A band of band leaders, Black 47 includes Geoff Blythe (saxophones), Thomas Hamlin (drums), Fred Parcells (trombone/whistle), Joseph Mulvanerty (uilleann pipes/flutes/bodhran) & Joseph "Bearclaw" Burcaw (bass). This legendary Irish rock band has left a lasting legacy and they intend to go out with a bang.

**About Shilelagh Law:** As close as you can get to a raucous night of Irish music in NYC without taking the subway. Drinking songs, rebel songs, sing-alongs and two brand new original tracks not available anywhere else. New York and Irish music have a long and storied history together; a collision of two cultures that results in bedlam, beauty and a lot in between. Shilelagh Law embodies all that is New York Irish music: old songs, new songs, jigs, reels, dancing, weeping, lots of laughter, plenty of drinks and the inevitable visit to the local diner at 5am. By interpreting traditional Irish music through a filter of urban grittiness Shilelagh Law helps to define the Irish-American experience that is such a part of New York.

**About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:** Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing & International simulcasting from North America's leading harness and thoroughbred venues; nightly live entertainment; a plethora of dining options including Nonno's Trattoria, Empire Terrace Restaurant, the Big Kitchen International Food Court, Dan Rooney's Sports Pub, Pinch American Grill, and Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue in Yonkers, Westchester County (I-87 to Exit 2), open seven days a week from 9:00am to 4:00am. Visit [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com) or call 914.968.4200 for more information.

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