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Where to watch Irish bands perform on LI

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Members of the group "2U" , U2 cover band, pictured from left, Gene Marchello, Denis Perry, Joseph Cumia, Tim Hart. (Credit: 2U)

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Irish music for your St. Patrick's Day playlist

St. Patrick's Day is traditionally celebrated by raising a pint or chowin' down on some corned beef and cabbage. Why not shamrock it up by taking in a Celtic-flavored concert? Here are five shows that will help you kick-start your Irish pride.

1 BLACK 47

After 25 years of recording and touring, Black 47 is calling it quits. These hard-rockin' Irishmen, who spawned from Paddy Reilly's bar in Manhattan, are doing a farewell tour to support their new and final album, "Last Call," featuring Irish-themed songs like "Dublin Days,"

"Shanty Irish Baby" and "Ballad of Brendan Behan."

"There are no fights, differences over musical policy.... We just have a simple wish to finish up at the top of our game after 25 years of relentless touring and, as always, on our own terms," the band members said collectively in a statement.

Named after 1847, a year during Ireland's Great Famine, the band is known for its political lyrics, wild live shows and hits like "Funky Ceili," "James Connolly" and "The Big Fella."

WHEN|WHERE 8 p.m. Saturday, [YMCA Boulton Center](#) in Bay Shore

INFO \$35-\$40, 631-969-1101, [boultoncenter.org](#)

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2 DROPKICK MURPHYS

Every year the Dropkick Murphys do a special St. Patrick's Day tour that lasts a month and winds up in their hometown of Boston. They are best known for their song "I'm Shipping Up to Boston," which was featured in the 2006 Martin Scorsese film, "The Departed," and used as an anthem for the 2013 World Series champions -- the Boston Red Sox.

The show also features Lucero and Skinny Lister.

WHEN|WHERE 8 p.m. March 11, [The Paramount](#) in Huntington

INFO \$43-\$63.50, 631-673-7300, [paramountny.com](#)

3 2U

U2 is not currently on tour, but if you need a fix of Bono and The Edge, 2U is for you. This internationally touring tribute act mimics both the band's sound and look.

In addition to the hits, the band will reach into U2's catalog and pull out deep album tracks like "One Tree Hill" and "Red Hill Mining Town," along with U2's current singles, "Ordinary Love" and "Invisible."

"If you suspend disbelief for two hours and squint a little bit, you might think you're at a U2 concert," says guitarist Joe Cumia of Port Jefferson.

The band, which knows more than four hours of U2 material, even takes requests ([notU2.com](#)).

WHEN|WHERE 8 p.m. March 14, [The Emporium](#) in Patchogue

INFO \$10, 631-627-8787, [theemporiumny.com](#)

4 THE CELTIC TENORS

The Celtic Tenors play to a global audience annually, performing traditional tunes such as "Danny Boy" and "Nessun Dorma" with their signature operatic pop flair.

Originally started as the Three Irish Tenors, the band became the Celtic Tenors in 2000, when original member James Nelson was joined by Matthew "Gilly" Gilseman of North Meth, Ireland, and Daryl Simpson of Omagh, Northern Ireland.

This good-humored trio's most recent release, "Feels Like Home," features the original composition "I Know That You Care."

WHEN|WHERE 7:30 p.m. March 16, [The Paramount](#) in Huntington

INFO \$35-\$69.50, 631-673-7300, [paramountny.com](#)

5 SHARON CORR

Stepping out from her 45 million album-selling Irish family band, The Corrs, violinist-vocalist Sharon Corr goes solo. After touring Europe and Australia, she's coming to the United States in support of her second album, "The Same Sun."

Expect solo hits such as "Take a Minute" and "We Could Be Lovers" along with some Corrs favorites ("Radio," "So Young") and classic covers (Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams," Joni Mitchell's "Woodstock").

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