

Black "Fire" Back, Live

It sounds great and I feel certain that it will be a major addition to your Black 47 collection," says Larry Kirwan of the new live CD from his band. The disc is called *On Fire* and will be released on Gadfly Records (www.gadflyrecords.com).

Fans of Black 47 may have to wait another week or so for the CD's release to stores, however. Distribution of the record has been disrupted by the tragic events of the terrorist bombings. If you can't wait, and I suggest that you don't, you can log onto www.black47.com to get a listing of websites and companies selling the disc.

The collection includes "Rockin' the Bronx," "Fire of Freedom," "Big Fella," "Bobby Sands MP," and "I Got Laid on James Joyce's Grave," as well as the ultra-rare "Our Lady of the Bronx." A studio version appeared on an EMI EP in '92 but never appeared on a Black 47 album.

While the collection may be a decent memento of a night out with the lads, it is no substitute for seeing the band live. They have a series of dates booked in support of the album, and will be performing a number of benefits in support of the World Trade Center bombing victims. They will appear at a gig in support of the Independence Com-

munity Foundation's 9/11 Fund on October 20 at Brooklyn Brewery. There is a \$50 admission, with 100 percent of proceeds to be donated to the Fund. Admission includes beer, food and music from Black 47, 5 Chinese Brothers and Dem Brooklyn Burns.

The bands and brewery workers are volunteering their time for this event, and the brewery is donating food and beer. Space is limited, so reserve early by calling 718-486-7422.

"At the worst of times, the human spirit rises to new heights," Kirwan said of the WTC bombing. "One of the nice things about being in New York City in the last three weeks has been the warmth of people to one another—an openness and a willingness to share heartaches and joys, a realization that life is fragile and one must live every moment to its fullest." Here's a listing of upcoming dates:

10/19 Fairfield University, Quick Center. Oct. 20 Brooklyn Brewery, 79 N. 11th St. (between Berry & White). 10/20 Connolly's, 14 E. 47th St. NY. 10/25 House of Blues, Chicago. 10/27 Connolly's. 10/28 Richmond Highland area Celtic Festival, Richmond, VA. 11/9 The Black Cat, Washington DC. 11/10 Connolly's.