Blassards

STOUT IRISH ROCK



"Flogging Molly with six-shooters and a bottle"

- Frank de Blase, Rochester City Newspaper

Blaggards (no "the", pronounced BLA' GUARDS or BLA' GHERDS, depending on where you're from) formed July 2004 in Houston, Texas.

We play what we call Stout Irish Rock, traditional Irish music mixed with rock n' roll, informed by everything from Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley to Thin Lizzy and Black Sabbath. We are most frequently compared to bands like Flogging Molly, Dropkick Murphys, and the Pogues.

Blaggards are lead vocalist and guitarist Patrick Devlin (from Dublin, Ireland, bassist/vocalist Chad Smalley and drummer Michael McAloon.

We maintain a rigorous schedule, playing constantly throughout Texas and touring nationally several times a year, plus an annual tour of Ireland.

"Drunken Sailor" and "Big Strong Man" from our first CD, *Standards*, were both featured in episode 86 of the CBS series *The Good Wife*, aired on March 24, 2013.

"Big Strong Man" also appears in the British film *The Kid*, directed by Nick Moran and based on the best-selling book by Kevin Lewis.



"One of the Top Ten Shows of the 2010 Rochester Jazz Festival" - Jack Garner, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle

"H-town's heir to the emerald throne of Phil Lynott and Shane MacGowan"

- Houston Press

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