

# JASPER COAL

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### **Homegrown Celtic Folk-rockers Release Third Studio Album "Drowning the Shamrock"**

*Birmingham, Alabama - August 30, 2013* - Birmingham-based Celtic folk-punk band Jasper Coal announces the September 14th release of their highly anticipated third studio album *Drowning the Shamrock*. This is the band's first new release since *1000 Feet Closer to Hell* was released in 2010. Unlike *1000 Feet* and their first album *Immigrant Child*, the sextet bring more varied instrumentation to this album, providing greater depth to the anthemic Celtic-themed music they perform.

More an event than a show, Jasper Coal's unique fusion of folk-punk and Celtic music draws influence from popular Celtic punk rock artists such as The Pogues, Dropkick Murphys, and Flogging Molly to more traditional artists from Ireland and Scotland such as the Tannahill Weavers, Planxty, and The Bothy Band. But the band's talented musicians allow them to occupy an exclusive niche. Jasper Coal confidently blurs the boundaries between the modern and the traditional, transitioning comfortably between musical subgenres. They seamlessly blend the raw, uninhibited aggression of the folk-punk genre with authentic yet explosive renditions of traditional Celtic tunes.

Among the band's favorite tracks from the album, "Crooked Jack" is a reinvention of the song by Dominic Behan about Irish hydroelectric dam workers. The track is full of rich melody and harmony on fiddle, bagpipes, and whistle providing a perfect canvas for the urgent vocals of leadman Matt Parrish. "The Foggy Dew," written in the 1920's to chronicle the Easter Rising in Ireland, begins tentatively with only guitar and vocals and builds to an undeniably dramatic frenzy by the last two verses that will stir the blood.

Jasper Coal will be hosting a CD Release Party and Show 9pm September 14th at Stillwater Pub, located at 2109 7th Avenue South in Birmingham, Alabama. Performing in support will be the Ian Sturrock Memorial Pipe Band, a bagpipe and drum band also based in Birmingham. Further shows in support of the new album are planned for the remainder of 2013 and early 2014. To promote the album, Jasper Coal will be interviewed by Tre Brannum of Bham Rocks, an internet-based radio station that spotlights Alabama artists, providing interviews, reviews, and music news.

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