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# Greensky Bluegrass embraces acceptance by Detroit music scene

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Detroiters aren't known for their bluegrass roots.

The music scene in this area was built on the backs of guys like Iggy Pop, Bob Seger and, most recently, Eminem.

Gritty, blue-collar rock and unapologetic hip-hop are what shakes the speakers here, not banjos and dobros.

So, initially, it's hard to explain the success of Greensky Bluegrass, a west Michigan band that seems to be on the marquee of Ferndale's Magic Bag every couple months or so.

However, Detroit's adoption of the band, which will be back at the Magic Bag on Saturday, April 30, with support from Northern Lights, isn't shocking to its dobro player, Anders Beck.

"We're kind of like a cross between Bob Seger and Eminem," he said.

While the band won't be doing any covers off of the "8-Mile" soundtrack, Beck said that even though the band's name includes the word "Bluegrass," it's more than that.

"What we do has kind of been embraced as Michigan music," he said. "We play bluegrass instruments, but we play a lot of folk, rock and roll and singer/songwriter stuff. We play all types of music."

Ferndale will be the last tour stop for Greensky Bluegrass before the band gets a few days off before starting a tour of festival appearances.

And Beck said the band is looking at the Magic Bag show as a homecoming of sorts.

"Michigan is where our band is from," he said. "We play all over the country and its like people who have left Michigan and moved to other places come to our shows. It's like a reunion for us. But Saturday we actually get to come home. And we're really excited."

Ferndale has become one of the band's favorite stops, and Beck said it was an unexpected love affair.

"We actually kind of stayed away from the Detroit area, and it was mostly by accident," he said. "We were always just playing at other places."

However, in the summer of 2009, the band played a show at the Magic Bag, and the band fell in love with the venue.

"It's a great sounding room," he said. "It's so much fun to play. And the fans are amazing. Anyone who says Detroit doesn't like this kind of music needs to tell that to the folks who have been to the last few shows. The fans have been great."

Greensky Bluegrass performs at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale on Saturday, April 30. Tickets \$12 and doors open at 8 p.m. Visit [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

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