JIMMY RYAN

"Jimmy Ryan puts the 'man' in mandolin."
— Pure Music

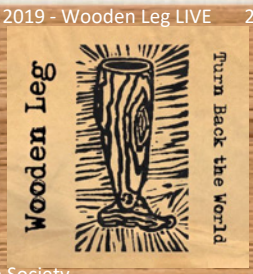
"Jimmy Ryan is one of those names woven into the fabric of Americana music. ...His contributions are considerable."
— No Depression magazine

"It's hard to make a mandolin rock. Well, it's hard for most players to make a mandolin rock. ... (But) 'Readville,' the latest from the local mandolin master, is a hootin', hollerin' romp." — Boston Herald

1996/2021 - Wooden Leg (Reissue)

2020 – The Nocturnal Adoration Society

2019 - Wooden Leg LIVE



2019 – Jimmy Ryan "Brave Brave Gun"

For those who like their pigeonholes neat and tidy, Jimmy Ryan is an unsettling proposition. He plays mandolin with the old-timey pluck of a bluegrass breakdown, but he also plays it with the ferocity of rock guitarist. What else would you expect of a left-handed rebel who began his career by playing both in a bluegrass combo (Pine Island) and a punk band (Decentz)?

That melding of styles made Ryan a pioneer of the so-called "alt-country" scene in the late '80s when he founded and fronted the bluegrass-tinged rock band The Blood Oranges. And the same eclectic approach makes him one of the most dynamic singer-songwriters on the rich Boston Americana scene today.

Current Bands:

Wooden Leg

Jimmy Ryan & Hayride

The Nocturnal Adoration Society

Notable Affiliations:

Sarah Borges

Laura Cantrell

Susan Cattaneo

Catie Curtis

Cheri Knight

Tanya Donelly

Girls, Guns, and Glory

Hayseed

Morphine / Mark Sandman

Brooks Williams

Session Americana

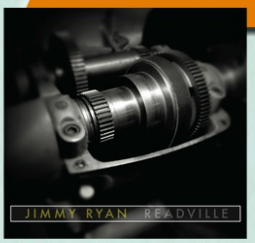
Warren Zevon

What do you get when you combine a crooning bluegrass mandolin master, a veteran bassist, a fiddler who plays through fuzz boxes and wah-wah pedals, sounding more like Jimi Hendrix than Papa John Creach, and a big band swing drummer who inexplicably feels moved to pound the skins harder than John Bonham on a bender? Do you call it country, folk, bluegrass, rock 'n' roll, or maybe just a freak of nature?

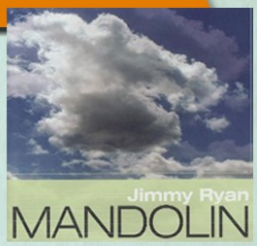
Just call it Wooden Leg, and give the group room to do its thing. It's much safer that way."

-David Wildman, Boston Globe

DISCOGRAPHY



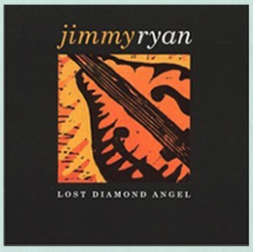
2013 — Jimmy Ryan *"Readville"*



2009 — Jimmy Ryan *"Mandolin"*

2007 — Jimmy Ryan & Hayride, *"Fun With Music"*

2005 — Jimmy Ryan & Hayride, *"Gospel Shirt"*



2002 — Jimmy & Hayride *"Lost Diamond Angel"*

1994— Blood Oranges *"The Crying Tree"*

1992— Blood Oranges *"Lone Green Valley"*

1990— Blood Oranges *"Corn River"*

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