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Concert recap: Brian Fallon's concert marathon at NJ's Crossroads

Last week, Brian Fallon of [The Gaslight Anthem](#) played a mini concert marathon at Garwood, NJ venue [Crossroads](#), seemingly continuing a tradition of scheduling holiday-timed shows at the venue (he also played a trio of shows last December). Though most of the public thought he was just playing Thursday-Saturday (December 3rd-5th), a last minute fourth show was privately announced to people who were shut out of the original three shows that had gone on sale a few months ago. They were placed on a waiting list in case tickets opened up closer to the shows and were contacted directly that the show would be happening. But for the rest of the public, Thursday to Saturday were the days to look forward to seeing Fallon play material from his side projects, 2011's [The Horrible Crowes](#) and 2013/2014's [Molly And The Zombies](#), as well as new songs from his upcoming record "Painkillers."

After opening sets from [Matthew Ryan](#) and [Jared Hart](#) (who performed each of the three nights, with [Rocky Catanese](#) in place of Ryan at the waiting list/"secret" show), Fallon took the stage with his Gaslight Anthem bandmates Ian Perkins (also his partner in The Horrible Crowes) and Alex Rosamilia. Diehard fans in the crowd sang along to all the songs, even to new tunes "Honey Magnolia"

and "Steve McQueen". Up to this point, the two songs had only been heard via YouTube uploads of the trio's performance at the legendary Newport Folk Festival over the Summer. Fallon also treated the crowd to another new song, "Low Love", as well as covers of the Kinks and Neil Young. Those following the singer's every move also most likely know that today the Wall Street Journal [Speakeasy blog](#) posted yet another tune off "Painkillers" for them to hear, titled "A Wonderful Life". Known for his romantic lyrics and melodies, Fallon stated on stage that his friends were surprised to know he would have some rockers on the new record, which "A Wonderful Life" is a good example of. Based off these four songs Fallon has shared so far, people who have stuck with him through his past musical experiments will no doubt enjoy his future offering, due March 11, 2016.

Brian Fallon will be playing January 19th at the Studio in Webster Hall. That show is sold out, but you can also try for tickets for his shows in the area on January 8th at the Bearsville Theater in Woodstock, NY or January 9th at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, CT, where he will play with a full band. Tickets are on sale now (links can be found [here](#) on Fallon's Tumblr page).

Check out my photos from the most recent Crossroads shows [here](#)!