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Up the Downstairs, one of the many bands which will be featured on the forthcoming compilation from Xeric records.

Local groups chance to hit the big time

THE CREAM of Limerick's musical talent will soon be featured in a compilation album from a local recording studio here in the city.

The album, the first of its kind recorded here in this region, will be a must for all music lovers and will be a showcase for local bands and artists.

Thirteen Limerick bands and one from Ennis will be featured on the album, which, at the moment is being recorded at the Edward Street studios. Among those featured will be The O'Malley's; Toucandance, Up the Downstairs and the Hitchers.

All music tastes will be catered for, according to a spokesperson for the Studios.

The compilation album project has been welcomed by local artists, providing as it does an opportunity to record at a very competitive rate.

Studios

The bands receive one day's recording time with full use of all studio facilities in Xeric's 24 track studio and, if necessary, three hours extra mixing; cutting and pressing of the album; full colour album sleeve; design and layout of sleeve and posters; 500 large size

colour promotional posters; 1,000 smaller type colour posters; two weeks advertising on 2FM and studio expenses.

Any band wishing to make their own DAT Master can also do so for a small extra cost.

It is also expected that a number of bands will record singles from the album.

The proceeds from the sales of the records will be distributed evenly between the bands.

This compilation album is expected to be in the shops within the coming months.

Work starts on Limerick's new employment exchange

WORK ON the new Employment Exchange at Upper Cecil Street, on the site of the old Matternons factory has now commenced.

And though long overdue, the development was welcomed this week by Limerick deputy, Jim Kemmy.

"For too long people have been forced to use and work in the old Victorian premises.

"Staff and the general public are particularly pleased that work has started. It is long overdue," said

sent.

"I hope that some provision will be made to enable people to carry out their business in private.

"At the moment there is absolutely no privacy for people using the Centre. People have to conduct their business in full view and earshot of everyone," he said.

Deputy Kemmy also expressed the hope that with the opening of the Exchange, payments of benefits would now be made from Limerick.

When the new Exchange is opened, I hope that a whole decentralisation of the system will take place.

"Limerick should be the centre for the Mid-West region."

Having such a centre here the deputy said would help to eliminate delays in the system.

Deputy Kemmy said that he would be writing to the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Michael Woods on this issue.

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