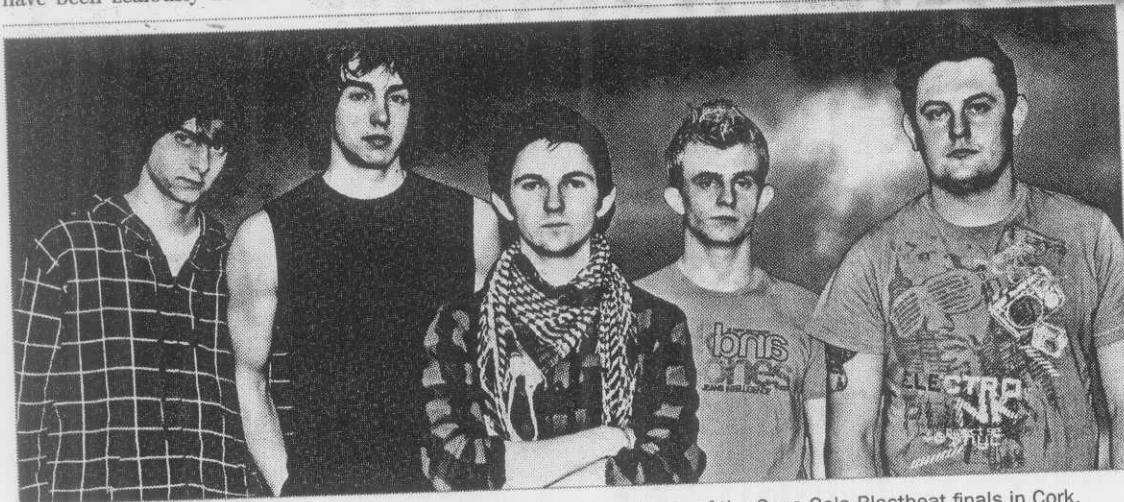


cate arrangements, they have been zealously hon-

Nick Carswell adorns his intimate surrounds of 2 Pery Square this Friday, April 3.

blues, plus a champagne



REGIONAL WINNERS: Limerick band Better Than You win regional finals of the Coca Cola Blastbeat finals in Cork.

Local outfit do the City proud in Cork

BUDDING young Limerick band Better Than You were announced winners of the regional finals of the Coca Cola Blastbeat finals in Cork at the weekend.

Comprised of Conor Ryan (vocals), Mike Hogan (guitars), Alan Keary (bass), Myles O'Callaghan (drums/vocals) and David Collins (keyboards/vocals), the five-piece hit

the Limerick scene with a bang over the last 12 months with their thrilling blend of catchy melodies, dirty guitars and pulsating rhythms.

Better Than You, all secondary school students, have shared the stage with multi-platinum selling outfit The Blizzards as well as playing in front of over 2,000 people at the

sensational Cois Faraige festival in Kilkee last summer. This up and coming Limerick band were also a huge hit at this year's St Patrick's Day parade where they performed on the CentreStage Theatre School float.

After recently winning the Limerick heat of the Coca Cola Blastbeat heat in Limerick, the talented

outfit were chosen as overall winners of the regional finals in Cork at the weekend. Competing against eight of the region's best new bands, Better Than You, came out on top to secure a place in the national finals in Dublin next month.

For more information log onto www.bebo.com/betterthanyou2008

UL Drama Society to host festival

UL Drama Society host the sixty first annual Irish Student Drama Association Festival from April 5 to 12.

The theme of this year's event is 'Bringing Art to Life' and features

20 productions at four different venues.

LIT Millennium Theatre, the Belltable, Mary I and UL, will all play host to visiting productions.

To close the event, the ISDA

Fringe Festival will run from 2pm on Easter Sunday at the University of Limerick.

Full details are available from www.isda.ie/festival.

Quarry Players at Belltable

QUARRY Players present 'Stolen Child' by Bairbre Ni Chaoimh and Yvonne Quinn at the Belltable from April 2 to 4.

The play tells the poignant and frequently humorous story of a woman's journey to find her natural mother.

With the aid of an unlikely detective, secrets of her past unfold and relationships are explored through the very different male characters in the play.

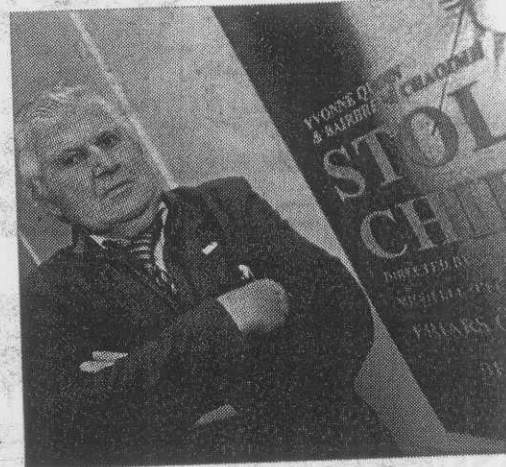
During this journey, her mother provides a vivid account of the events that shaped her life, living in hope that she may one day put her past behind her.

'Stolen Child' play harks

back to a past era and will entertain and grip audiences from its opening syllable to the final curtain. It runs at the Belltable, 36

Cecil Street from April to 4.

Tickets cost €15/13 are available for booking by calling 061-319866.



Jim Gibbons at the launch of Quarry Players new show

'Cinderella' comes to town

THE Lambert Puppet Theatre, the premier touring puppet theatre company in Ireland, present 'Cinderella' at the University Concert Hall this Saturday, April 4 at 3pm.

The puppet theatre company is also internationally renowned for its many fine productions in theatres throughout America and Europe. From its earliest beginning the Lambert family has been involved



with RTE TV, working on the hugely popular series

'Wanderly Wagon' featuring Eugene Lambe Judge. Paula Lambe the 'Bosco' voice on 17 years and indeed is still a firm favourite of the younger children!

The Lambert Theatre presents 'Cinderella' on Saturday 4 at 3pm at University Concert Hall. Tickets €12.50 and are available for booking from the Office on 061-33151.