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A Brighter, Better, Cleaner Limerick!

Gold Student Competition



Some of the 125 young musicians and tutors, from 28 schools in Limerick City and County, who will take part in the Trad Time concert in the Lime Tree Theatre, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick on Saturday, May 7 at 8pm.

Trad Time musicians take to the stage

NORMA PRENDIVILLE

OVER 100 young musicians will be taking part in a gala concert in the Lime Tree Theatre on Saturday, May 17. And while the concert is primarily designed to showcase the musical talent of some 125 young people, it will also help raise funds for St Ita's Hospital in Newcastle West and St Camillus's in Limerick.

The concert is being run by Trad Time, the Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Schools outreach programme, in association with Limerick City of Culture and the Cathaoirleach of Limerick

County Council, John Sheahan. The event will also see the launch of the outreach programme's new brand name Trad Time.

Trad Time is an initiative that promotes the teaching and understanding of traditional Irish music, song and dance in primary schools around the country and has been up and running for the past two years. It now has a base in some 80 schools nationwide.

But the take-up in schools in Limerick city and county has been exceptional and some 28 schools are now signed up.

This involves young tutors

coming into the schools to teach the children traditional music, singing and dance.

The results will be there for all to hear at the Lime Tree on May 17 where a feast of entertainment is promised. Joining the young musicians will be some of the finest musicians and tutors employed by Trad Time who will also perform on the night.

Tickets for the concert cost €15 but a booking fee of €1 applies for on-line booking www.limetreetheatre.ie/ The Lime Tree Theatre is located in Mary Immaculate College. The concert begins at 8pm.



Damien's solo album

IT'S a big week for local musician Damien Drea, who releases his debut solo album *Bravest Of All* on Friday.

Recording under the moniker of dREA, the former Vesta Varro frontman marks the release with a pop-up gig this Friday in HMV in the Crescent, followed later that evening with a release party and acoustic gig in the Red Hen on Patrick Street.

Damien will also play in Cobblestone Joe's on May 16.

See soundcloud.com/dreaofficial.

Kathleen to release EP

SONGSTRESS Kathleen Turner launches her debut EP at a gig in Dolan's Warehouse this Saturday.

Backed by a powerful 10-voice ensemble, EVE, Turner will be joined by a host of trad and jazz musicians at the gig this Saturday, as well as the ICO's own Diane Daly. Patrick O'Brien is on support duties for Saturday's gig.

Carswell & Hope seek funding for Irish tour

ALAN OWENS

LIMERICK is twinning with the American Mid-West in a new collaboration for local musician Nick Carswell.

The Limerick multi-instrumentalist has teamed up with three top notch US musicians in his adopted home for the last three years of Kansas, forming Carswell & Hope, who are gearing up to release debut album titled *A Hunger*.

The quartet will tour Ireland in late July, with gigs in Dolan's Warehouse and the Greyhound Bar in Kilkee on an exciting agenda.

Nick tells us: "I'm very

excited to get back and play a tour, especially our big show in Dolan's.

"The biggest part for me is getting to bring my US bandmates back home, to meet everyone and see some of the great pubs, venues and scenery, from Clonakilty to Kilkee.

"It's that old thing of seeing your familiar and favourite places through the eyes of a visitor. The Carswell & Hope boys won't believe how amazing my home town and the West of Ireland is."

We have heard an early cut of the new record, which is due for release later this

month, and can confirm that it builds on the beautiful, melody-driven tunes that were prevalent on Carswell's debut *The Word*, recorded with the Elective Orchestra and released in 2011.

Beefed up with the expert musicianship of Jason Slote, Austin Quick and Dan Hines and Carswell's superb songsmith abilities, *A Hunger* combines vintage rock, big harmonies and carefully crafted textures. Watch this space.

The band are fundraising for the Irish tour, with the new album available at a bargain price. See www.carswellandhope.com.



Nick Carswell returns to Irish shores and the music scene with his new Irish-American line-up, Carswell & Hope, featuring Jason Slote, Dan Hines and Austin Quick, who are gearing up to release debut album *A Hunger* over the coming weeks

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"HE HAS THE VOCABULARY OF A POET, THE SOUL OF A MAVERICK & THE PASSION OF AN EVANGELIST." CHORTLE



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