

ESCAPADE
Smyth's Bar, 9pm

LENNY
Mickey Martin's, 9pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

GORILLA RADIO
Smyth's Bar, 9pm

WE SHOT JR
Cobblestone Joe's, 9pm

PETER CURTIN
Mickey Martin's, 9pm

ALAN O'SHEA
Old Quarter, 10pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

REELING IN THE SHOWBAND YEARS
UCH, 8pm, also Sunday. €30

TREES FALL DOWN
Cobblestone Joe's, 9pm

THANK FUNK
Smyth's Bar, 9pm

EGGZ
Mickey Martin's, 9pm

THE PROPHETS
Old Quarter, 10pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

THE LEMON SUCKERS
Cobblestone Joe's, 9pm

SEAMUS
Mickey Martins, 9pm

RENOVATOR
Smyth's Bar, 9pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

TRAFFIC
Smyth's Bar, 9pm

Alan Conal Gallen in play A Bit On The Side in the Lime Tree.

The Donegal man, known for his comic tunes such as Horse It Into Ya, Cynthia, has been appearing on stage as Mrs Bridie Murphy in the comedy play in theatres all over Ireland. By the time the run is finished, including a show in the Lime Tree Theatre next week, the play, which Gallen wrote with his son Rory, will have played 108 nights on the run.

The play, which tells the tale of a couple who have "fought the war of marriage for over 30 years", originated from a late night, post-gig conversation with Rory.

years, and he has been working with me for a lot of it and we were coming home one night from a gig somewhere, and he said to me, 'why don't we do a play?'

"Bridie and Willie are fed up with one another - some of this might ring true," he laughs.

"At two different stages they both see an opportunity for a bit of fun, a bit on the side, and it is the story of their attempts to make that happen with two younger people! Whether successful or not, I won't tell you."

A Bit On The Side is in the Lime Tree Theatre this Thursday, January 15 at 8pm.



THE LOWDOWN

COMEDIAN and singer Conal Gallen is at home on the stage, in whatever capacity. The Donegal man, known for his comic tunes such as Horse It Into Ya, Cynthia, has been appearing on stage as Mrs Bridie Murphy in comedy play A Bit On The Side for eight months. See www.limetreetheatre.ie for more details.

Arts

Virtuoso to perform at Ormston

Homebeat and Happenings Limerick have announced the first ever Irish performance by celebrated contemporary classical pianist Lubomyr Melnyk in the wonderful confines of Ormston House.

The 65-year-old virtuoso contemporary classical pianist, who is signed to Erased Tapes Records, will perform on January 22 in the Patrick Street gallery.

Melnyk's tory is one of an incredible and life-long commitment to his self-created style of playing which he terms 'Continuous Music'.

Support on the night comes from up and coming Limerick producer Nubus. Tickets €15 online or €20 on the door.

Making the Choice list is no easy feat for Limerick acts

THE enigma that is Aphex Twin - Richard D James - is, by our estimation, just the second act 'from Limerick' to make the Meteor Choice Prize list for album of the year.

It is not a well known fact, but James was born here, so qualifies for the list for Irish album of the year - for Syro - by dint of that fact.

After Windings - narrowly beaten in 2013 - James makes up just Limerick's second nominee for the prize, which will be announced at a live event in Vicar Street on March 5.

The other nominees are Delorentos, The Gloaming, Hozier - a red hot favourite - James Vincent McMorrow, Sinead O' Connor, Damien Rice, The Riptide Movement,



The enigma that is Aphex Twin - Richard D James, is nominated for the Choice Prize for Syro, album cover pictured above

U2 and We Cut Corners. There was no nod for MynameisJohn, God Knows and MuRli for Rusanga no/Family, our album of the year last year, which we expected to at least make the list. For more see www.choicemusicprize.com.

Music

No Surface Tension on this top EP

LIMERICK based rapper and producer MuRli, one third of the incredible MynameisJohn-God Knows set, releases new EP Surface Tension this week.

The 24-year-old MC, based in Limerick, but of Togolese descent, has been building his story-telling abilities and charismatic stage presence for some time and sets them free with the superb new EP, out this Tuesday.

There are seven tracks of wise words and creative story telling all bursting with character. The tracks feature beats by mynameisJohn and Naïve Ted and vocals from God Knows and Guide. See murli.bandcamp.com.