

## CHRONICLE BRIEFS

### Walk

FIT4LIFE walk or jog takes place at the University of Limerick Sports Arena this Tuesday evening at 7.30. Warm up at 7.15pm.

### Support Group

A WOMEN'S Cancer Support Group meeting takes place at the Regional Hospital's Cancer Information and Support Centre this Wednesday at 5pm.

### AGM

THE Limerick branch of the Alzheimer Society hold their AGM at the Daycare Centre, Kilmurphy Court, Garryowen on February 28 at 8pm. All are welcome.

### Public meeting

LIMERICK Philosophical Society will hold a public meeting in Room G37 of Mary Immaculate College at 8pm this Thursday. Guest speaker Tony Cunningham will speak on Modern Honour.

### Joan at UCH

SINGING star Joan Armatrading will perform at UCH on Wednesday March 28. Armatrading was nominated twice as Best Female Vocalist for the Brit Awards and also nominated twice for the American Grammy Award for Best Female Vocalist.

### Road closure

LITTLE Catherine Street, from its junction with William Street and Thomas Street will be closed from this week until May 5 next to allow for the city's Streetscape Renewal Works.

### Back to Front

COMEDIAN Jon Kenny brings his new show to UCH on Friday March 2 next. Tickets for Back to Front are available from the UCH Box Office on 061-331549.

### Adult acting

CENTRESTAGE Theatre School are inviting applications for their Adult Acting and Musical Theatre Summer School. For more information call 061-302220.

### Fresh Film

LIMERICK'S premiere film awards, Fresh Film Festival kicks off on Saturday March 3 next and will feature screenings of films made by young filmmakers. To book call Fresh Film Festival on 061-319555 or log onto [www.freshfilmfestival.net](http://www.freshfilmfestival.net)

# Colourful circus set to roll into Limerick

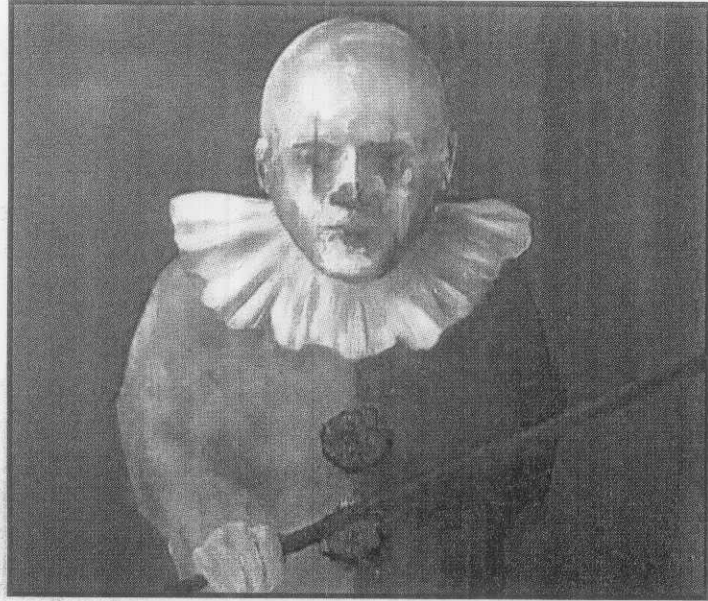
By CLODAGH O'LEARY

A VIBRANT, provocative and colourful circus is set to roll into town next month, and everyone is invited.

Local artist John Collins' new exhibition Kearney's Circus opens on March 1 next, and will, according to the artist, provide a cynical and humorous take on the lives of circus folk from mysterious ringmasters' apprentices to eerie clowns.

Mr Collins has spent the last two years creating oil paintings for the exhibition, which will be launched on March 1.

"For the collection, I have used red as the primary colour. This collection is all about colour and vibrancy. The works have a cynical hint of humour, with a sombre undercurrent. Both are never far from the



John Collins's Backstage

surface," the artist said.

"This is a thought provoking production as it introduces a whole new assortment of characters and scenes from a surreal

circus experience. Kearney's Circus is not an actual event, rather a state of mind," said Mr Collins, adding that the creation of these

colourful and emotive paintings led him to embark on a personal voyage.

"I created 40 paintings in total for this collection,

but chose 20 for the exhibition," he explained.

Mr Collins is a much sought after talent these days with recent works purchased for private collections throughout Ireland, England and France.

"Things are going very well for me at the moment and I am proud to be a Limerick artist, putting on exhibitions in my native city," Mr Collins said.

Kearney's Circus will

be opened by celebrated Limerick artist John Shinnors at Normoyle Frawley Gallery on John Street at 8pm on March 1 next.

The exhibition is free to the public and will run until March 22. The gallery is open from 10am to 6 pm Tuesday to Saturday inclusive.

For more information, call the Normoyle Frawley gallery on 061-315401 or log onto at [www.nfgallery.com](http://www.nfgallery.com)



... and the Ringmaster's Apprentice



The King of the Ring

# SALE

## FINAL REDUCTIONS

## GENUINE BARGAINS

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# LEAVYS

## SHOES

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15 WILLIAM STREET, LIMERICK