

TOP ACTS FOR NEW ROYAL THEATRE

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK'S Royal Cinema is being restored to its former glory, and is to re-open as a 550-seat Theatre, next month.

Two local businessmen have devoted themselves to reopening what was originally the Athenaeum.

A team of workers are putting the finishing touches to

the theatre, which will retain all its old character.

Interior

The interior has been stripped down and, inside the next few days, will be entirely re-painted and refurbished, with plush new seating due to be installed, as well as fire proof carpets.

New dressing rooms are being built and every inch of available space under the stage

is being utilised. The entrance and foyer are also to be given a new look, without interfering with the general structure of the building.

The owners prefer not to be identified.

"We are not in this for any self-satisfaction or publicity for ourselves — we just want to provide Limerick with a suitable place of entertainment and we are hopeful the public will appreciate our effort", said one of them.

Neither was he prepared to disclose the costings, which are being met entirely by the new owners.

The Royal is fast taking shape and its re-opening is eagerly awaited.

At the moment the joint owners are in the process of formulating a programme of events.

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Maura Holliday presenting a cheque for £700 to Jim Kennedy, west region officer, I.S.P.C.C., the proceeds from a sponsored walk by Todds staff, in response to a nationwide appeal by the I.S.P.C.C. Also included are, from left, Val Holmes, Eileen Burke, Tessy Sheehan and Joan Ryan.

COMPENSATION FOR TOURISTS

By ALAN ENGLISH

SHANNON DEVELOPMENT has rallied to the rescue of the young Italian tourists whose car was vandalised in Limerick, this week.

The three have been offered a luxurious night's stay at Dromoland Castle, a banquet at Bunratty Castle, the use of a replacement car, and Shannon Heritage Trail tickets, enabling them to visit the region's 10 top attractions free of charge.

The Italians — journalist Pietro Colagiovanni (23), and students Mauri-

this Wednesday, after the Limerick Leader had informed the company of their plight.

They are currently enjoying their stay with Ennis Road guesthouse owner

Mrs Mary Collins, who has been helping them to get their car repaired.

Shannon Development has also contacted a local windscreen repair firm that stocks the specialist Triumph Acclaim side win-

dow, it seems likely that the window will be fitted tomorrow.

"We are going to be doing all we can to see them through this, and we

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ng cycling enthusiast in the Peoples' Park.

Holiday weekend films on RTE

Bill: On His Own. 9.15-11.00 p.m.

A sequel to last night's drama. The Morrises move away, leaving Bill Sackter to fend for himself as he learns to read and write as well as discovering his religious heritage and running a small canteen at the same time — until a fire puts him out of business.

NETWORK 2

Film on 2: 7.30-9.10 p.m.

Wonder Man. Danny Kaye at his best in this musical as a mild mannered student persuaded by the ghost of his twin — a night club entertainer — to pose as him and avenge his murder. The result is a mixture of music, gangster drama and Danny Kaye's inimitable tomfoolery.

The Sunday Game. 9.40-11.00 p.m.

Action from today's All-Ireland Hurling Semi-finals at Croke Park. Introduced by Michael Lyster with Anne Cassin. Commentators: Ger Canning and Marty Morrissey.

Monday

RTE 1

Bank Holiday Movie. 7.15-9.20 p.m.

Starman. Shot down out of the heavens, and hotly pursued by government agents, an innocent extraterrestrial arrives at the Wisconsin cabin of a distraught young widow and persuades her to take him all the way to Arizona and safety — leaving her with the most precious gift. Starring: Jeff Bridges and Karen Allen.

Completely Pogues. 10.30-11.30 p.m.

Music and interviews from this Irish band filmed in performance at the Town and Country Club in London.

cleaners. Starring: Leonard Rossiter and Richard Beckinsale.

The Blood Is Strong. 9.30-10.30 p.m.

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day dawn," he stated.

It is planned to attract top acts. The stage is ideal for professional and amateur theatrical productions. Since one of the backers had an association with the RTE Symphony Orchestra, there is likely to be an emphasis on classical music. It is also seen as an ideal venue for pop and other concerts.

Much interest has been expressed in the reopening of this famous landmark and the owners are confident that they will be able to maintain it on an all year-round basis.

With over 500 seats it should prove a most viable proposition, especially for visiting groups.

The Royal closed as a cinema about five years ago.

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charter authorising self government for the city.

"Our urban fabric has suffered some decline, over the years, but we are now very proud of the concentrated programme of urban renewal currently being pursued," said Ald. O'Driscoll.

He said that the designated area programme has attracted some £50 million pounds worth of investment, over the past three years.

"We are all pleased that amongst the important developments under this programme is the construction of the New City Hall on the site of the original settlement of Limerick on King's Island," he said.

Order

Martin Hogan, 5 Rose Court, Keyes Park, Limerick, was sentenced at Limerick District Court to three months imprisonment for contravening a barring order issued last February.

Audiences

Sive, as Keane's first play, has delighted audiences around the country for many years.

Island's innovative production is the first professional production to be



Newly weds, Paul and Karen Kennedy displaying some won in the Moyross Summer Festival at the Gr

