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Three Music Generation Limerick City programmes re-starting at the end of this month, with a limited number of places available.

Micro Musos (Junior & Senior Infants)

These sessions for Junior and Senior Infants introduce your child to the building blocks of music-making in a fun way, through listening, rhythm games, storytelling and movement.

The programme is now in its 7th year, run by ICO musician Diane Daly. It sets children up for a lifetime of making music, whether learning an instrument, joining a singing group or whatever musical path they choose.

Saturday's 2.30-3.15 at the ICO Studio, UL

Limerick Children's Choir (1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Class)

LCC is now one year old but has already performed at a range of concerts, festivals and events.

The group has two parts – the piccolo penguins (1st and 2nd Class) and the Children's Choir (3rd and 4th Class).

The emphasis is on fun and singing songs that resonate with the children with elements of dance and drama to spice the sessions up.

Already the LCC has been invited to star in a number of fun events later in the year.

Saturday's 2.30-3.15 at the ICO Studio, UL

Band Explosion (teens)

Band Explosion is MGLC's groundbreaking mentoring programme for teenage musicians. Bands are formed, tutored, promoted and given gig and recording opportunities. Sessions take place 12-3pm on Saturdays at the.

If you are a teen who can play and bit and wants to take it to the next level of bands and gigs

Saturday's 12-3pm at the Limerick Learning Hub Studios.

For more information on any of the above programmes email noreen.hogan@lccetb.ie or send a message to our Facebook page.



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FESTIVAL

Andy Irvine celebrates the International Brigade

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MUSICIAN/ singer/ songwriter Andy Irvine will play in Limerick this weekend as part of the City of Culture festival. He will bring his exciting new fusion of Irish and World Music and an impressive repertoire of Irish traditional songs to a performance that is the centrepiece of this weekend's festival, 'Even the Olives were Bleeding'

'Even the Olives were Bleeding' celebrates the six Limerick men who travelled to Spain as part of the international Brigade to fight for the Second Spanish Republic.

The organisers explain that, "These International Brigades were military units made up of volunteers from different countries who fought in the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939."

Ireland was one of many countries who came to the aid of the Republicans in Spain. Limerick will now be on the list of international cities that has a memorial erected in memory of this sacrifice. The evocative title 'Even the Olives were Bleeding' is taken from the famous last words of Irish poet Charlie Donnelly as he was dying under an olive tree at Jarama in February 1937.

"This festival will be a celebration focusing on the olive branch as the international symbol of peace," say organisers. The festival hopes to shine a light on the cultural and political climate in Ireland in 1936-1939 and the reasons that led to six Limerick men's impetuous journey to war torn Spain.

This weekend expect film screenings, historical walking tours, cultural and poetry workshops, seminars, traditional music sessions and of course Andy Irvine in concert.

Irvine in over 40 years in music has travelled



the world with bands such as Sweeney's Men, Patrick Street, Planxty and more recently, Mozaik

He began touring as a musician in 1965 with Sweeney's Men leaving the band to travel through Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia,

studying their music traditions and styles. It was from here that Andy adopted the bouzouki into his performance and forged his own style of Gaelic/ Balkan influenced sounds.

He formed Irish music legends Planxty with fellow musicians Christy Moore, Donal Lunny and Liam O'Flynn. Planxty were at the forefront of igniting the popularity traditional music again in the 1970s. His work with Paul Brady produced the seminal 'Andy Irvine and Paul Brady' album in 1976.

He is a patron of the festival and insists that organiser Geri McCloskey - PRO) is the one who should get all the praise for getting 'Even The Olives Are Bleeding' organised in Limerick when Limerick Post contacted the musician this week.

Andy was just at the end of a very rare two weeks off. We wondered if a musician can ever really separate himself from music for that long. He laughs, "I'm just looking around this room at all the instruments that are hot from my fingers at the moment. I'm afraid that there is no peace from that at all. I'm always practising, every morning I do three hours. Like an athlete, if you give up running for a few weeks you are not going to be very good at it when you get back on the track."

At the young age of 72, Andy is still an elite athlete in music and continues to tour the world with his new band Mozaik as well as Patrick Street.

'Even the Olives were Bleeding' runs at various venues at the Strand Hotel, the Mechanics Institute and City Hall from Friday September 12 to Sunday 14.

Andy Irvine with support from Peter O'Malley performs at 69 O'Connell Street on Saturday September 13. Andy Irvine and Donal Lunny's Mozaik play Dolan's on Friday October 10.

MUSIC

Dolores Keane back on stage



AFTER bravely battling cancer and alcoholism, and courageously talking frankly on TV about coming back from the brink, singing star Dolores Keane is embarking on a comeback concert tour, determined that the fans will experience her singing at its best.

The steely determination that has seen the

Galway singer defeat the demons in her personal life has again fired her with enthusiasm for her upcoming live performances with a band of carefully hand-picked top musicians and support act Folk star Don Stiffe. The hit TV documentary 'A Storm in My Heart', about the demons that she has been battling, was a massive success on RTE and fuelled her desire for the 11 date Irish tour which kicked off in Dublin's Olympia Theatre back in June.

Dolores says, "Now things are different and when I wake up the next morning I realise I am not doing the drinking anymore. Getting back on tour with a band of great musicians is almost like starting all afresh again."

As she said on 'The Late Late Show', Dolores is so determined to give the fans her very best on this tour that she has been working with a voice coach to ensure that her voice will be in pristine condition for singing her classic songs.

"The medical treatments [chemotherapy and radium] have had an impact. This was noticeable when I lost my hair and as it also impacted on my vocal cords I have been working with a voice coach in advance of the tour to ensure everything is OK."

Dolores Keane will perform at University Concert Hall, Limerick on Thursday September 18.

FESTIVAL LAUNCH

DJ Jon 1st launches Prima Volta Music

DJ Jon1st makes a welcomed return to Limerick to help launch the Prima Volta Music Festival this Friday night at The Kasbah Social Club. Prima Volta is a three-day music festival which takes place on the first weekend of October. In association with City Of Culture it will feature some of the most exciting acts and labels from around the world. Events will be held at a number of locations around the city, with film screenings, performances and a dose of healthy good vibrations.

The blurb tells us, "Jon1st could be best described as a 'DJ's DJ': a selector able to simultaneously capture a crowd with his upbeat selection of tracks crossing numerous tempos and styles across the alternative bass music spectrum while incorporating technical skills developed in his background as a World-DMC-title-winning-turntablist without breaking the flow of his mixes."

If that sounds like your bag of vinyl then Jon1st plays Kasbah Social Club this Friday September 12 with support from local DJ's Greaney and Teddy.

