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LATEST NEWS FROM THE MUSIC GENERATION CREATIVE CENTRE

SUMMER CARNIVAL – MUSIC CAMP FOR 7-12 YRS

A FEW places remain for Summer Carnival, which will run July 4-9 at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance. An incredible team of professional musicians, singers, actors, dancers and puppeteers runs this creative camp, with a unique ratio of one artist for every five children.

Every day is 10am-3pm, with a show on the Friday afternoon entirely devised, written and produced by the children.

To reserve a place or find out more, email noreen.hogan@lctcb.ie

SUMMER SESSIONS FOR TEENS

OUR Saturday sessions for teens will run throughout June and July, swapping from a Saturday to a Friday after secondary school term ends. Watch this space for exciting announcements soon in relation to recording projects and live events.

The programme is always open to new participants. We focus on songwriting from 10am-12noon and from noon onwards we turn to performance and bands. Come to the Music Generation Creative Centre (Presentation Court) on Saturday to find out more.

We will also shortly be unveiling a seven week tour of the Music Generation Express – our converted double decker – that will run three-day sessions for teenagers across Limerick in June and July.

Contact us with at the email below or send a message to Music Generation Limerick City's Facebook page to find out more. To find out more about Music Generation Limerick City and the Creative Centre on Presentation Court, email boris.hunka@lctcb.ie or contact our facebook page.

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LIVE

Windings Kasbah headliner

The Choice Music Prize nominees have album number four recorded and will preview tracks this weekend



Windings play Kasbah Social Club this Saturday May 21

Musically, we've pushed ourselves out of our comfort zones

LIMERICK band Windings were Choice Music Prize nominees for their album 'I Am Not The Crow' in 2013 (unofficially, they came a close second). The band recently returned to the studio to record their fourth studio album, 'Be Honest and Fear Not', due out this Autumn on Out On A Limb Records.

The new double A-side lead single 'Stray Dogs' / 'Helicopters' is a departure from what has gone before. Stray Dogs conveys a sense of foreboding lulling you into a nice hazy psychedelic groove until the guitar breaks wreak havoc with your siesta.

Helicopters is a downbeat collaboration between Windings and producer Naive Ted. Stephen Ryan sings, "I pray at night that I won't hear that helicopter flying over my house", a lyric which is self-explanatory to anyone living in Limerick city. It's a one-off release not destined for the album.

Some reviewers have described the new Windings' lead single as "dank

and desolate". Limerick Post asked the front man if 'Stray Dogs' is a true reflection of what is to come from 'Be Honest and Fear Not'?

"Ah, well, not across the board, no. But there are a couple of other songs there in that kind of vein. But there are polar opposites within the one album as well.

"We like to keep ourselves guessing in Windings, if we get too comfortable in one particular style, it's time to move on from it, we reckon."

The album will take the band in a new direction, says the Windings main songwriter.

"Well, I suppose the album title reflects the lyrical content to a degree. I've been working a lot in a song writing capacity with young people in Limerick, and honesty it is one of the things I would always encourage in lyric writing. So I thought I better walk the walk!"

"Also, I have to say working a bit with the Rusangano lads and hearing the degree of lyrical sincerity and honesty they have delivered on that album, it was inspirational to

me really. Musically, we've pushed ourselves out of our comfort zones to a large degree, so there's a lot of different sounding stuff for us on this album."

As well as leading Windings, Stephen is a part of the Music Generation project, mentoring young people in the art of song writing and musicianship. He also featured on Rusangano's new album playing guitar on the single 'Heathrow', a role that he is clearly enjoying.

"Lovin' it! No singing, just get up and plug in! They're a pleasure to watch and to play with, good buddies too. I'm delighting watching the reaction to them in the world at large, they deserve all the attention and plaudits they are receiving."

From the initial solo project in 2005 of the former giveamanakick, frontman, Windings has taken listeners on a musical journey, gathering like-minded souls over the years to produce the band's pinnacle to date in 'I Am Not The Crow'. Expectancy is growing for the follow

up album due this Autumn on Out on a Limb.

"Windings' ambition to grow as songwriters and musicians is as much evident as their ability to confound," adds label owner Ciaran Ryan.

Of what may lie ahead with the new album 'Be Honest and Fear Not', Out on a Limb states that the band has eschewed pop sensibilities as they go in search of a more saturnine and desolate sound.

A chance to hear what the band has in store with album number four comes this Saturday May 21. Windings play Kasbah Social Club, Dock Road with support from Limerick acts Cruiser and Anna's Anchor.

The live set will feature material from the first album from 2005 (an underrated lo-fi classic, in this scribbler's opinion), right up to tracks from the as yet un-released record.

"We're giving it all a go! We're excited, cos some of this stuff, old and new, we've never played live as a band before. So it'll be a lot of fun!"

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LIMERICK'S BEST SELLERS AND DOWNLOADS

SINGLES...

1. Can't Stop the Feeling - Justin Timberlake
2. This is what you came for - Calvin Harris/Rihanna
3. One Dance - Drake
4. Took a Pill in Ibiza - Mike Posner
5. Cheap Thrills - Sia feat Sean Paul

ALBUMS...

1. A Moon Shaped Pool - Radiohead
2. Lemonade - Beyonce
3. Stayin' Up all Night - Nathan Carter
4. Views - Drake
5. Everything this Way - Walking on Cars



FILMS...

1. Captain America
2. Bad Neighbours
3. Jungle Book
4. Robinson Crusoe
5. Zootropolis



GAMES...

1. Uncharted 4 (PS4)
2. DOOM (PS4)
3. DOOM (Xbox One)
4. Uncharted: (PS4)
5. Ratchet and Clank (PS4)



NEW RELEASE...

Drake - 'Views' MULTI PLATINUM artist DRAKE has sold over one million albums of his fourth full-length release 'Views' in less than six days. The album was also streamed over 250 million times. Both of these feats were achieved solely on the Apple Music platform which had the album exclusively for six days. Among its 20 tracks, 'Views' boasts the current hits 'One Dance', 'Pop Style' and 'Hotline Bling'.

