

CULTURE: ALL-IRELAND LINE-UP FOR INAUGURAL 'LIMERICK LADY' EVENT AT THE MILK MARKET

Music festival to celebrate nationwide 'female artistry'

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LIMERICK's first ever female music festival will take place in the city centre, this June, which will see some of the country's top female performers gigging on the local stage.

The special event, entitled The Limerick Lady Festival, is organised by up-and-coming singer-songwriter, Emma Langford, and will kick off at 6pm, on June 16.

The 26-year-old Caherdavin singer said that the festival, which takes place at the Milk Market, will coincide with the street food and craft beer event and will showcase a "diversity of female artistry on our small island and beyond".

"This inaugural event recognises the strength and fierce level of talent among female-fronted acts in a male-dominated industry, and provides a platform to showcase the exciting range of skill, genre, and performance style, be it jazz, traditional Irish music, or spoken word," she said.

Acts on the day include local band, Changing Trains, alternative pop duo from

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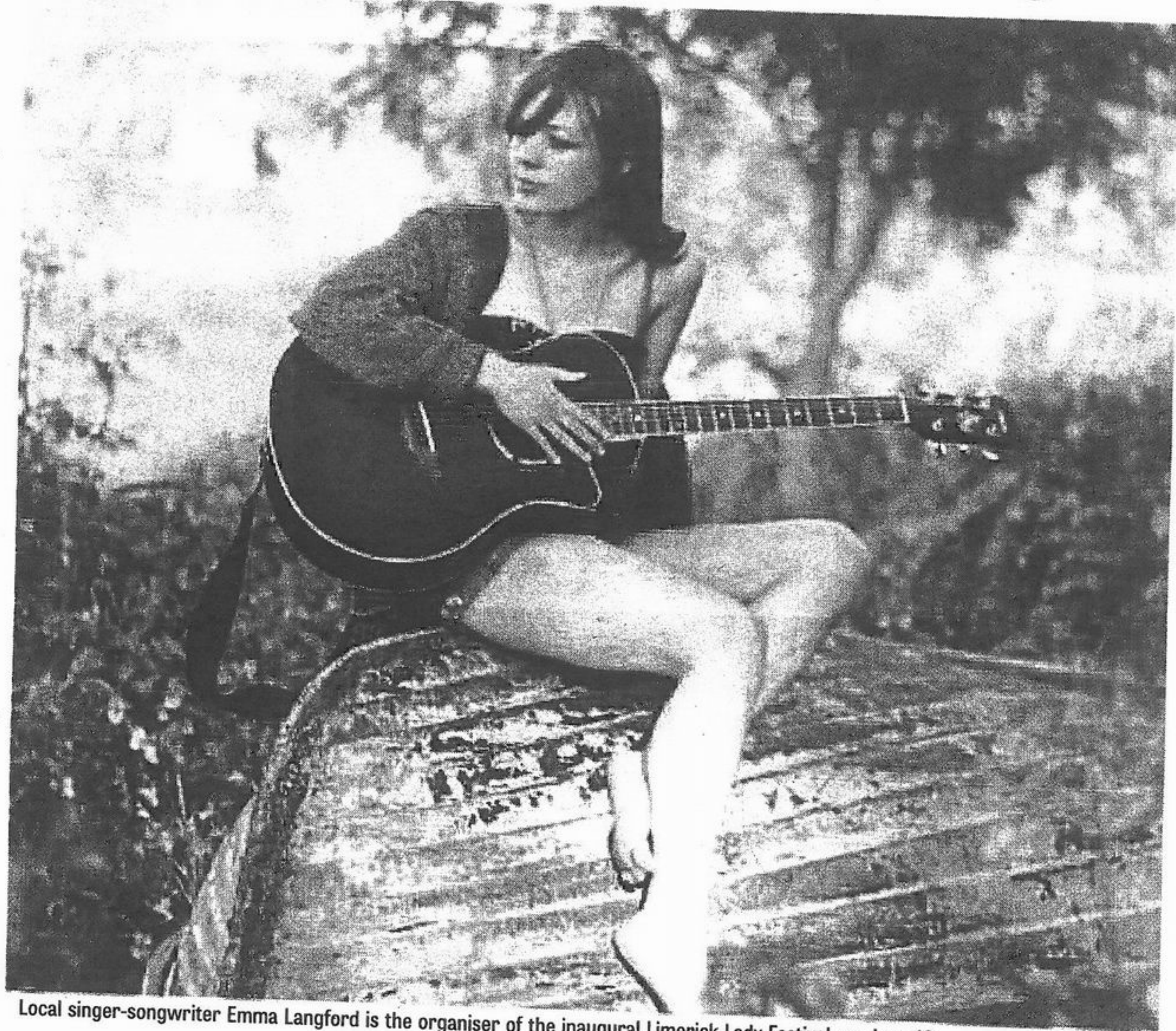
Dublin, Hvmmingbird, folk musician Tracy Bruen, local Stanzas poets, dancer and choreographer Rachel Sheil and singer-songwriter, Kathleen Turner.

"This is the first year of such an event in Limerick city, and we hope to make it an even bigger annual festival expanding outward to more venues, involving even more artists in a variety of genres, and with performances taking place across two days.

"We warmly welcome the public to this family-friendly event on a pay-what-you-can basis, with tickets for a delectable evening of sampling a fantastic range of street-food and local craft beers available," Ms Langford enthused.

Meanwhile, Ms Langford will launch her eponymous, debut EP at Dolan's Upstairs, that week on Saturday, June 18.

In early 2016, Ms Langford's viral single 'Tug O' War' attracted thousands of viewers on social media.



Local singer-songwriter Emma Langford is the organiser of the inaugural Limerick Lady Festival, on June 16

Gardai form alliance with Limerick FC to educate kids

SPORTING bodies across the city should come together to better the lives of young people and deter them from crime, the chairman of Limerick FC has said, writes Anne Sheridan.

Pat O'Sullivan, chairman of Limerick FC, was speaking at the launch of an initiative, led by community gardai attached to Henry Street station.

The new pilot programme called G.O.A.L, which stands for Garda Operational Alliance Learning, aims to broaden An Garda Síochána's approach to teaching policing topics to

national school students.

Policing topics such as road traffic safety, and crime prevention, among others, have been redesigned by Gardai and incorporated to soccer linked training drills.

The Community Policing Unit at Henry Street Garda Station has formed an alliance with Limerick FC to educate and increase awareness to national school students of these policing strategies and goals.

The program will be run over a two-week period for each individual participating school, where the G.O.A.L team will visit the national

school and coach the children on the related Garda topic.

The students will then provide the half time entertainment during the next Limerick FC home League of Ireland game by demonstrating the soccer drills, reaching out to a bigger audience of up to 2,000 supporters.

Garda Eoin Barrett, Henry Street, who developed the drills himself, hopes the programme will help develop relationships between the gardai, the schools and the pupils themselves.

In time they hope to roll it out to 19 schools in a continuous programme.



At the launch were, front row from left, Eddie Hickey, head of goalkeeping, Limerick FC, Willie Boland, head of the academy, Garda Eoin Barrett, garda community policing, Henry Street, Pat O'Sullivan, Limerick FC chairman, James Ring, Chamber of Commerce. Back row from left, Sgt Ollie Kennedy, Henry Street, Supt Derek Smart, George Lee, Markets Field, Inspt Dermot O'Connor, Henry Street, Liam McElligott, LEDP and Sgt Kevin Balfe, Henry Street PICTURE: ADRIAN BUTLER