



ALTERNATIVE FOLK John Blek & The Rats

FOLLOWING the critical success of debut album 'Leave Your Love at the Door', the Cork based alternative folk group John Blek & The Rats were eager to dispel any notions of 'the difficult second album' and decamped to the studio in-between tour dates. John Blek explains, "Having spent a few years playing together we wanted to progress and evolve our sound with this album. The writing was very intuitive, these songs came together quite quickly, with the band featuring more prominently than previous recordings". John Blek & the Rats released 'Borders' through the Are Rats Recordings in September and bring their live show to Dolan's this Friday December 5th. Expect foot-stomping rhythms and contagious grooves, a passion for revelry and that most 'ork' of musical traits, a penchant for lunacy. Vagabonds, just off Glen Hansard's European tour, will provide support.

MUSIC Acoustic Club

THE Acoustic Club welcomes special guest singer/songwriter Kate Dineen on Thursday December 10. The open mic session is a non-profit gig welcoming aspiring songwriters, musicians and singers to play in front of a live audience. Kate is a Dublin based singer songwriter from Kildare. She began song writing at an early age and at 17 came second in Today FM's national competition 'Even Better than the Real Thing' with Ian Dempsey who described her as "sweet & soulful". Kate is writing and recording new material and performing throughout the country and hopes to record and release her debut EP soon. She recently won first prize at the Noel Brazil songwriting competition at the Cork Folk Festival for her original song 'Great Escape'.

The Magic Numbers are back to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the self titled debut album, which had 'Forever Lost' and 'Love Me Like You' among its indie classic singles. They released their fourth album 'Alias' in August 2014, their most mature work to date, most of the material was written as singer Romeo Stodart was coming out of a long-term relationship. This tour marks ten years since they released the first album.

It's pretty crazy to think it is already ten years. I wish we had released more records in the time. But such is life," Romeo Stodart told Limerick Post. The quartet is also halfway through recording a brand new album and so will be debuting loads of new songs at these shows. "We are a very different band now. When I wanted to make 'Alias', I wanted to be sure that we weren't repeating ourselves. When you start playing music

you just want people to hear it. Of course you need an audience to do that but then when you have achieved some success or whatever, you realise at the same time why you are doing it. "It is your own thing, it is your own journey. I think the longer you are making music and you still enjoy it and love it, then you learn more and more," adds Romeo. The Magic Numbers play Dolan's on Thursday December 3.

NEW SINGLE

Limerick's Men Of Twenty are down by our side



Men Of Twenty 'Down By Your Side' is out now. The band play Dolan's this Sunday December 5

NOW located in Dublin, Limerick band Men Of Twenty have a new single and video on release. Once called Animal Beats, Men Of Twenty have taken their indie/ pop sound to bigger audiences including a lucrative slot on Today FM as Homegrown Hero Single of the Week recently. The band members have been studying at college in subjects from Business & Law to Sound Engineering and from Music Education to Commercial Modern Music. Some studied at the

BIMM College, Dublin, Europe's largest and leading contemporary music college. MoT have been featured in Hot Press and included in the 'Top 50 Irish bands you have to hear' list last year. In 2014 they were a top pick for Guinness Amplify Tour, playing ten dates throughout Ireland. Men Of Twenty - 'Down By Your Side' is out now. The band play Dolan's on the Dock Road this Sunday December 5.

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