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LIVE Music Generation



THE Music Generation Musical Variety Show is part of Limerick's St Patrick's Festival. The concert at University Concert Hall on Friday March 16 will raise funds for the annual Reach Out Gala.

Reach Out focuses on providing mental health support for young people. The annual Reach Out Gala raises funds a variety of programmes that use music as a means to improve mental and emotional health.

Eoghan McDermott from 'Voice of Ireland' and RTÉ 2FM will present the Music Generation Musical Variety Show.

The show will feature an eclectic mix of young performers from across the region, plus special guests, spot prizes, and surprises. Performers will include the Irish World Academy Chamber Choir, Limerick School of Music Brass Group and Big Band, and Limerick Youth Choir.

FUNDRAISER

I Heart The Cranberries

A NIGHT of celebration of the music of The Cranberries will happen on July 5 with funds raised going to charities ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services and Limerick Mental Health. Organiser and songwriter Emma Langford says that the show will be led by female voices. "After her untimely death, we wanted to make sure a tribute happened in Dolores' hometown." Twenty artists from all over the country will gather to pay tribute to Dolores O'Riordan in Dolan's.

ELECTRO

My Tribe Your Tribe



LAOIS based musician George Mercer formed his indie-electro recording project My Tribe Your Tribe in 2013. With an album due this year, George and his band play their first Limerick gig next week.

My Tribe Your Tribe has picked up positive press for EPs and singles. The melodic and nu-disco influenced tracks 'Ghost in You' and 'Will To Survive' have earned the band slots at Other Voices, Hard Working Class Heroes and Body and Soul Festival.

My Tribe Your Tribe plays The Stormy Teacup with guests Tigwara this Saturday March 10.

NEW MUSIC

Zombie Picnic launch Rise of a New Ideology

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LIMERICK prog/ post-rock instrumentalists are about ready to launch their second LP. The lead single from the album called 'Anger in Storage (Denial Will Follow)' absolutely thundered out of the traps on release and gave us an exciting taste of what is to come from the full album to be released on vinyl this Friday.

Jim Griffin (guitar), Dave Tobin (guitar), Brian Fitzgerald (bass) and Brendan Miller (drums) recorded the album at GAF Studios, Tipperary.

It was mastered by Richard Dowling of WAV Mastering. The quartet has a distribution deal with UK prog specialists Burning Shed which will bring Zombi Picnic to a wider international audience.

Their previous album 'Suburb of Earth' sold out on CD and the new recording uses samples and voice overs throughout giving this instrumental band its own unique voice and manifesto.

Limerick Post chatted with drummer Brendan Miller this week.

Is interest in Zombie Picnic growing in the UK - now with Burning Shed distribution in place?

"Our link in and relationship with Burning Shed has been great. They took us on for the debut album after Jim (guitar) released his first solo album through Roger Linney's 'Reverb Worship' label.

"They've been a massive part of our growing fan base in the UK which has definitely made it possible for us to plan something bigger than we've done before, the Prog scene in the UK is massive and we'd love to get over there and get involved at some point this year."

Can you describe how the band takes a raw idea onto getting the band in the pocket playing a potential album track?

"Tracks are born out of jam sessions with a bit that someone has come in with. We'll take that bit and it will start to grow and grow until it becomes a section rather than a bit.



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"We'll record it in the practice space and try to find something else to match and add on to the start/end of it. Most tracks get finished very quickly and are what make it on to an album, we've worked for longer on other stuff and not used it as it might not fit the vibe that we're looking for. We've been playing music together for a long time so there's a sixth sense there. We can play off each other quite naturally and it's pretty clear the second something isn't working."

Though Zombie Picnic in instrumental band - you have samples and voice overs throughout the album?

"The music will always be what we use to give the base layer of mood for anything we write and the voice overs are used to add another dynamic to that.

"Jim is the main drive behind our samples and voice overs and he always gets it right, he'll come in with a pretty well formed idea and the rest of us will just drink lots of coffee!

"The pieces on side A of the new album are reworks of existing material that give that side a theme of looking towards the future.

Rob O'Dwyer did a great job for us on that front.

"Side B uses new material from Jim and his wife Evelyn that they recorded at home, it's a Zombie Picnic take of a self-help tape to help you deal with the future we set out on side A!"

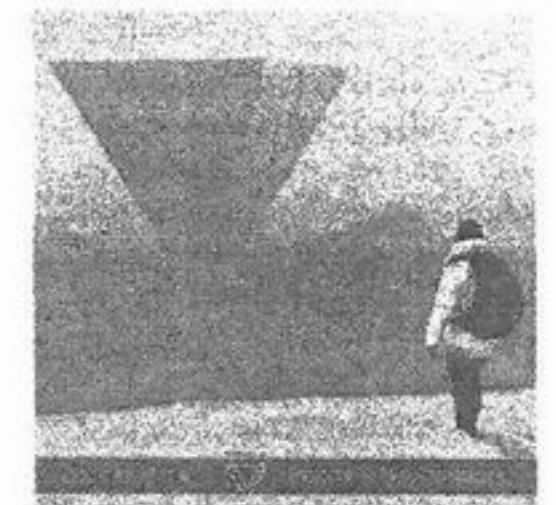
Suburb of Earth sold out on CD - How/ Why did the decision to release on vinyl come about?

"We're huge vinyl heads and the temptation has always been there for us to do a vinyl release. It's a big step up but we wanted everything to be a step up on this album, including the formats it would be available on.

"We decided to really embrace the vinyl format when it came to the track list and have split the album thematically for side A and B.

"We're still big believers in physical music formats. Brian (bass) and myself worked in a record store for over 10 years so on top of

Burning Shed we wanted to get this album in to record stores around the country. That was very important to us and it's been an absolute joy to deal with the people running independent record stores all around the country."



Looking forward to the show?

"We can't wait to get the album released and for people to get it in their hands and hear it! Dolan's gigs are always a lot of fun and we've got Casavettes along that night too so we're really looking forward to it."

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Product

LIMERICK'S BEST SELLERS AND DOWNLOADS



SHAZAM CHART ...

1. Barking - Ramz
2. These Days - Rudimental
3. Friends - Marshmello & Anne-Marie
4. Strangers - Sigrid
5. All the Stars - Kendrick Lamar

ALBUMS...

1. The Greatest Showman - VA
2. Divide - Ed Sheeran
3. Dreams Collection - The Cranberries
4. Picture This - Picture This
5. Camila - Camila Cabello



FILM CHART ...

1. Black Panther
2. Lady Bird
3. I, Tonya
4. The Greatest Showman
5. Fifty Shades Freed

PODCASTS ...

1. Blindboy Podcast: Brandos Dartboard
2. Callan's Kicks: Beast from the East
3. This American Life: Five Women
4. Joe Rogan Experience: Rory Albanese
5. Blindboy Podcast: God's Posture

THE SOUND OF 2018 ...

KACEY MUSGRAVES - GOLDEN HOUR

COUNTRY Star Kacey Musgraves will release her fourth album 'Golden Hour' on March 30. The multiple Grammy-winning artist co-wrote and co-produced the album, her most intimate album to date led by new single, the captivating and melancholic 'Space Cowboy'. Kacey Musgraves headlines C2C: Country to Country Festival, 3Arena, Dublin on March 9.

