

# Entertainment

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## News

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### HIGHLIGHT

## All The Luck In The World & Maria Kelly



BERLIN based Irish trio All The Luck In The World home recorded their debut single 'Never' while still living in the Wicklow mountains. It sold more than 120,000 on iTunes. The debut album arrived after signing with Barfilm and Haldern Pop Records. The sophomore album 'A Blind Arcade' arrived this year. Recorded between a converted woodshed in Wicklow and Berlin, the bands folk tinged soaring alt-rock sound and stories was formed around "experiences, empathy, and fiction". All The Luck In The World has created a stirring and engaging album, and right down to the artwork, care and attention to detail is what makes 'A Blind Arcade' a special recording. See All The Luck In The World live at Kasbah Dolans this Thursday November 15. Special guest is Maria Kelly who could headline this space on any other night. On the radar for a few years she recently played Electric Picnic and Other Voices Ballina. Her recent release 'Dark Places/Small Talk' shone a light on mental health issues. This comes highly recommended.

### DJ SET

## Scruff and ready to get a move on

MR SCRUFF (aka Andy Carthy) is returning to the Treaty City with another epic five hour DJ set playing "great records in the right order," creating his musical journey around the world in as many hours as the mood takes him. You will "keep moving" to this outstanding selector with over 20,000 vinyls and counting, to choose from.

Andy will bring along trusty sidekick MC Kwasi to bring the maximum vibes to Dolan's Warehouse. Andy Carthy made his name as a DJ in Manchester's club scene of the mid-nineties. He has since released albums for the Ninja Tune label. Marathon DJ sets are the order of the day for Mr Scruff, often exceeding six hours. He takes you on a journey that touches on everything from '60s and '70s soul-jazz and funk, scratchy old reggae and dub 45s, classic hip-hop, schmaltzy vocal pop, and new-school electronica all delivered in his inimitable cheeky style. His current single, 'Kalimba' is out now, you can pick up this funky breakbeat gem on Ninja Tune. Mr. Scruff DJs at Dolan's this Saturday November 17.



### METAL

## Zealot Cult launch Spiritual Sickness

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FOLLOWING sold out shows and full houses for Limerick's metal gigs in recent weeks with over 40 acts playing in Dolan's for The Siege of Limerick weekend, it is safe to say that metal music is in very rude health in Limerick. Zealot Cult are the leading lights in Limerick metal. Their debut EP Karmanian Crypt (2016) and a string of live gigs earned the band a reputation as a formidable act in the metal underground internationally.

So much so that Swedish label Blood Harvest Records signed Zealot Cult. Their debut album 'Spiritual Sickness' was released this month.

'Spiritual Sickness' has won over the metal press. Described by Metalireland.com as "a stunning debut album...Zealot Cult just have this game licked," US Decibel Magazine summed up with "This is sick...this record smokes."

Zealot Cult play a special album launch party next Friday November 16 in association with Bad Reputation Ireland in Kasbah, Dolan's.



Zealot Cult this Friday November 16

### PUNK

## The Hitchers on Strachan re-release and mini tour

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LIMERICK indie band The Hitchers will feature on 'Steve Lamacq's Lost 90s' compilation with their 1997 song 'Strachan'. To celebrate, the band will play three Irish shows this weekend.

BBC Radio DJ Steve Lamacq has included 'Strachan' on a 2xLP/4xCD collection marking his 25th year on the airwaves at the BBC. We are told "He has selected every track with a view to this being considered an autobiographical look at the 90s scene through his eyes."

Niall from The Hitchers is delighted, excited, flattered and struggling to breathe in air this rarefied, that sees the band rubbing shoulders with Teenage Fanclub, Snuff, Sleeper, Travis, Compulsion, Cornershop, China Drum, Suede, Elastica, 60ft Dolls, Kitchens of Distinction and Ride, to name a few.

On the indie label Murgatroid, The Hitchers released two albums and a slew of EPs in the late 90s. The Limerick band came to the attention of legendary BBC DJ John Peel who championed the band and had the band record a session for his show that gets repeat broadcasts to the present day.

The 'Strachan'/'You Can Only Love Someone' double A-side single



The Hitchers filming a video for 'Strachan'/'You Can Only Love Someone' in 1997 on Banna Beach, Kerry

won many friends, plaudits and award nominations, making Peel's Festive Chart and Hot Press nominations. The band toured the UK regularly bringing fiery live performances of their spikey punk-pop, acerbic lyricism, terrace-chant choruses to all places that would have them.

Though de-mobbed since 2001, media interest in the band is rekindled biennially around the time of World Cups and European Championships which led to Guardian readers voting 'Strachan' the "greatest football song EVER."

Founding member/ main songwriter Niall Quinn remembers

that The Hitchers found more success in the UK in their later years.

"In the UK it's fair to say The Hitchers are mainly remembered for 'Strachan'. That was the tune that got played most and still gets played and knocked about and that stirs up interest when the world cup or the Euros roll around.

"Then in Ireland, despite the fact Strachan's fellow 'Fun & Games' single 'Killed It With My Bare Hands' gave us our highest chart placing, I sometimes think it's more the 'Red Mohair Jumper'/'She'll Be Sorry' era stuff that immediately preceded Strachan and the two albums that rings bells with people.

"Then, more locally again, when you come home to Limerick there's this palpable thing about the 'teenage' Hitchers - the one with Eoin and Benny and 'There's a Bomb in that Basket of Fruit'.

"So I tend to think of The Hitchers less like a band and more like Dallas. There's some characters involved integral to the story who are only in it for the first couple of seasons. But still the story runs..."

Catch The Hitchers at Galway, Róisín Dubh this Thursday 15; Cork Fred Zeppelin's on Friday 16; Dolan's Kasbah, Limerick on Saturday 17. Support comes from Dutch punk band Cooper.

## Product

LIMERICK'S BEST SELLERS AND STREAMS

### CHART SONGS ...

1. Thank U Next - Ariana Grande
2. Shallow - Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper
3. Woman Like Me Little Mix & Nicki Minaj
4. Always Remember Us This Way - Lady Gaga
5. Let You Love Me - Rita Ora

### FILM ...

1. Bohemian Rhapsody
2. A Star Is Born
3. Smallfoot
4. The Nutcracker and The Four Realms
5. Johnny English Strikes Again



### INDEPENDANT ALBUM

1. Lighthouse Keeper - Don Mescall
2. No Tourists - Prodigy
3. 17 - Xxxtentacion
4. Ballads - Joji
5. AM - Arctic Monkeys

### PODCASTS...

1. Derren Brown - Joe Rogan
2. Fight Companion - Joe Rogan
3. Becky Watts - Casefile True Crime
4. Cognitive Psychology 4 - Blindboy Boatclub
5. Madman's Vacation - Serial

### THE SOUND OF 2018 ...

#### JAMES GALVO PARKER - 'THE WEIGHT'

JAMES is part of the recording collective 'A Dark Horse' and 'The Weight' is his debut single. The song is set in the midst of 2017's Storm Ophelia. "Sometimes the weight of love can envelop and pull you down, sometimes there is no choice but to step into the storm and drown," says the Dublin based musician and actor. A lush melodic tune with fine production, 'The Weight' is out now on Rebel Beat Records.

