

Early 1999 saw the arrival of Sutras on the Irish music scene. Their debut gig in Costello's Tavern attracted a large crowd and rave reviews from local press, with The Limerick Leader commenting "Cracker after cracker with a fair sprinkling of potential hit singles that even the most uneducated ear couldn't fail to miss", with the Tipperary star adding "Sutras are a class act, a powerhouse of talent and energy"

Later that year, Sutras won the Heineken sponsored 'battle of the bands' which was contested between 32 original bands. This resulted in the band going into the studio and recording a four track demo, which Gerry Ryan of 2FM radio took a liking to and played it on his morning show.

The band went on to spend the following two years honing their unique sound at venues and festivals across the country, playing on the same bill as established acts such as The Frames, The Walls, Juliet Turner, Aslan and Jack L to name but a few.

Sutras started 2001 with a bang. Their self financed debut single 'Princess' reached number 19 in the Irish charts. The video was shown on RTE's Top 30 Hits and TG4's Pop TV. The band made an appearance on RTE's Den 2.

The success of 'Princess', coupled with the bands growing reputation as an accomplished powerful live act led to them being voted one of Ireland's 'Most Promising Acts' by the readers of Hotpress magazine, in their annual readers poll.

The band also reached the final stages of the 'Digifone New Band Competition' and the 'NSMA', both were held at Dublin's Vicar Street.

2002 saw the band walk away with the 'Bacardi/Hotpress Song Of The Year. Their song 'Machine' beat off competition from more than 600 songs. The listeners of Tom Dunne's show 'Pet Sounds' on Today FM voted 'Machine' as the winning song.

The Prize package was worth €10,000 in cash and



prizes. Sutras appeared on RTE's music programme Fish and the video of 'Machine' was shown on MTV2's Alien Nation and RTE's No Disco.

Fergal Lawlor of The Cranberries described Sutras as "Brilliant" in the Limerick Leader and Niall Stokes editor of Hotpress Magazine described Sutras as "One of the most exciting bands emerging from Ireland" on London's popular radio station XFM.

Sutras release their new single 'The Lonely Ones' on September 26th with a gig in Dolans Warehouse (with special guest Niall Quinn, ex Hitchers) Limerick. This is followed by a tour of Ireland.

"It's a manic, rocking, mesmerizing outfit that does what it says on the tin and more importantly, does it well" Hotpress

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