

from the ashes of some well known bands emerge **citizen**, a rock band in the original sense of the word.

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Citizen are a rock and roll band...3 Guitars,3 Vocals, and Percussion. Simple? Well,yes and no...

Comprising of Brendan, Darrin & Paul, 3 members of The Driven (ex-Polydor Uk) and Ashley, a former Frank & Walter previously signed to Setanta Records, Citizen have taken what might be best described as the scenic route through the music industry. When first signed to Polydor, The Driven set up shop in London, toured as equal billing with the Stereophonics, Kula Shaker, and Weezer and made great music. But this was a time when manufactured music was beginning to squeeze the life out of the rock and roll scene. So due to internal and external conflict, the band split. A break from London was needed, so Brendan, Paul and Darrin left for various parts of the world, Italy, Australia, New York respectively, and continued with their individual projects. Some musical, some not so musical. And depending on your point of view, some legal, some not so legal...

Fast forward to December 2003, and after a couple of lost years, Brendan and Darrin met and began writing together again, and gigged around Ireland accoustically. The time felt right to put a band together again. So, the hatchet was buried, and Paul came back from his exile in New York. Now all they needed was a drummer...Enter a chance gunpoint meeting with Frank and Walter Ashley and the jigsaw was complete. Citizen was born.

By the time September 2004 rolled around, the band were fully formed, fully functioning and in a position to never look back. Locked in their sweaty sitting room, Citizen had been writing and honing their sound. Rock and Roll! Now is one of your first chances to go and see them live. Listen. That's what it's about.

citizen play the warehouse on friday, november 26. contact the warehouse on 061-314483 or log on to www.dolanspub.com for more details. for more info on the band, check www.citizenband.net

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