



kraven the feelin

one of the hardest working bands on the local scene, kraven follow the release of their self recorded, produced and financed debut album with an all ages gig. leg gets down with the kids!

kraven is a 4 piece Limerick-based band formed in 2002. They claim their influences from the likes of Radiohead, Rage Against The Machine and Muse, as well as individual tastes for blues, funk and jazz, making for a unique blend of raw guitar riffs, grooving drums and bass and emotive vocals in their quieter moments.

kraven are Alex Blinov (drums), Tony Monahan (guitar), Pat O Byrne (bass/keyboard/vocals) and Tom Ryan (lead vocals/guitar). The band formed in late 2002 with Tom and Tony collaborating on songs and recording in a home studio. In fact both had previously been in numerous bands together but finally set about putting down on tape all the song ideas they had collected through years of jamming.

Lead singer Tom adds "we were a bit disillusioned with the music scene at the time having played in various covers bands and throwing the odd original song into the set. Myself and Tony always loved to jam. Even in the restrictive confines of a cover set we tried to make songs our own." "We finally decided to do what we had always wanted to do, put together a band to concentrate solely on song writing and make sense out of all our ideas. We recruited Pat O'Byrne who was a good friend of ours on bass. We always felt Pat was a kindred spirit having played with him at various gigs. He added a new dimension to our songs and also had song ideas of his own. We added to that his uncanny ability to play keyboard and bass at the same time and we knew he was the guy!"

kraven then recorded two EP's 'Flyin' and 'Just A Walk Away' using various drummers both in the studio and while on tour. Both these EP's were well received by both audiences and the media alike. Even though both EP's were well received, Kraven still felt they needed to develop their songs further to capture the energy of their live show. To this end, the band jammed more around heavy guitar riffs while still retaining some of the key elements that had made up their earlier songs. The result is their debut album, 'This Kind Of Lonely'.

tony says of the record "this album really captures what we're about. We have loud guitar riffs, full on rockin' vocals, effects laden guitars and noises mixed with keyboards, acoustic guitars, classical guitar bits, reggae rhythms, grooving bass lines and melodic vocal harmonies." With the album completed, Kraven set about rehearsing their live show to promote the album and needed a full-time drummer. After some unsuccessful attempts to land a long-term drummer to complete the band, Kraven finally settled on Alex Blinov. "Alex is originally from Russia. He's been living in Ireland for a couple of years. In fact, he's still learning English, but I think the fact he's from another country with a completely different background brings another dimension to the band. He added such a solid ground to our riffs and ideas through his experiences with other bands. He completed the jigsaw."

kraven have just released their self-finance, self produced and self-recorded debut album, 'This Kind Of Lonely'. You can check out the bands website www.kravenband.com for more information.

kraven play an all ages show at the warehouse on saturday, january 08. contact the warehouse on 061-314483 for ticket enquiries or more details.



christmas always throws up the opportunity to go see something a little different, be it panto, choral recitals, or ice shows. this christmas, uch welcomes a famous ice show in the shape of moscow stars on ice. leg straps on the skates

The internationally recognized Moscow Stars on Ice Tour is coming to Limerick this December as part of a nationwide tour. Bringing the magic of Christmas to Irish audiences, The Stars will perform "The Nutcracker" and "Alice in Wonderland".

The Moscow Stars on Ice are renowned as Russia's distinguished leading ice skating ensemble of performers. Founded by one of the country's champion skaters, Igor Bobrin, together with Olympic skating champions Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin, the Moscow Stars on Ice have created a colourful and highly varied repertoire of theatrical attractions on ice.

In 1986, these three brilliant artists, together with other masters in figure-skating, united as a small group of like minded friends who were creating their own way with unique skating abilities, combining new and original choreography in complex dramatic presentations.

From the very start this group has enjoyed great success not only in their homeland but internationally. They have toured France, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, USA, Japan and China to name a few. At last count, the company had appeared in over 20 countries.

In addition to the three leading figures of The Moscow Stars on Ice, many other outstanding ice-skating Russian, European, World and Olympic Champions regularly perform the repertoire created especially for the "Stars".

The thrills and the excitement of watching these amazing skaters perform with gymnastic, athletic and graceful skating is highly exhilarating. These shows are truly uplifting.

Combining music, dance, scenic spectacle with lavish costumes, the stories of "The Nutcracker" and "Alice in Wonderland" are not to be missed this Christmas.

moscow stars on ice visits the university concert hall on december 26 & 27. contact the uch on 061-331549 or log on to www.uch.ie for ticket enquiries or more details.

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