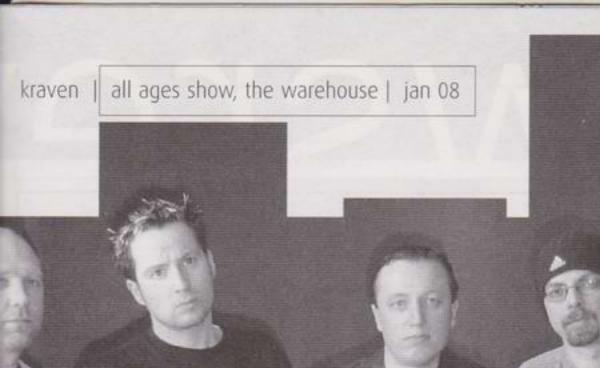
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he hardest working bands on the local scene, kraven follow he release of their self recorded, produced and financed ebut album with an all ages gig. leg gets down wih the kids!

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

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

and singer Tom adds "we were a bit disillusioned with the music scene at ome having played in various covers bands and throwing the odd original ong into the set. Myself and Tony always loved to jam. Even in the restrictive onfines of a cover set we tried to make songs our own."

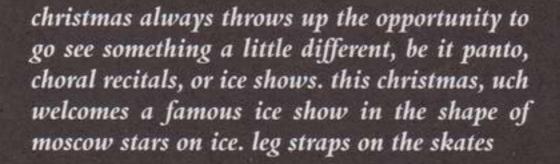
We finally decided to do what we had always wanted to do, put together a and to concentrate solely on song writing and make sense out of all our leas. We recruited Pat O'Byrne who was a good friend of ours on bass. We ways felt Pat was a kindred spirit having played with him at various gigs. e added a new dimension to our songs and also had song ideas of his own, dded to that his uncanny ability to play keyboard and bass at the same time e knew he was the guy!"

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

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

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

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



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.