

GIVE A MAN A PRESENT

Giveamanakick are throwing a Christmas party as only they know how | Lady Emma chats to Keith and Steve

Giveamanakick are the surprisingly rather quiet and polite, self-promoting and hard working. In recent years these local boys, Steveamanakick and giveamanaKeith, have stuck their fingers in all of the right pies and forged a solid name within the Irish music scene, with two rather successful albums, "Is It OK to Be Loud, Jesus?" and "We Are the Way Forward" released on the Out on a Limb label, and a third waiting patiently to be unleashed. "Out on a Limb was basically set up so that we could release our first album, we didn't quite envision that it would go the way it did but now there are five bands on the roster, us, Rest, Hooray for Humans, Tenpastseven and Windings and our next album will be the tenth release on the label" says Steve.

With such success and credibility built up through Out on a Limb, GAMAK have procured support slots alongside a number of their musical heroes such as Dinosaur Jr, Presidents of the United States of America, Rocket from the Crypt and the Undertones. They have also found themselves on the bill of many well known festivals, such as Electric Picnic, Witness and one unnamed, peculiar, father Ted type festival.

"We drove up to the festival and there were about 5 people watching a band who looked like The Saw Doctors. Next to it was a white 4-man dome tent full of balloons with a little sign over the door saying "Utopia tent" with one guy sitting inside it..." says Steve.

Bad festival experiences aside, they were invited to play the Reeperbahn festival in Germany, followed by "punk Karaoke" where Keith delighted the crowd with his rendition of "Beat It". "I must stress that there was free drink involved all night and it was the last song available... and it's probably ideal to know the words of the song before you do it" says Keith.

Moving forward, GAMAK were also invited to play the 2FM Tour with Messiah J and The Expert and The Flaws touring Ireland, including a show in our fair city. "It was excellent, five star hotels all the way, everything was free, it was a lot of fun. We hadn't met the other guys so we were very nervous going so we just talked really loud and really fast but everyone got on well so it was great."

On top of being a favourite amongst Irish bands, they have graced the silver screen with their energetic act on the Once a Week Show with Dustin the Turkey. "It was a really good experience, although it was weird seeing Dustin lying still on the table. We ended up just talking down to the back of your mans head instead of Dustin. We also got a chance to walk around the Fair City set, I tried to open the door to the shop but it wasn't real..." says Keith.

With the imminent release of their third album "Welcome to the Cusp", in April 2008, Steve and Keith are planning to tour in January prior to its appearance in the shops. However, before they take to the wind they are playing a hometown gig in Baker Place on the 21st of December, aptly named "Giveamanachristmas". Get the comfy jumping shoes out and join them for a Christmas celebration which promise to be fun, in the extreme.

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