

# Model Citizens

The Supermodel Twins are creating an East Coast vibe in Limerick West | Ms Zoe talks to the foursome and about how it all began and where it's all going

The Supermodel Twins have had more than one guise since coming together four years ago, now after many gigs, experiences good and bad, and several lessons learned along the way, as well as the bones and plenty of the skin of an album in the bag they are ready to rock, or pop as they case may be. With a decidedly uplifting resolutely pop sound Supermodel Twins will be launching their single, Footprints, from Baker Place on May 2nd.

How did the four of you come together?

Three of us, Denny, Alan, & Bertie started a covers band when we were in school. Alan mentioned his cousin, Thom, had some songs written & wanted to start an original band, it started from there I guess!

How has the band evolved over the past four years?

As musicians, we've grown a great deal, realizing what efforts are necessary for the band to develop. We've learned a lot through the mistakes we've made, so, things are working out a lot easier this time round.

Newcastlewest / Ballingarry, gorgeous part of the world indeed, but hardly a sun drenched metropolis. How did ye arrive at your uplifting popstastic sound?

Well, it's always raining so we needed something to brighten up our days by playing/listening to popstastic music! We actually all grew up listening to completely different music, but, we always shared the mutual love for popstastic bands. We're all fans of Weezer, Jimmy Eat World, Nada surf, bands like Nirvana & Radiohead are also huge influences. There's no relation between those bands & our music as they're not pop/rock but the impact on what they've done has been huge on us.

The Supermodel Twins have played some choice gigs and gotten great press nationally and beyond, from Tom Dunne to a performance at Barfly in London, how has the journey been?

Well, there have been ups and down, playing in the Barfly was an amazing experience, we were really young at the time & we didn't realize what was happening, labels & all that after 6 months, just madness! Hopefully this time round it'll be a lot easier, we're more experienced, & mature so that'll help!

Ye are taking the indie route, is it easier or more difficult for bands to get airplay / noticed / develop a fanbase today?

We don't necessarily think so. With the use of myspace and the internet, it makes it a lot easier to be noticed which is great. We haven't released anything yet so there's a bit to go before we can say for sure. But personally, we do think it's helping so many bands. At this early stage we've been complimented by people/bands who would have never previously been able to listen to our music, with the use of myspace so it really is a great tool for spreading your music.

Tell us about your recently recorded single 'Footprints'?

Footprints has a great melody behind it and a pop-sensibility on top of it as well as some I-don't-give-a-shit guitars underneath. I suppose that's what we really want to sound like at the end of the day. We recorded it in Grouse Lodge in West Meath with Owen Lewis and were there for three days, it was an amazing experience. So many great bands have recorded there so it was very inspiring. It'll be released on Friday 2nd May on download so hopefully we'll get a good reaction.

How does the writing / recording process work with ye?

Firstly, Thom writes the basis of a song. We all work together in the rehearsal room until it sounds right, until we feel the arrangement is at the best it can possibly be. Overall, we all share our ideas and give our input until we finally feel we have the finished product. When all four members are satisfied with the song, we start on the next one!

What can we expect from the album and when will it be released?

I don't know how this will be perceived by people, but we don't want that whole Irish buzz. We're ambitious and want to do things on a global scale. We'd love to go to the States as people always tell us we have an American sound. We just want as many people as possible to hear our music. Supermodel Twins is just four best mates having a laugh. The fact we love making music together is a bonus. We always decided not to jump into this before we were good and ready, but we feel we are now good and ready. There's no set date yet but as soon as we know we'll be back to you!

Upcoming launch party in Baker's, what can we look forward to?

That night will be fun! It's our first single so there'll be a lot of surprises, definitely! We haven't decided on anything definite yet but have some ideas. Hopefully there'll be a big turnout again and another night of rocking!

So if a night of rocking is your cup of Darjeeling, we'll see you there!

The Supermodel Twins play Baker Place on Friday May 2nd. For more info log onto [myspace.com/gigtown](http://myspace.com/gigtown) or [myspace.com/supermodeltwins](http://myspace.com/supermodeltwins).