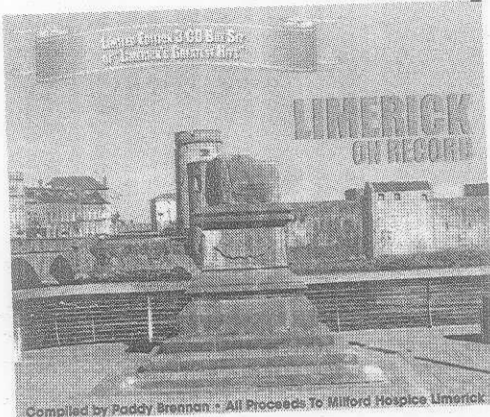


# Limerick on record

## 62 track triple CD could earn €20,000 for Milford

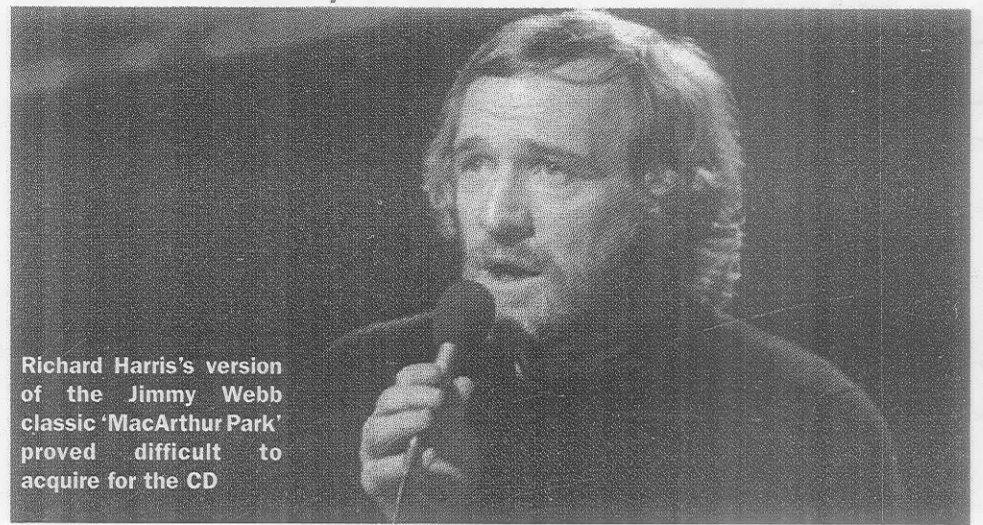


Limerick on Record is out now with a staggering 62 tracks from Limerick's musical heritage. See track listing below.

LAUNCHED last week at Thomond Park 'Limerick On Record' is a new limited edition three CD box set compiled by Paddy Brennan and available for sale in the city. All proceeds from the CD will go to Milford Hospice. The compilation gathers classic Limerick artists from Richard Harris to Tuesday Blue to The Cranberries to Windings and compiles the original recordings of their best recorded output. The collection is genuinely staggering in its depth with over 60 tracks including international hits 'MacArthur Park', 'Linger' and 'Riverdance'.

Introducing the epic collection, Limerick composer Bill Whelan remembers hearing Richard Harris sing 'MacArthur Park' for the first time and being blown away by the fact that in 1968, a Limerick man was singing the Number One song in the UK charts.

Bill commented, "It was perhaps one of the most extraordinary pieces of music. Harris had faith in composer Jimmy Webb to perform the song, I know Webb couldn't give away the song at the time because it was nine minutes and those offered the



Richard Harris's version of the Jimmy Webb classic 'MacArthur Park' proved difficult to acquire for the CD

song thought that there was no way that such a song was going to be a hit. But then Dickie Harris heard it and it became No. 1 everywhere."

Bill drew parallels with his own epic composition Riverdance: "I couldn't give it away, I would go around to companies with the demo of it, all seven minutes of it, I was told it would never be a hit." Now that track shares space with Richard Harris's mad idea on 'Limerick On Record'.

For Paddy Brennan, 'Limerick On Record' has been a labour of love with some of the rare recordings on the CD coming from his own record collection and appearing on CD for the first time. The former Big L and 95fm jock told Limerick Post that 'Limerick On Record' was 18 months in the making with over 800 emails exchanged with artists and record labels to complete the collection. He said, "a lot of the big record companies did not realise that they had these songs on their books."

It proved very difficult to obtain permission to use 'MacArthur Park' and when Paddy thought that it was going to be an impossible task, he "as it were" went right to the top. "MacArthur Park" took 10 months to sort out as different companies had it licensed. I persisted, I contacted the Harris family and got unbelievable assistance from the family. Jared Harris, who until recently starred in hit series 'Mad Men' as the doomed Lane Pryce, sent emails to the

record company on Paddy's behalf to get permissions to use 'MacArthur Park'. But there was still obstacles so eventually Jared Harris put Paddy personally in touch with Jimmy Webb (composer) to insist that the song be made available.

A particularly poignant moment at the launch was when Paddy read some of the messages he had been sent in compiling the CD. Jared Harris wrote "Dear Paddy, well done. My father would be impressed with your determination. I am so glad this worked out for you."

Composer Jimmy Webb, whom Paddy has long admired, "in my estimation is up there with The Beatles," Webb had emailed to say, "I will not only ask them (the record company) to do this for you I WILL FORCE THEM TO DO IT FOR YOU." Finally with the rights to the nine minute hit secured, he again emailed, "Glad to be of service. Congratulations Paddy" - Jimmy Webb.

Paddy has also put together a 40 page booklet of liner notes for the compilation and due to contractual arrangements with the artists, only 1,000 CDs will be available.

The three-disk album couldn't have been produced without the help of Limerick companies who contributed to the costs of CD manufacture, Richard Dowling of WAV Mastering on Catherine Street gave his time to ensure the high quality sound. Limerick on Record is out now and available for €20 from Savins, O'Mahoney's, Euro Empire, Hunt Museum, Milford Hospice, UCH and O'Donnell's, Catherine Street.

DISC 1

- 1 MacArthur Park Richard Harris
- 2 Limerick You're A Lady Denis Allen
- 3 Its Only A Rumour The Empire Showband
- 4 The Voyage Johnny Dohan
- 5 Born Free Michael Shortt
- 6 Grace Of God Don Mescall
- 7 You Gotta Get Up Reform
- 8 I Believe In You Jadge Horan
- 9 Sandys On The Phone Grannys Intentions
- 10 On Raglan Road Brian O'Connor
- 11 Early Morning Rain We 4
- 12 The Floral Dance Terry Wogan
- 13 Tunnel Vision Tuesday Blue
- 14 When McGuinness Gets a Job Mick Moloney
- 15 The Silence Mick Hanly
- 16 Smile Little Lady Bojangle
- 17 Avondale Farran Folk
- 18 River Deep Mountain High Julie Ann Dineen
- 19 The Space I Occupy Windings
- 20 Killer John Steele

DISC 2

- 1 Dreams The Cranberries
- 2 Forest Fire Parliament Square
- 3 Past the Point of Rescue Mick Hanly
- 4 Love Is A Beautiful Song Tommy Drennan
- 5 Love Me Simple Tuesday Blue
- 6 Breton Set Joe O'Donnell
- 7 I Dreamt I Dwelt In Marble Halls Suzanne Murphy
- 8 My Boy Richard Harris
- 9 You Are No Angel Shaun O'Dowd
- 10 Loving You Was Sunshine Eugene Wallace
- 11 Burning Again Grannys Intentions
- 12 When You're Alone Brendan O'Loughlin
- 13 No More Magic Gmik
- 14 A Beautiful Flight Austin Durack
- 15 Wichita Lineman The News
- 16 Leaving Me Siobhan O'Brien
- 17 First Time Ever Lillian Broderick
- 18 Green Eyes Toucanance
- 19 Be My Guest Donie Collins Band
- 20 Life Without You Chris Moore

DISC 3

- 1 The Story Of David Grannys Intentions
- 2 Boolavogue The Monarchs Showband
- 3 Riverdance Bill Whelan
- 4 Blue Blue Monday The Groove
- 5 Linger The Cranberries
- 6 Baby Its You Empire Showband
- 7 Pearty Shells Jahn Frawley
- 8 Buddy Holly Medley Reform
- 9 Young Love Donie Collins Band
- 10 Cliff's Of Dooneen Noel McLoughlin
- 11 Wait For Me Please Aiden Clohessy
- 12 How To Handle A Woman Richard Harris
- 13 Green Onions Ross Brennan
- 14 You Can Only Love Someone The Hitchers
- 15 Your Wedding Day Jimmy Buckley
- 16 December Brad Pitt Light Orch
- 17 On A Clear Day Naala Mulcahy
- 18 We'll Remember This Kiss Timmy King
- 19 Sweet Sixteen Derek Moloney
- 20 My Cube A Touch Of Oliver
- 21 Golden Rule Hermitage Green
- 22 The King Woodstar



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