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PREVIEW

Leading Armies to perform with The Markevin Light Orchestra



LIMERICK band Leading Armies, featuring The Markevin Light Orchestra, have come together to bring a one off showcase of good vibes and good music. "Strong, talented musicians are fruitful in Limerick. The circle is small. The ideas are large. Connecting everyone on a new level to create something innovative and special is key this Thursday 27", says the band.

In the following weeks after this gig expect a two-part video which features adapted songs with the orchestra.

It's been a very busy 2013 so far for Limerick's Leading Armies. On the back of a trip to Canada as winners of Indie Week 2012 the Limerick sextet has gone from strength to strength. This year has seen the Funk/ Reggae outfit tipped as 'Ones to Watch' by Hotpress Magazine, headline the Button

Factory (Dublin), the Big Top (Limerick), play the Jagermeister Freezer Sessions, alongside We Cut Corners, and R.S.A.G., and play support to 'Ham Sandwich', and most recently the Hypnotic Brass Ensemble.

As well as making a name for themselves as a memorable live act, they have also been working very hard in the studio to put together their first official release, recording in Limerick, Dublin and Toronto.

The Leading Armies L.P. entitled 'Let's Get Serious!' which is due for release in September 2013, has been in production over the last year.

The seven track L.P., 'Let's Get Serious' was recorded in Bishop's Palace Studios, Limerick, (owned by Noel Hogan of The Cranberries) produced by Owen Lewis, Temple Lane Studios,

Dublin and in Revolution Studios Toronto by producer Rob DeVito.

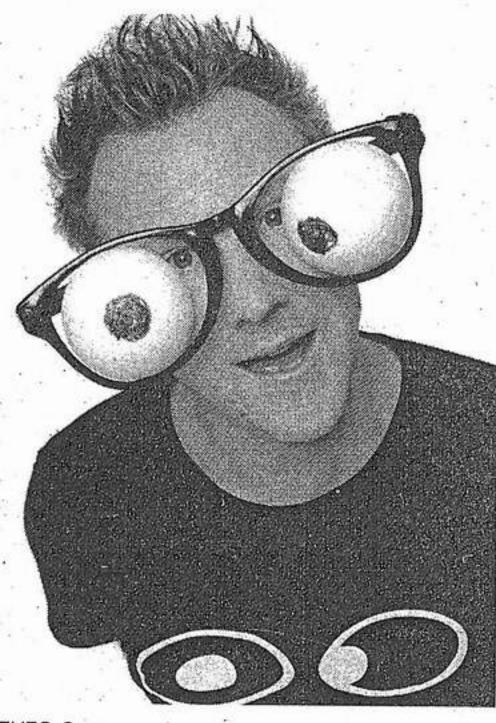
As for gigs, the remaining Summer months are "chock-a-block', with BellyBang Festival, (Tipperary), Currafest Festival (Galway) and Knockanstockan Summer Festival (Wicklow) fast approaching and a triple header Irish tour with Cork funk band Jericho and Síomha Brock, a songstress from Ennis, which will see them play from Dingle to Dublin and all in between.

If you're interested in seeing what this six-piece band can do with a 17-piece ensemble then get yourself to Dolan's Warehouse this week.

Support on the night from The Hip-Neck Blues Collective. Leading Armies, featuring The Markevin Light Orchestra play Dolan's this Thursday June

COMEDY

Keep an eye out for Jason Byrne



THIS Summer Jason Byrne and his Special Eye head out on the road. Why 'Special Eye'? Because Jason's shows are special and yes, so is his eye that he regularly refers to in his show. He has featured on Live at the Apollo and Radio 2s The Jason Byrne Show, and soon to be seen in Father Figure, his own brand new show on BBC1. After being cooped up in the BBC writing and recording his new sitcom for the past few months, Jason is bursting for a chat.

He comes to Dolan's in Limerick to do what he does best: stand on stage and open his mouth. Then after an hour or so he'll close it again leaving behind a roomful of deliriously happy punters who have just witnessed "The Outright King of Live Comedy" (according to British daily The Times) deliver an hour of comedy.

Jason Byrne performs in Dolan's on Thursday July 18.

Celebrating the Red, White and Blue

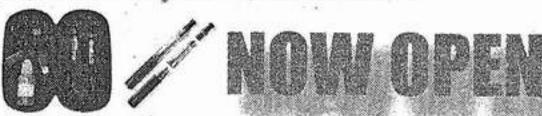


Visitors from near and far are expected to gather on the Adare Manor Estate for the USA July 4 celebrations next week in the company of Limerick's Hermitage Green, speedily gaining critical acclaim both nationally and internationally. A 'must see' band these days, you can expect hard hitting rhythm sections driven by the tribal combination of bodhrán and djembe, rhythmic guitar lines with dobro melodies and four part vocal harmonies. The event will take place in the grounds of the Adare Manor Estate at the golf clubhouse and guests can expect a fun, party atmosphere suitable for all the family. From 6pm there will be a BBQ, a pig on a spit, an ice cream bar, falconry displays and putting competitions. Hermitage Green play Adare Manor with support on Thursday July 4

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