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LIVE GIGS

Hermitage Green release live album



LIMERICK'S Hermitage Green will release a live album, **'Hermitage Green - Live at Whelan's'** on Friday November 15. The album was recorded at two shows in Whelan's this October and produced by musician and studio virtuoso Joe Chester who has worked with Ryan Sheridan, Mundy, Gemma Hayes and The Coronas.

Currently riding on the crest of a very high wave, Hermitage Green's Electric Picnic performance, to the 7000 capacity Electric Arena tent, capped a busy Summer of festivals. The lads made regular appearances on national television recently as the house band on the new RTÉ TV sports show 'Second Captains'. Meanwhile you can catch Hermitage Green at their first all seated show in Dolan's this Wednesday October 30.

ELECTRONIC

Jake Conlon plays hard for Halloween Macronite bash

LIMERICK'S electronic club Macronite is back for this month's instalment at the weekend. "We've always loved Hallowe'en at Macronite and this year we bring you a line up and party to help soften those blue tones of Summer's end and remind you of what the Winter is really about longer nights. As usual Hallowe'en is one of our biggest and most outrageous parties, so fancy dress to impress, and yes there will be prizes," reports Macronite's Dan Sykes.

Macronite will feature Birmingham's Jake Conlon ("a fast rising star in the world of machines. Make no mistake, this will be hard"). The Jungle Boogie crew will take over the upstairs area bringing their strictly bangin' oldskool D 'n' B sounds. Music from Adam Broe, Tokin'whiteboy and Greaney will bring the funk oozing Hallowe'en style from the Terrace. As usual, it's access all areas. Macronite Halloween party happens on Saturday October 26 in Dolan's.

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NEW MUSIC

Protobaby hit the ground running



New look Protobaby make their Limerick debut on November 2

LIMERICK'S Protobaby unveiled the band's new lead singer Aoife McLoughlin (Voice of Ireland finalist) at their main stage gig at Independance Festival last August. The band has just completed recording their new single called 'Keep Running' in Dublin's The Production Suite. The single will be accompanied by a video by Shane Serrano and will be launched with the new line-up's first hometown gig at Dolan's Warehouse on November 2 with a Hallowe'en themed After-Show Party.

"Be sure to dress up and join the party. Discounted ticket price on the night for those who whip out the bin liners, paint the faces and throw their creativity in action," says the band.

As well as support acts and Protobaby's live show, DJs will take control of Dolan's record decks for a Night of the Living Dead Hallowe'en after show party until late. Featuring a great line up of Limerick bands with Senakah, Parliament Square and My Empire, Protobaby play Dolan's on Saturday November 2.

LIVE GIGS

The Hitchers reunite for Quinn's 'Recess'



Limerick band The Hitchers reform to celebrate Theme Tune Boy's new single release this Sunday October 27

LIMERICK band Theme Tune Boy launch their new video 'Recess' featuring dozens of brave Limerick citizens who lent their lip syncing skills at the recent video shoot at The Music Hub.

Theme Tune Boy is the most recent incarnation of Niall Quinn (drummer/songwriter with The Hitchers). TTB's debut album The Return of the Living Dead was released in Spring 2013 to great reviews. The band will play a full set and record another video on the night before making way for 90's punk rockers The Hitchers who have come together for the night to do their first show in five years.

The Hitchers released two albums and a slew of singles/ EPs in the late '90s. The Limerick band came to the attention of legendary BBC DJ John Peel who championed the bands debut UK release 'It's All Fun and

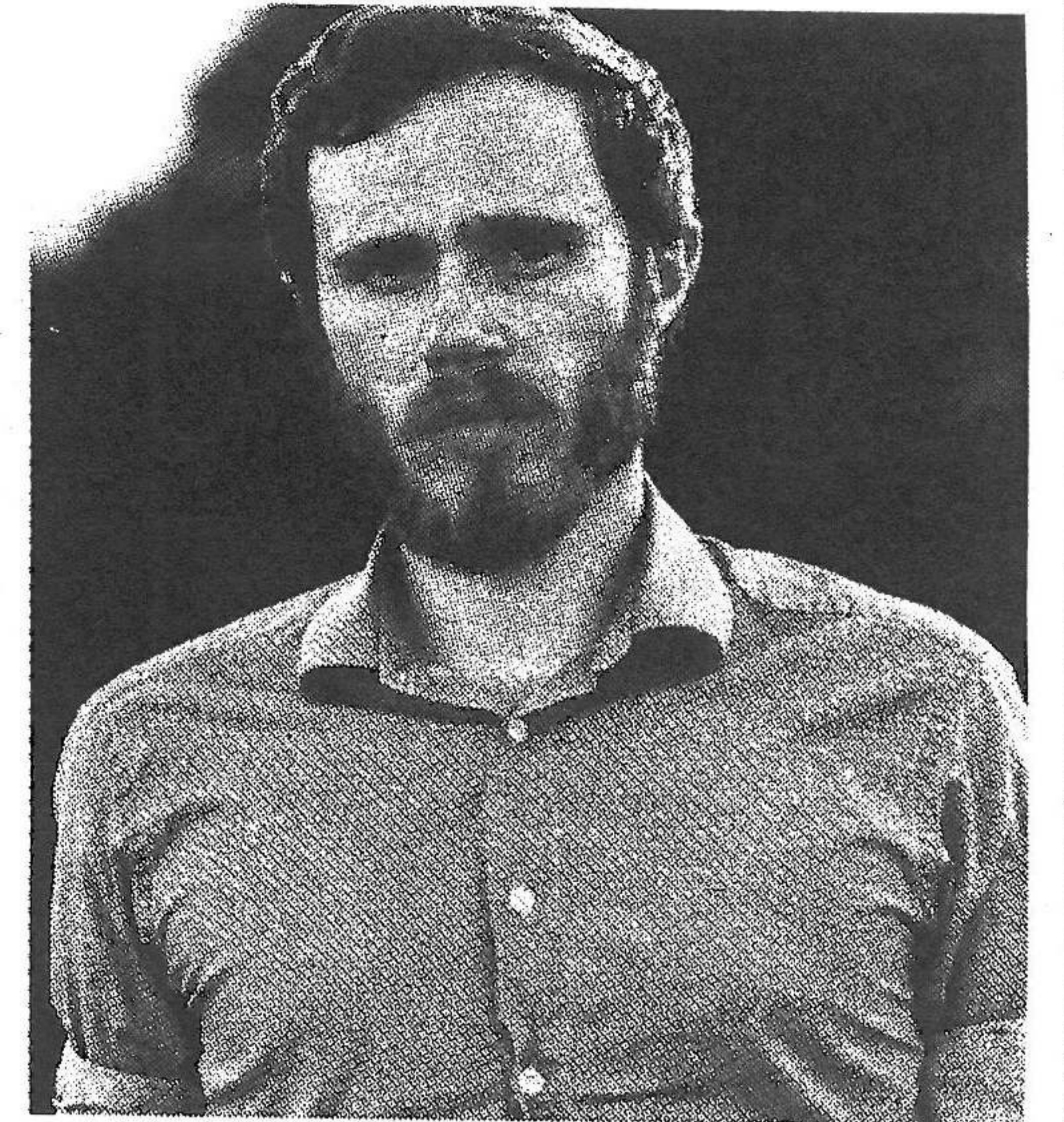
Games 'Til Someone Loses An Eye'. The 'Strachan/ You Can Only Love Someone' double A-side single featured in Peel's Festive 50 songs of 1997.

Though The Hitchers officially de-mobbed in 2001 they have occasionally reformed for one-off shows and media interest in the band is rekindled pretty much biennially around the time of World Cups and European Championships, which recently led to The Guardian readers voting their song 'Strachan', dedicated to the current Scotland manager, "the greatest football song ever".

The Hitchers and Theme Tune Boy play Seoda Shows, Bourke's Bar on Sunday October 27. Ticketholders are entitled to a free Hitchers or Theme Tune Boy CD or vinyl of choice on the night while stocks last.

MUSIC NOTES

New music and tour from James Vincent McMorrow



■ JAMES Vincent McMorrow has announced a release date for his new album and a gig in Limerick. The opening track from his new album is streaming now on www.musiclimerick.com. The song 'Cavalier' off his new album 'Post Tropical' sees McMorrow ditch the guitar for a James Blake-style sparse sound track. It is a stunning piece that will raise expectations for the artist's Limerick show.

The critically acclaimed debut album 'Early in the Morning' from James Vincent McMorrow reached number 1, went platinum and picked up a Choice Music Prize nomination upon its release in 2010. The follow up album 'Post Tropical' will be released in January. The new record will herald a change in musical direction for the songwriter who revealed, "I'm so proud of 'Early in the Morning' but I never longed to be a guy with a guitar. You play these songs live as best you can, and suddenly you're a folk musician. But the texture of this new record is completely different. This is the kind of stuff that makes sense to me." James Vincent McMorrow will play University Concert Hall, Limerick on Saturday February 1.

FMC tour to feature Le Galaxie and Daithí



■ FIRST Music Contact have announced the line-up for their FMC Tour, happening in November featuring Irish bands Le Galaxie, Funeral Suits and Daithí. A local band will open the show each night and bands applying for the slot can do so via breakingtunes.com. The FMC Tour pulls into Dolan's Limerick on Friday November 8.

The Would Be's

■ FORMED in 1990 The Would Be's debut single 'I'm Hardly Ever Wrong' caught the attention of BBC Radio One's John Peel. Stephen Street produced their EP 'Silly Songs For Cynical People'. The band garnered a number of Singles of the Week awards in NME and the band supported Morrissey on his 'Kill Uncle' tour. The young band lasted only two years as their indie record label lacked the funds to support them.

The Would Be's reformed in 2012 have released two wonderful singles and their long awaited album 'Beautiful Mess' is out now. The Would Be's play on Wednesday October 30 at Cobblestone Joe's.