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A Special Performance for a Special Event

This week the MGLC ensemble were delighted to take part in the launch for the Special Olympics that will take place in Limerick, June 2014. The launch event was at University concert hall on Tuesday afternoon. The ensemble brought in the help of two talented teenage rappers, who have been honing their skills at the MGLC Music Hub at Kileely as well as the St Mary's National School Choir. This group of almost 40 singers and musicians performed a special live version of the track that MGLC have been recording in recent weeks. This track will shortly be unveiled, but we can reveal it includes members of over 26 local ensembles with a combined number of over 500 performers. Watch this space.

Band Camp

This weekend three bands formed during MGLC's mid-term Band Camp, will go into the studio to record a set of original songs. It is a great achievement by both the teenage musicians and their mentors that a few short weeks after forming they've created their own music and are ready to lay it down in a professional recording environment. These sessions represent both the end and a beginning of the Band Camp project. From January it is planned to open the scheme up to all young musicians across the city. Both existing bands and young musicians who are keen to play but don't currently have people to combine with will be supported in rehearsing, recording and gigging at venues across the city. Each band will be given a mentor drawn from Limerick's rich stew of professional musicians, including specialists in indie, metal, hip-hop, jazz, folk, trad, R&B and pop. The working title for this ambitious new project is 'Limerick City Band Explosion' and that's just what it will be.

Limerick City Children's Choir - The Debut

MGLC's first new ensemble - the Limerick City Children's Choir are performing for the very first time on Thursday December 5th at the Redemptorist Church as part of Limerick Musical Society and Cantette's magical night of Christmas cheer, 'Seasons Greetings'. Due to their average age the choir will be performing first. The choir is free and open to every child aged 5 to 10. It rehearses on Saturdays from 2.15-3.30pm at Mary Immaculate College. The choir forms two groups, one aged 5-7 and the other 8-10. **To get involved in future camps or any Music Generation events check out the Music Generation Limerick City Facebook page or email boris.hunka@lsom.ie**

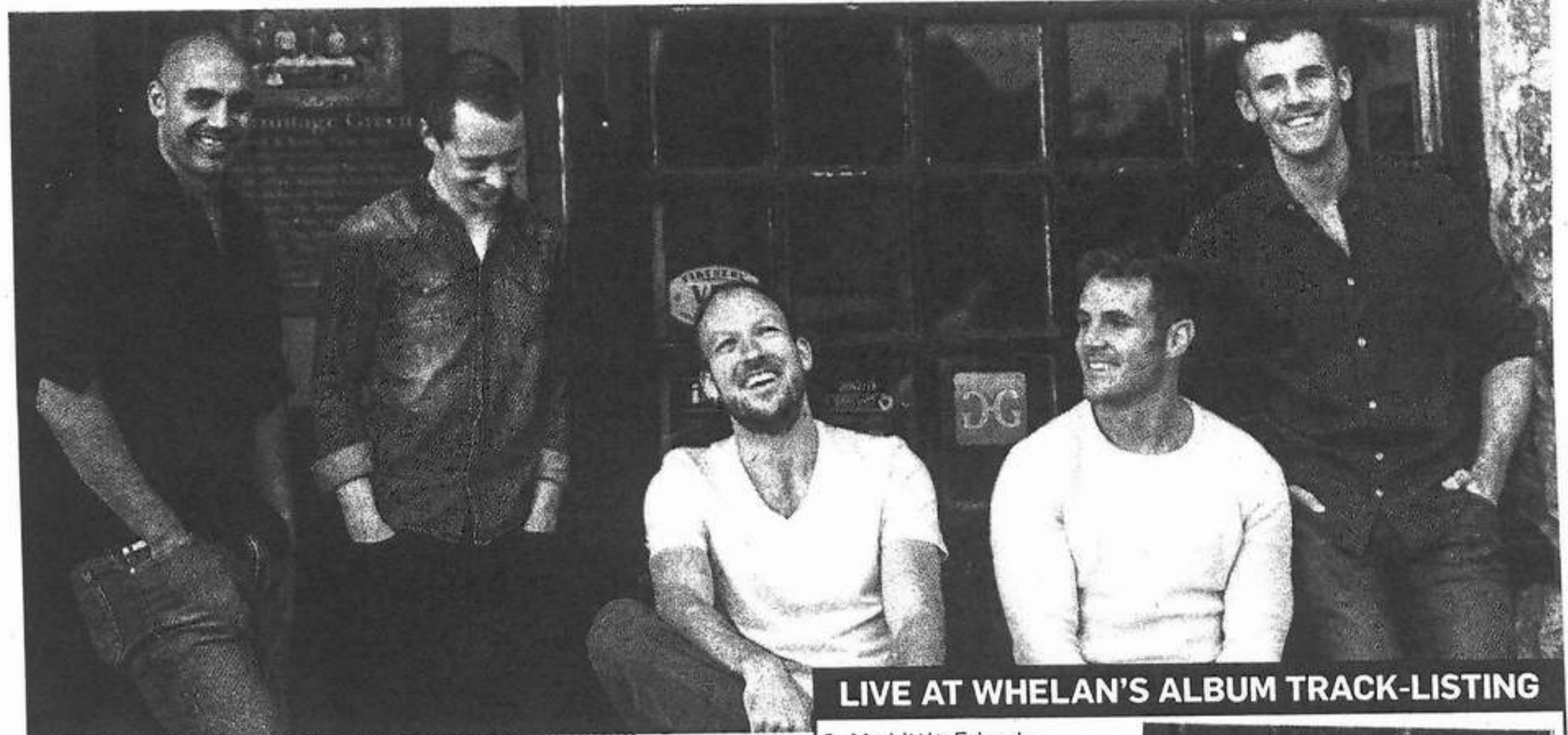
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PREVIEW

Hermitage Green's debut album is at Number One



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DESPITE some initial delays last week the new album from Limerick's Hermitage Green is at number one in the iTunes charts at time of writing and well on its way to being an official Number One hit. The CD version is available in record shops across the country. Hermitage Green played two sold out shows in Dublin's Whelan's last October that were recorded for the new album 'Hermitage Green - Live At Whelan's'. Under the watchful eye of producer Joe Chester who has worked with Ryan Sheridan, Gemma Hayes and The Coronas, Hermitage Green have now just released the 12 track album of the band's most popular original material along with an acapella version of Massive Attack's 'Teardrops'. The decision to go with a live recording for Hermitage Green's debut LP was a natural one according

to HG's singer/ guitarist Dan Murphy. "It was a natural a thing to do, we have played 500 gigs across five continents in our two years together. We wanted to bottle and capture all the things we love about our gigs, the mistakes, the craic, everything you would see at a gig." Choosing Whelan's in Dublin to record is down to the intimacy of the venue, its 400 capacity and fantastic room sound that make it an ideal space in which to record. The band worked very hard with producer Joe Chester on pre-production, getting the band's set incredibly tight so when it came to the gigs, it would Hermitage Green at their best. "We were pretty solid, saying that there are mistakes and f*ck-ups but that is what makes a live gig," laughs the singer. The release of the album on iTunes had been delayed due to "a backlog in the iTunes upload", according to the band's facebook site. Dan

LIVE AT WHELAN'S ALBUM TRACK-LISTING

1. My Little Friends
2. Ailsing
3. And the Melodies Came
4. Misfits
5. Sun Never Rose
6. Teardrop
7. Florida
8. Gibson
9. Song For Paul
10. Let the Ink Flow
11. Cloud 9
12. Goldenrule



commented to Limerick Post that the distribution problems were, "issues that were out of our control." The band stated on their facebook site, "If you want something done right you should just do it yourself .. Once again we've been humbled by people's support." The CD is now available in HMV Limerick in Crescent SC. It is also available in Dublin at various Golden

Discs and HMV Music Stores and Tower Records and Celtic Note, in Cork at Golden Discs and Green Note and in Galway at OMG and Zhivago Records. For downloading, the new album is available on iTunes, Google Play, Amazon.com and Amazon.co.uk Hermitage Green play Dolan's on December 21 and 22.

Product.....

Limerick's Best Sellers and Downloads

SINGLES...

1. Somewhere Only We Know - Lily Allen
2. Story of My Life - One Direction
3. Take Me to Church - Hozier
4. Of The Night - Bastille
5. The Monster - Eminem feat Rihanna

ALBUMS...

1. Live at Whelans - Hermitage Green
2. Now Christmas- VA
3. Midnight Memories - One Direction
4. Songs for the Philippines - VA
5. White Christmas - VA



GAMES...

1. Call of Duty: Ghosts (Xbox 360/PS3)
2. Just Dance 2014 (Wii)
3. Star Fox 64 3D (3DS)
4. Minecraft: Xbox 360 Edition (Xbox 360)
5. Grand Theft Auto V (Xbox 360)

NEW RELEASE...

DEMI LOVATO - Neon Lights
 MULTI-PLATINUM artist, Demi Lovato, is set to release her new track 'Neon Lights' from her album 'DEMI'. Demi's eponymous album was a Top 10 hit on its release. It features previous hit singles 'Heart Attack' and 'Made in the USA'. It has sold over two million copies worldwide. Lovato co-wrote nearly every song on the album and is a judge on The X Factor USA.

