

## Music

# The Pogues 'go Green'

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**HERMITAGE Green are set to toast the success of their debut album by going on tour with the Pogues in the UK, including a date in the O2 Academy in Brixton.**

The Limerick band, basking in a warm critical glow and impressive sales for their debut - *Live at Whelan's* - got a call after performing in Dingle on the Other Voices pub trail at the weekend to join up with Shane MacGowan on a UK tour next week.

"We got a call Sunday to see if we would be up for it, and we had a few things booked but thankfully we

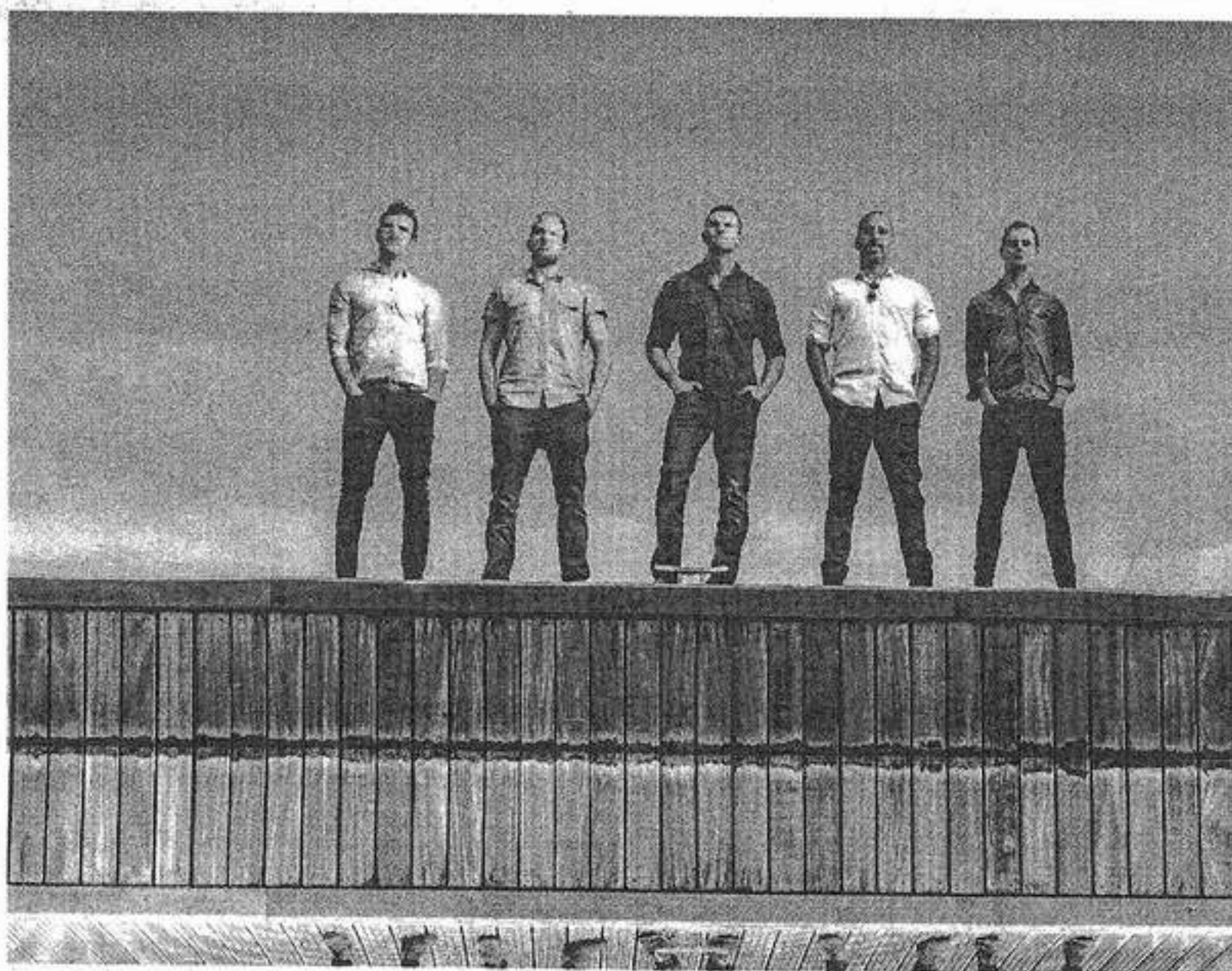
could move things around," explained Barry Murphy this Monday.

"We are doing Glasgow with them on Tuesday, then playing our own gig in Manchester on Wednesday, Thursday we are doing our own gig in London, and then Friday doing the O2 in Brixton with them. It should be a laugh!"

The band first encountered MacGowan when he played at the Dolan's festival in Limerick, but have been watching videos online to get up to speed on the Fairy Tale of New York singer.

"It will be a huge party atmosphere," says Barry with a grin.

The band have had to move their Dolan's Warehouse



Live and dangerous: Hermitage Green are set to tour the UK with the Pogues next week

show from December 20 over to two nights (Dec 21 and 22), with tickets still on sale for the latter date.

The band hit the top of the iTunes chart for downloads almost immediately on releasing their Joe Chester

produced live album, reaching number two in the independent charts and 12 in the overall charts.

"The reception was great, the support was pretty class, mostly from people in Limerick," says Barry.

"People seem to like it, which is the important thing," he adds.

Plans are afoot to get into studio at some stage in 2014 for the *Green*, so watch this space. See [www.hermitage-green.com](http://www.hermitage-green.com).

## Live music

## Armies to lead from the front in December

LIMERICK's Leading Armies will play a gig in 69 O'Connell Street on December 20.

The six-piece, who released LP *Let's Get Serious* in October ahead of a mooted album release next year, have had a great 2013, including a trip to Canada and combining with the the Markevin Orchestra to record top track *All In Between* live in St John's Church earlier this year.

The band have also been booked for a high profile slot on the NYE concert in the city.

Early bird tickets at €12 are available now from the box office at 69 O'Connell Street or via [www.limetreetheatre.ie](http://www.limetreetheatre.ie).

## Seoda Shows

## Get the Metro to Bourke's

ONE of our favourite local bands, Moscow Metro, play a show on December 29 for the ever busy Seoda Shows.

The Bourke's Bargig will be a homecoming for the band, who have been quiet this year after a stellar year in 2012, appearing at Liss Ard, Body and

## Theatre

## Lime Tree hosts two top shows this week

