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The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly Christmas gigs

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly, the new Galway band of seven musicians and one film-maker, play a series of gigs around the county this Christmas.

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The band play Johnston's Hall, Kinvara, this Saturday at 5.30pm (all ages show) and at 9pm (admission €15, mulled wine included); the Nuns Island Theatre on Monday December 22 at 8pm (admission, €10); and Campbell's Tavern, Cloughanover, Headfort Tuesday 23 at 4pm.
The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly album launch

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An audio-visual experience, The Harp The Accordion and The Ugly play Monroe’s Live on Wednesday December 17. The concert will also see the launch of their eponymous debut album.

Band members come from Finland, Hungary, England, Italy, Spain, and France and perform on violin, double bass, classical guitar, percussion, clarinet, and accordion.

Check YouTube to see the band perform music from Game Of Thrones.

Support is from AKSARA whose music combines Italian melodies and Irish rhythms.

Tickets are available on the door or through www.monroes.ie and 091 - 583397.
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Combining classical, traditional and gypsy styles, they have merged their love of movie soundtracks from some of their favourite film composers such as Ennio Morricone, Yann Tiersen, Nino Rota and others with excerpts from much-loved films. This montage will be projected in the background alongside the live music by Spanish film maker Javi Gil, otherwise known as The Ugly.

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The CD launch in Monroe’s Live next Wednesday takes place at 9pm, with support from Italian-Irish fusion group Aksara.

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CREATING A MAGIC MIX OF MUSIC AND MOVIES

It's still growing, but in the first week we got more than 20,000 hits,” says Luca. “It was unexpected. We were on the RTE page, and in an Italian newspaper.”

“It's great for a band to get this kind of exposure,” he adds. “Most of the time bands are focused on tangible things, forgetting that nowadays music is about the web. You can get to the most people, all over the world.”

The idea popped into buttied up, says Juliana. “We wanted to go to Germany to play somehow, she says. “Not with all of the guys on the same project, but similar music. We sent the link to the people in Germany, they were all business people. Then a bunch of people arrived there!”

One of their interview sessions went viral, and now the band is being featured on the German TV show “ commas and fiddles is bound to sound impressive, but playing to spot in a movie scene is added challenge.”

During the show, the movie starts, so the magic has to start and finish and start again at the right point,” Luca says. “And then, depending on our mood, we might start at a different pace,” Juliana adds. “We’re not playing to a click track or anything. Sometimes we might play a bit fast, so we have to improvise, but it seems to work. Everyone’s a really good musician, so we can do it.”

Lucas is keen to point out that this being In Galway was vital in getting the project going. “For sure, there was a special link between all the musicians and I, but what really made this happen is the love people have for music, especially here in Galway,” he says. “How people allowed us to take this risk. People care about music, and backing. What makes it possible is our effort and technical skills, but we need an audience from an audience, which we get. Business people care about it as well, compared to other countries’ music scenes.”

These Christmas shows are just the beginning for The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly project. “There are a lot of plans,” says Luca. “Our CD, recorded here in Galway, will be available at the shows. Just another person will be photographing all that will be put in a documentary, which we’ll release in the summer. We’re projecting this project into the future.”

“I think we’re planning to go to each other’s countries, and use the documentary to promote Galway and music, the building culture,” Juliana adds. “We all have connections in our countries, so we could do it on our own easily.”

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Galway based international band to play Monroe’s Live

BY KERNAN ANDREWS  Galway Advertiser, Thu, Dec 11, 2014

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Multi-cultural group creates a magic mix of music and movies

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- Written by: Jimi McDonnell

The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly, an international outfit who aim to recreate the magic of early cinema, where live music was the norm. Galway based multi-cultural seven piece, The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly will bring their intriguing show involving music and cinema to Monroe’s Live on December 17, to Johnston’s Hall, Kinvara, on December 20 and to Campbell’s Tavern, Cloughanover, on December 23.

Accordion player Luca Verga explains how the show works. “It’s going to be vintage style silent movies, edited by Javi (Gil), with a seven-piece band playing a live soundtrack,” he says.

“It’s a one hour-and-twenty-minute show without breaks. The audience can really sit down, relax and travel in the music and the movies. The goal is to bring back the atmosphere of the beginning of the cinema, when you had the movie on the screen and a band live on the stage.”

The other members of The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly are Annie Chambers (harp), Juliana Erickson (violin), Dylan Gully (clarinet), Moises Mas Garcia (percussion), László Pásztor (double bass) and Luca Brembilla (classical guitar). It’s fair to say they’re an international bunch. “We met altogether on the street last summer. We started busking, and because of the reaction we decided to set up a band,” says Juliana, who hails from Finland and has been living in Galway for nine years.

For more, see this week’s Connacht Tribune
Popular live music cinema night returns for one night only

By Eibhin Laughlin Galway Advertiser, Fri, Aug 15, 2014

The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly - Live Music Cinema is back this Sunday August 17 by popular demand in Aru na ngAeil from 9pm.

After a hugely successful run during the Galway Fringe festival, The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly will return for one night only this Sunday for more live music cinema accompanied by a full band.

This time the talent of six popular street musicians and one filmmaker combine to create a vintage style projection, containing clips from many popular movies, accompanied by quirky arrangements of their soundtracks played live on the harp, accordion, violin, clarinet, cajon, and double bass.

Annie Chambers (harp) and Luca Verga (accordion) are both familiar faces on the streets of Galway, both making a living as full-time musicians and buskers, which is in fact how they met and began playing together on Shop Street one quiet winter’s evening some years ago.

Now, they have combined their love of movie soundtracks from some of their favourite film composers such as Ennio Moricone, Yann Tiersen, Nino Rota, and many more, with excerpts from the much loved films.

This montage will be projected in the background alongside the live music by Spanish filmmaker Javi Gil, otherwise known as ‘The Ugly’.

In addition, this time they will be joined by The Violin (Juliana Erkkonen), The Clarinet (Dylan Gully), The Cajon (Moises Mas Garcia), and The Double Bass (László Pásztor).

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Luca e Luca, bergamaschi in Europa come artisti di strada - Il video

Si chiamano Galway buskers e sono un gruppo di amici che, conosciuti durante tanti viaggi, hanno deciso di mettere insieme una band di artisti di strada. Il gruppo, costituito da musicisti provenienti da tutt'Europa, comprende, fra gli altri, Luca Brembilla alla chitarra e Luca Verga alla fisarmonica, entrambi bergamaschi d'origine ed attualmente liberi cittadini del mondo: "Il, seppur modesto, successo di questo avvenimento - spiegano con un commento - rappresenta dal nostro punto di vista un ottimo esempio di come l'arte di strada possa rappresentare un forte strumento di aggregazione e di diffusione (multi) culturale in una società contemporanea che sembra spingersi sempre di più verso omologazione sociale e appiattimento dei valori".

GUARDA IL VIDEO
Galway buskers brilliantly cover the Game of Thrones theme

Euros are coming.

WHEN BUSKERS ARE good, they can be really really good.

This collective took to Galway city to entertain the passing crowds with the Game of Thrones theme song.

We feel like we’re in Westeros, not the West.
Buskers cover Game of Thrones theme tune

By: Spin 1038 Sun, 10th Aug 2014

A group of Buskers, have wowed the people of Galway with their rendition of the theme tune from Game of Thrones.

The band called The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly are known for covering movie and TV soundtracks.

Check it out!
Watch! Buskers in Galway do Game of Throne theme

Saturday 09 Aug 2014

Galway Girl? Fuhgedditablet about it! Another Jeff Buckley song? Nope - it seems buskers in The City of The Tribes have really upped their game and are now doing the theme tune from Game of Thrones. Have a look!

Here’s a band called The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly who specialise in playing their own unique and very cool versions of movie and TV soundtracks.

The multi-cultured act are made of Annie Chambers on harp, accordionist Luca Verga, percussionist Moises Mas, clarinet player Dylan Gully, violinist Juliana Erkkonen, and guitarist Luca Brembilla and they are very good indeed.
Watch: Buskers in Galway cover Game of Thrones theme

Shoppers in Galway were treated to a nice little rendition of Game of Thrones' theme song.

The busker group - known as The Harp, The Accordion and The Ugly - specialise in covering movie and TV soundtracks with their blend of classical music and folk.

Very cool. Now do Knight Rider. What do you mean, you don't know it?