

A recent live performance at the opening of the new Titanic building in Belfast earned a whole new and very appreciative audience for local duo The Bonnevilles, with various social media sites exploding with 'Wow, who were those guys?' comments.

The answer is a self-proclaimed two-headed fuzz freakshow, comprising sonic Siamese twins Andrew McGibbon Jr and Chris McMullan, who have been setting stages all across Ireland, the UK



and Europe alight since 2007 with their take on bluesy, full-throttle rock and roll.

Tickets from, www.ticketmaster.ie. **PB**

■ MICK FLANNERY
The Limelight, Belfast
Tonight, Doors 7.30pm

After a standout local debut at the Belfast Nashville Festival, the Cork songster returns tonight with his full band to promote his new album, *Red To Blue*.

Winner of two awards in the

Nashville International Song Writing Competition, judged by his idol Tom Waits, Flannery was the first Irish musician to win this event.

With his new album having been mixed by Ryan Freeland (Ray LaMontagne), it looks like he has another winner. Tickets from, www.shine.net. **DM**

■ SOUTHERN TENANT FOLK UNION
Courtyard Theatre,
Newtownabbey
Thursday, May 10, 7.30pm
Bronte Music Club, Rathfriland
Friday, May 11, 8pm
Flowerfield Arts Centre,
Portstewart
Tuesday, May 15, 7.30pm

Hot on the heels of its critically acclaimed album, *The New Farming Scene*, the Edinburgh-based band is back on tour in support of its latest offering, *Pencaitland*.

Formed by Belfast-born five-string banjo player Pat



McGarvey, this captivating live act is now one of the most highly rated folk and bluegrass outfits in the UK. Tickets available from respective venues. **DM**

The walls are alive with the

Londonderry, Various venues
Until Monday, May 7

Featuring over 200 events playing across 70 venues throughout the historic walled city over this Bank Holiday weekend, a host of top performers will be on the bill, including jazz legend Ruby Turner, The Commitments, The Jive Aces (above), Troyka and the Swing Gals to name but a few.

There is hardly a cafe, bar or restaurant in the city which isn't presenting something this weekend so you will be sure of hearing the strains of melody floating in the air no matter where you end up within the walls.

Some of the performers are return visitors like Gay McIntyre, David Lyttle, John Leighton, Gregg G and the Crazy Gang, King

TOP DRAW

City of Derry Jazz and Big Band Festival

Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys, Oo-Bop Sh'Bam and Ska Beat, Carman Ghia and Hot Roads, Miranda Rosenberg — all of whom offer something to audiences of ages and musical tastes.

New visitors include Kitten and the H new band with a full brass section and a accompanying DJ.

■ CARDUCCI STRING QUARTET
The MAC,
St Anne's Square, Belfast
Thursday, May 10, 8pm

It's great to see a new partnership opening up in the music world here, as Brian Carson's Moving on Music organisation has established a Concert Series in association with the MAC.

The Carducci Quartet is one of the UK's most successful young string quartets. This Anglo-Irish foursome have won competitions the world over and have a phenomenal international following.



During this performance at the MAC they'll be joined by exceptionally talented guitar soloist Michael O'Toole. For details, visit www.themaclive.com. **PH**

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