



Enniscorthy Rock Heroes Launch Debut Single

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All the rocky roads led to the Presentation Arts Centre in Enniscorthy last week for the launch by four-piece local rockers Ten Ounce Mouse of their debut single 'Echoes'.

The single itself is also very much a local affair, having been recorded at the Orchard Recording Studio and mixed by Brendan Carthy.

'Echoes' is a fine slice of intelligent pop-rock, with engaging vocals from Luc Power, and some big, anthemic drumming from Michael O'Connor. They're both ably assisted by guitarist Brandon Murphy and Jags Denby Atkinson on bass. As if to prove that 'Echoes' is no fluke, they've coupled it on the CD with a classy live version of another original called 'Atom League'. In all, you get eight minutes of non-stop quality rock.

The noted publisher, and long-time IMRO board member Johnny Lappin was at the gig and as a big admirer of the band he hopes to sign a publishing deal with them shortly. As he explained, "I was very impressed with their drive and enthusiasm, and I believe some of the songs showed great promise."

The launch of 'Echoes' was preceded on the night by live performances by The Elephant Room and Foot Squeaker. Ten Ounce Mouse have an impressive live repertoire of around 17 songs, the vast majority of which are originals. Drawing their influence from acts such as The Smiths, The Pixies, Motown Records and Joy Division, they also include revitalized versions of Sultans of Ping's 'Where's Me Jumper' and U2's 'I Will Follow'.