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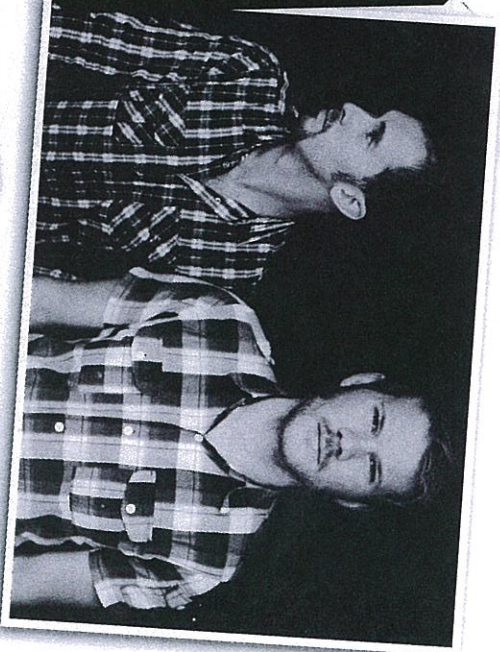
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Aoife O'Driscoll reports on February.

Improvised Music Company's 12 Points! Festival

▶▶ The best of Europe's contemporary jazz scene will be descending on Dublin this month for the third Improvised Music Company's 12 Points! Festival. Running from February 11-14, the festival will see 12 of the hottest emerging young jazz acts from 12 different countries perform at Dublin's Project Arts Centre over four nights - placing Ireland firmly at the centre of Europe's burgeoning jazz scene. Cool cats indeed... For more information, visit www.projectarts.ie and www.improviseedmusic.ie.

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RBS Six Nations Championship

▶▶ February is a big month in the rugby calendar as Europe's six top rugby-playing countries come head to head for the RBS Six Nations Championship. The competition kicks off on February 7 when Ireland play France on the hallowed turf of Croke Park. Our boys may have the advantage of home ground but they'll still need your support as they battle for victory, whether you're lucky enough to be in Croke or simply cheering from a distance! Check out www.irishrugby.ie.

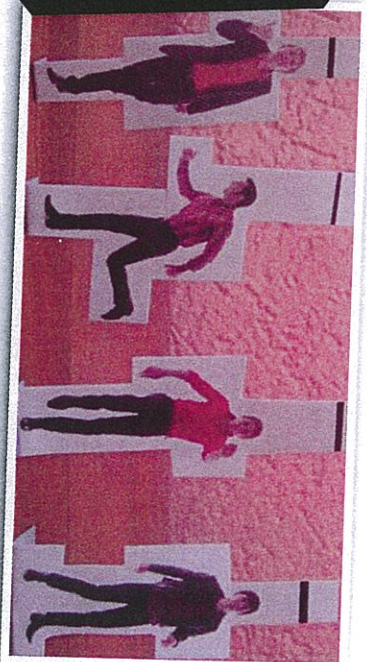
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Franz Ferdinand

▶▶ Limerick gig-goers are in for a massive treat this month when Scottish art-rock four-piece Franz Ferdinand play Dolan's Warehouse on February 28. One of just two Irish dates to promote their new album. Tonight, Franz Ferdinand (the other being Dublin's Olympia on March 1) this is a huge coup for the Limerick City venue and a night not to be missed. Find out more at www.dolan.ie.

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La Bohème

▶▶ Being the month of love, February is the ideal time to indulge in some serious romance and who could resist La Bohème, one of the greatest operatic love stories of all time? A superb production of Puccini's bittersweet tale of love and life will be showing at the National Concert Hall, Dublin, on February 21, 22 and 24. Visit www.nche.ie for more.

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Jameson Dublin International Film Festival

▶▶ It's lights, cameras, action in the capital as the seventh annual Jameson Dublin International Film Festival takes place across the city from February 12-22. Last year's festival was a huge success, featuring fantastic films and some of the biggest names from the movie world, and organisers promise more of the same this year. There will be over 130 screenings, including the 2008 Cannes Palme D'Or winner (The Class), the 2008 Cannes Best Director winner (Three Monkeys - pictured) and the much anticipated first feature animation from Cartoon Saloon (The Secret of Kells). For more, visit www.diff.com.

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