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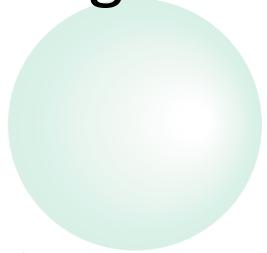
***WE CAN BE HEROES***

**Clonmel Junction Festival**

**July 2021**

I think a Hero is any  
Person really intent on  
making this a better  
place for all people.

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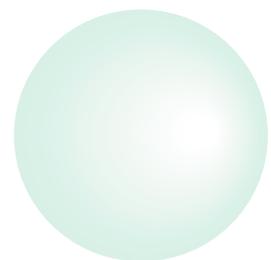
*During Junction Festival July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2021, Camida hosted 5 Covid compliant music gigs at Raheen House Hotel and sponsored 6 workshops for 'emerging' contemporary musicians.*

Camida have had the pleasure of involvement in the Clonmel Junction Festival since the very beginning – way back to 2001.

This year, 2021, we have selected to sponsor the music series themed 'We can be heroes'.

There are two reasons for this 'selection'.

- 1 Personally I am, and always have been, passionate about music especially when creative song writing is involved.
- 2 Welcoming 'Heroes' is so resonant with the ethos of Camida.

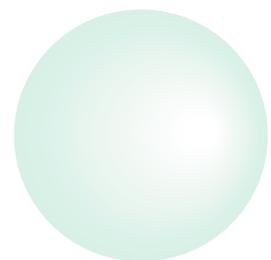


When Bowie wrote 'Heroes' (in 1977! – the very year I moved to Ireland) I think we all acknowledged that he was writing about the challenges and difficulties that can arise in a personal relationship with a partner.

Be that 'East & West' (as in Berlin) or issues of alcohol or drug abuse or management of adultery.

I believe he was saying that by a single mind change and commitment such issues CAN be overcome even if initially temporarily. I like to think, and I do believe, that he also meant National and International struggles can be overcome by a similarly simple change of mind set.

As the best and most demonstrative example of this, think of opening of the border gates at the Berlin Wall in 1989. Simply opening those gates catalysed the free crossing of the wall by over 2 million people the following weekend, thus dramatically short cutting the inevitable lengthy political debating and procrastination that otherwise would have ensued.



Bowie (Like Lennon) may perhaps be labelled naive in his belief that a simple commitment to an improved life choice or life behaviour can make fundamental and important changes – but I believe it too.

So, with some trepidation and just a tad of humility I suggest we may all aspire to be heroes.

Why not decide:

To be generous rather than greedy

To be congratulatory rather than begrudging

To be kind rather than shitty

To listen instead of being opinionated

To be humble rather than arrogant

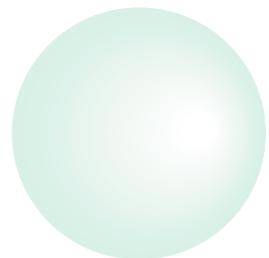
To be tolerant rather than judgemental

To be positive rather than negative

To be patient rather than frustrated

To be calm rather than angry

To be peaceful rather than aggressive



Further to that:

To me it beggars belief that discrimination is still extant given the lessons we should have learned from the past.

Discrimination in my mind can only arise from ignorance or character weakness or insecurity. It would be simple, therefore, to condemn those who discriminate; rather I think we need to educate and give confidence to those characters that still somehow hide behind the wall of discrimination.

After all, such negative emotions only serve to make those individuals bitter and discontent too.

So PLEASE let's find a way out of this at last and NEVER discriminate on the grounds of:

Age

Colour

Creed

Sexual orientation

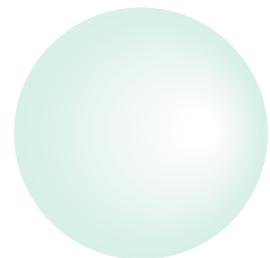
Nationality

We can all easily become 'Heroes' and, as John Lennon says, 'Imagine'.

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Crossogue Preserves

Workshop Co-ordinator: Eoin Hally

Workshop Facilitator: Kate Twohig

Venue

Raheen Manager

Photographer

Stage/Sound/Lights

Music Management

Music Management

Festival Director

Ticket Desk

Stretch Tents

Cashel Flowers (Table Flowers)

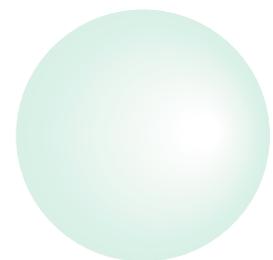
Book Production

Book Design/Publishing

Jam Producers

## Workshop Participants

- Richie Delahunty
- Desirée McCarthy
- Patrick Cleary
- Kevin Twohig
- Frank O'Mahony
- Ellie Mackey (EJ Mae)
- David O'Connor (Surf Spaghetti)
- Carlo Di Ruzza
- Aimée O'Brien O'Riordan
- Ash Walsh



### Workshop Guests

- Kate Brennan Harding
- Ruairí de Leastar & Vale
- Stephen McGrath & Gev Barrett (Crow Black Chicken)
- Gavin Glass
- Wyvern Lingo
- Ed O'Leary

### We Can Be Heroes (Junction Dome Performers)

- Royseven
- Jerry Fish
- Vale
- Gavin Glass
- Ruairí de Leastar
- Mick Flannery
- Kate Twohig
- Paul Noonan

### Raheen Gig Performers

Sunday	Patrick Cleary, Kevin Twohig
Monday	The Murphys with Caoimhe Maher
Tuesday	Ash Walsh Ruairi de Leaster, Carlo di Ruzza, Patrick Cleary, Ash Walsh, EJ Mae
Wednesday	EJ Mae
Friday	Joe Sheehan, Ruairi De Leaster, Aoife Delany Reade