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for
2011

BURNING AMBITION

Celina Murphy previews the 25 Irish acts who are all set to rock your year.

At the risk of veering into Moaning Michael territory, we lost count of the number of over-hyped international artists whose albums left us thoroughly cold last year. In 2010, it was the Irish who delivered the goods.

It's true that homegrown newcomers have big shoes to fill, but with such an inspirational gang of musicmakers around them, we're expecting phenomenal things from the 2011 contingent. Just you wait! So without further ado, we present our biggest ever list of Irish Ones To Watch - a whopping 25 movers and shakers, all out to prove that the Irish really are doing something special.

Our Class of 2011 (it could have been an A-Z, if so many S's didn't take our fancy...) will be providing you with your recommended daily dose of rock, folk and electronica, but they also include representatives of metal, pop, hip hop, prog, chiptune, thrash and a dozen or so madey-uppey genres that we're particularly excited about hearing. Needless to say these 25 upstarts (it could nearly have been a county-by-county rundown, if Leitrim stepped up its game...), form a pretty diverse bunch - one finds inspiration in the Wicklow mountains, two are named after Russian works of art and at least three take musical cues from video games!

But you don't want to take our word for it, you want to hear this vast expanse of musical wonderment for yourself! Well it just so happens that we've done all the virtual donkeywork for you and scared up the necessary links, which includes two free albums, seven free EPs and one positively banging free mixtape.

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JENNIFER EVANS AND THE RIPE INTENT

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Specialising in a refreshingly sinister strain of folk, Washington-born Jennifer Evans might not be on your musical radar just yet, but once you've sampled her impossibly soulful voice (just try listening to the delicious 'Scattered' without melting into a helpless puddle of mush), you'll be selling your grandmother for another taste. With stellar shows at Electric Picnic and HWCH currently gracing her rock resume, it's time for Miss Evans to take things to the next level.

HEAR HER: Stream her wonderful Salient Point EP at www.jenniferevans.ie

SEE HER: performing in the woods at www.youtube.com/watch?v=VALLpUOBaMo. She'll also be appearing on the next season of RTE's Other Voices.