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Dolores O'Riordan

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why we like her?

Dolores O'Riordan's captivating voice crooned its way into our consciousness when she was part of the group The Cranberries, and just when we thought we may never hear anything new from her again, she has reemerged with a solo project, and it's like she never went away.

why is she famous?

Dolores joined The Cranberries in the early '90s as their replacement lead vocalist and songwriter. Their best known tracks include "Linger," "Dreams," "Zombie," "Ode To My Family," "Salvation," "When You're Gone," and "Promises." Her debut solo album *Are You Listening?* appeared in stores in May of 2007 and included the hit "Ordinary Day."

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overall rating **75**

Dolores O'Riordan was the last member to join The Cranberries lineup of Noel and Mike Hogan and Fergal Lawler at the dawn of the '90s, but proved to be the creative catalyst who helped make them the most successful Irish act of the decade -- after fellow Gaelic superstars [U2](#), of course. With her striking looks, inarguable vocal talent and proven songwriting abilities, it was little surprise that Dolores quickly became the group's focal point, thanks in no small part to the emphasis on her image in The Cranberries' music videos.

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quote

"Really, I think I decided to make a full album because I had buckets of songs and I thought, 'It's now or never,' 'cause I'm not getting any younger."
 - Dolores O'Riordan on making her solo album.

bio

Dolores Mary Eileen O'Riordan was born on September 6, 1971, in Limerick, Ireland. In 1990, she answered a call to replace Niall Quinn as lead singer of a band then known as The Cranberry Saw Us. She won the audition and joined the group of young musicians which consisted of Fergal Lawler and brothers Noel and Mike Hogan. The combo produced a demo tape that was sold in record shops in Limerick before a more polished-sounding demo was made available for sale throughout Ireland.

Trivia: What were The Cranberries known as before Dolores joined them in 1990?

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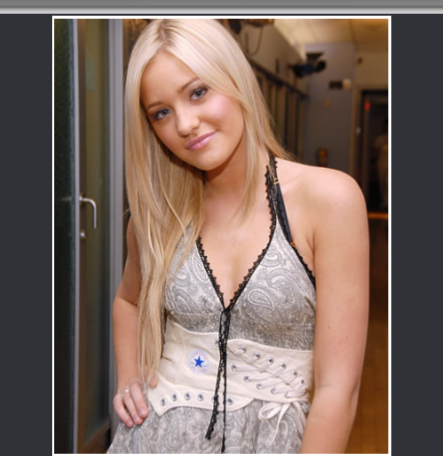
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