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The Irish rockers waltz back to Singapore, on the back of their latest album, "Roses" to deliver another unbridled performance at the Singapore Indoor Stadium last night

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It was just like they were here for the first time.

"You guys have been the most kickin' ass audience!" lead vocalist Dolores O'Riordan was having a blast being back on our shores, she shouted out to the crowd "It's good to be back here in six months, it feels great!"

So great that Dolores even let on about her trip to the Botanic Gardens and a shopping spree in Orchard Road where she "almost spent a fortune!"

Just six months after the alternative rock band delighted their fans in Singapore with their first full-scale concert last year, *The Cranberries* - led by Dolores O'Riordan with guitarist Noel Hogan, bassist Mike Hogan and drummer Fergal Lawler - were back to enthrall their frenzied fans again with their hypnotic and powerhouse hits.

Too soon, you think? Not, apparently

The Irish rockers showed their fans in Singapore why they were such an international hit that were worth every penny.

While not even close to a sell-out, the 5000-strong crowd proved *The Cranberries'* popularity, settling into a groove with the band's distinctive, polarising, sharp Irish strum, breaking out into a lot of good sing-along, with some in a head-bopping trance-like state.



Unlike the somewhat mellow opening at their stop here in August last year, the band opened the night, appropriately framed by a grunge-looking backdrop, with "Dreams" and "Linger" to massive screams of delight.

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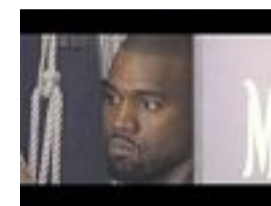
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The band gave their fans exactly what they came for - belting out classic hits after hits such as "Ode To My Family", "Animal Instinct" and "Zombie" with the unbridled enthusiasm you would expect from of a newly-formed band.

The set list included "Tomorrow", "Schizophrenic Playboy" and "Conduct" from their new album, *Roses*, released earlier this year.

The concert finished up with "Promises", the last of a four-song encore. A decent 90 minutes concert that ended slightly after 10pm, it was a flawless show albeit for a small amount of pitchy moments from Dolores.

The night, though dreamlike, might not have been as spellbinding as their previous show for a non-follower like me.

But for every ardent fan of *The Cranberries*, it must have been a truly magical, enthralling and inspiring evening basking in the familiar guitar chords of a well-loved old favourite.

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