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She is the toast of New York  
She's won the top awards



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**AGAINST CANCER**



**The Cranberries**

*All this — and Woodstock 2. Photograph by Kate Garner*



**T**HEY SAY that Dolores O'Riordan went to America a retiring young girl and came back a maniac. What they mean is that she used to be so shy that she habitually sang with her back half-turned to the audience, and now she storms around the stage like a wild animal. Or a rock star, an exceedingly hot rock star; which is what she and the rest of the Cranberries became in the six months they spent touring America last year.

In Britain, O'Riordan and the three male musicians — all of them from Limerick — had watched their first album *Everybody Else Is Doing It So Why Can't We?* peak at No 78. But in America it was a different story. When they reached Atlanta, where they were supporting Suede, 4,000 fans tried to cram into the 2,000-seater stadium to hear them play. By the end of last year, their album had gone platinum, as it now has in Britain. So far, three million copies have been sold worldwide. The band, which began as The Cranberry Saw Us, played at this summer's Woodstock 2; they were invited to do fashion spreads for *Rolling Stone* magazine — they had arrived.

The name was shortened when the brothers Noel and Mike Hogan, who play guitar and bass respectively, and Fergal Lawler, who plays drums, took on O'Riordan as lead singer. The youngest of seven children she had, until then, done most of her singing in church. Now 23, she is the songwriter and the star of a band that her colleagues joke should be renamed 'Dolores O'Riordan and Three Other Fellas'. Her Catholic innocence is long gone, as she proved when she married Don Burton, the tour manager of Duran Duran this summer, in lace knickers and a transparent wedding-dress.

With their second album, *No Need to Argue*, released by Island Records on Monday and a 12-date tour of Britain starting at the Manchester Academy the same day, the Cranberries' star is still rising. 'Success makes me smile, but I have only succeeded in a tiny part of my life, my first album,' says O'Riordan. She may have gone to Woodstock for the money, but the ethos seems to have rubbed off on her: 'I want to go on making music and trying to remain earnest and true to my own soul.'

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