

# Cranberries ready to go

A YOUNG and newly established Limerick band are about to make it big — very big. The Cranberries have had rave reviews for gigs across the water and have been signed to Island Records, a music stable they share with megastars U2.

“Something quite magnificent and startling” was the verdict of music’s magazine bible NME.

Fronted by Ballybricken woman Dolores O’Riordan, the twenty year old has wowed critics with her voice and ability. Ironically, she had little interest in commercial music before landing the job as singer with the

band, a job she heard about from a fellow student. Dolores is a past pupil of the Scoil A (*Lán Gaeilge*) in Laurel Hill Convent. And prior to the band’s signing up with Island, she had promised her parents to go to college within a year if the notoriously fickle music scene did not take off for them. Instead, it’s an unconventional life ahead for the young band, who are due to release a four-track EP next week and an album in the New Year.

Ms O’Riordan is also the principal songwriter for The Cranberries, and draws a lot of her inspiration from home and family, even writing one in Irish for her grandfather.