Park in County Limerick village to be named after Dolores O'Riordan

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The festival committee in Bruff are preparing for a weekend to remember on September 6, 7 and 8, with a focus on original music, the festival will also host talks, community music gatherings, comedy, cabaret and spoken word acts.

Brendan O'Riordan, brother of Dolores said, "we want to celebrate Dolores and her memory. I have spoken to so many people who she inspired with her music, her songs helped them cope through the dark times and encouraged them to write and play, many of them will be performing for the weekend. People in rural Ireland are often isolated and music helps bring communities together and that's what we aim to do on Dolores' birthday."

"We hope it will be a great weekend for the village and everyone both in Ireland and across the world, we want to celebrate her homeland which inspired her art and kind nature," Julianne added.

The town will also re-name the iconic Morning Star Park where Dolores was famously interviewed with her mother during her time as a judge on the Voice of Ireland.

The festival committee is open to members of the business, arts and music community in Bruff.

Committee members, Jack Clancy, who is the proprietor of Clancy's Bar and music venue in the town in September to celebrate the birthday of Ballybricken native Dolores on her 68th birthday.

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