

The Cranberries announce new album, tour

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The Cranberries have revealed plans for a tour in support of their first album in over a decade, *Roses*. The Irish rockers will return to Massachusetts for a show at Boston's House of Blues on Friday, May 11. Tickets for the show will go on sale today at 10 a.m. through Ticketmaster for \$36 and \$49.50.

Roses, the band's sixth studio effort and first since 2001's *Wake Up and Smell the Coffee*, will be released on February 27. Produced by the band's longtime friend and collaborator Stephen Street (The Smiths, Blur), the new album was recorded last spring in Toronto and London. The video for lead single "Tomorrow" is steaming below.

Comprised of Dolores O'Riordan (vocals), Noel Hogan (guitar), Mike Hogan (bass) and Fergal Lawler (drums), The Cranberries began their career in their native Limerick, Ireland in 1989. The band sold more than thirty million albums worldwide in the 1990's. In 2003, The Cranberries announced their break up, but they briefly reunited for an acoustic performance when Dolores O'Riordan received an honoree degree at Trinity College in 2009.

"The minute we started playing, it felt like we'd never stopped," recalled O'Riordan in a press release. "There's something about playing with The Cranberries. It's like putting on a perfect pair of shoes. It just fits." In 2010, they commenced a reunion tour of 107 concerts that took the band all over Europe as well as to North and South America and Asia, culminating in the band's first ever shows in China in 2011.

"Having recorded two albums with various different musicians during our hiatus, I could clearly see that Noel and Mike have a unique way of creating chords and Ferg keeps it together in a subtle way," said O'Riordan. "We had a blast in the studio, Stephen was in his zone and it came together rather quickly. There is a sense of rejuvenation in the group, a freshness."

Guitarist Noel Hogan added, "I always had the attitude that there would be another album. Over the last six years, Dolores and I were sending each other ideas on and off." During the reunion tour, the band began working on new music during soundchecks. "The icing on the cake was to work with Stephen Street again who helped us rediscover our sound."

Following the show in Boston, The Cranberries will travel south to Connecticut for a performance at the MGM Grand Theatre at Foxwoods Casino on May 12.



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