



Jan 24th 2000

Hello there!,

That is if there is anyone still there! I've been unwinding for the past month or so. Trying to slow down after a year of going all out is not easy, and the best laugh is: as soon as you unwind, it's time to go out on tour again!!! But we love it.

We were out in Dolores' house last week listening to the show we played in Paris, we recorded it for a Video and DVD due to come out in a couple of months. It sounded great (if I may say so myself), normally live concerts tend to sound very thin and top heavy but I couldn't believe how full it sounded. We have yet to see the film footage to go with it , but we are really looking forward to seeing it, as it is the only time we can see what the show looks like from your perspective. Oh yeah since we are talking about the gig, I read a few places that people were asking about the music we played before we walk on stage. It is from the soundtrack to the movie Kundun. The music is written by Philip Glass and both the Movie and the soundtrack are well worth checking out.

We are going to be playing many festivals around Europe this Summer. I will put them up as soon as they are confirmed, also we hope to go to South America at some stage and we have to fit a new Album in somewhere so it will be busy, busy, busy. We actually will be recording in August, but we will probably do a few demo's between now and then just to get a rough idea of what we are at.

O.K that's about the size of it. I'll try not to leave it so long the next time , but I always say that don't I ?!!!

Take it easy,
Fergal.

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Dolores visited the NRJ Awards in Cannes last Saturday night and this is a big French Award show held during the annual music industry conference called **Midem**. Other artists appearing were Jamiroquai , Texas, Mariah Carey, Tina Turner and Tina Arena.

Jan 21st 2000

The Cranberries have confirmed their first festival appearance this year on April 15, at Esparrago 2000, which is located in Jerez (Cadiz area), Spain. This is Soto Grande, Beach. The festival will also include Dover (Spanish), Fabulosos Cadillacs (Argentinian), Lou Reed (American), Asian Dub Foundation (UK). For more information, go to www.esparragorock.com

Jan 20th 2000

(written by Dolores, Dec 1999)

Hello there all ye Cranberry heads!

I would just like to thank all you guys for your loyalty and support on our "Loud & Clear" tour.

The American leg was quite good, but Europe blew me away. Just some amazing receptions. I was totally impressed. I loved Spain, Italy, France, etc.

Noel is a dad now and Ferg is expecting in the next month or so. They will busy for a while.

We are going to rehearse and write the 5th album. We won't record it until August and will do some festivals during the year. Our first is in April in Spain at Esparrago 2000 - So we are going to do ass kicking again - Oh I love Rock n' Roll.

Hope to see you later this year and hope you had a great Millennium and Xmas!

Lot's of love,

Dolores x

Dec 06th 1999

(written Dec 4th and 5th)

Hi, how's it going ?

I'm still alive. I haven't been writing too much recently as I've been concentrating on the tour, so apologies to anyone who has been waiting.

We are in Madrid and I think I've eaten too much "Paella", I'm feeling a little bloated but there are two hours to go before the gig so, it should be digested by then.

All the shows so far have been great, thank you all for coming. We have been playing a mixture of songs from all four albums and the reaction to the new stuff has been fantastic, it still amazes me how fast people can learn the lyrics.

It's been great flying home every few days, (the joy of waking up in your own bed is a thing you do not take for granted when you have toured for a long time!) I thought it would feel a little strange because I wasn't on the bus, but I've had a few days where I stayed out here (in Spain) for a bit of a party which is always good for bonding!

We were discussing our plans for next year today and I can tell you that we hope to start recording some new material in May and we will definitely be doing Summer festivals around Europe and the Womad festival in South Africa. We are also trying to organize to go to South America but that has not been confirmed yet.

Woo-hoo! Great news today! . In Belfast both sides sat down together around the table so hopefully they will be able to work things out and we will finally have peace in our beautiful country.

It's now Dec 5th and we are in Barcelona . A few of us went out around the town for a while then we went to eat at the "Hard Rock Cafe" and did a little tour of the bars until 4.30am. But surprisingly I felt great this morning, there is something magic about this city. It is without doubt my favourite!! O.K. it's time for me to start my stretching etc. before the gig so talk to you later.

DONT FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE LIVE WEBCAST ON THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER. Read message below for instructions!

Take care,

Fergal.

