

September 14th 2000

Hi how's she cuttin'?

The spirits are mighty high. We began recording our new stuff on August 20th and it's starting to sound "mega" already. We had eight songs practically ready to go when we got into the studio, and we re-arranged some of them when we were there. We were flying through them and the inspiration was flowing "big time". We wrote two new tracks last week, one of which still needs the lyrics to be completed and we revamped two more old songs that had been around for a while (but we had never done anything with), so I must say, we are sitting pretty!!!

It's fantastic to be working with Stephen (Street) again. He really manages to capture that elusive "x" factor when we play and he brings something to our music that hasn't been there since the first two albums. We are all getting along like "a house on fire".

I am bursting to tell you the names of the songs, but I think it's better to wait for a while as it's always nice to create an air of mystery. (I'm such a tease, sorry). We are going to finish recording on Friday week (the 22nd) and then we will mix in London for two weeks. Then the plan is to spend the next few months writing at home and in February Dolores is due to have her second child, so she will obviously need some time off. She is looking and feeling great by the way. So around April we plan to go back into the studio and finish off the second half of the Album, which means we will hopefully have it ready for release around late summer next year. Woo hoo!!!

Now, what other newsoh yeah, Storm (Thorgerson) was over with us during the week and we were talking for ages about new ideas for the web page, and given his gifted vision it's going to be pretty F*@*ing excellent!!! I'll let you know more as it develops.

We've been listening a lot to the new 'Radio Ashcroft' album and a new album by an English band called 'Coldplay', and we got a Promo copy of the new U2 single 'Beautiful Day', all of which "Rock". I'm also seriously anticipating the new 'Radiohead' Album which is due out soon, I'm hoping to catch them play live when we go to London.

That's about all I can think of, I'll get some more pictures soon,
Talk to ya' later,
-Fergal.

August 22nd 2000

Well, I promised you some pictures and here they are. Recently I bought a digital camera and decided to try it out during some of our tour in Germany this year. The camera was also picked up and used by members of our crew. No photographers were used!!! The next batch of pictures will hopefully be of better quality!! The pictures are in no particular order.

[Click here for the pictures!!!](#)

-Fergal.

July 29th 2000

Hi, it's me the bearer of bad news again.
OK where to begin?? First of all we'd like to apologise to anyone who came to Zeebrugge in Belgium to see us, we didn't make it there in time to play because our plane had broken-down and we had to wait for another one to arrive. So by the time plane no.2 arrived we had lost our slot to play.

And there's more, as you have already heard we have cancelled our remaining four gigs. Dolores went for a check-up to her Gynaecologist and was recommended to get a lot more rest. She was flying from Ireland to the gigs in various parts of Europe and most flights were at least 2 1/2 hours long, so that's 5 hours flying a day plus a concert. It's hard enough to do that shit when you are fully fit, not to mind being 4 months pregnant. We have always said that health must come first, so apologies again to anyone who was due to see us, I'm sure you understand. The important thing is that both Dolores and her baby are fine. Don't worry, we will be touring again when we finish this new album next year so we will DEFINATELY play these shows then.

Speaking of the new album we begin recording on the 21st of August in Dublin. We have six weeks booked and we have about ten songs. When we finish after that we will take some more time to write and rehearse and then finish off the album. We said we wouldn't rush or put any pressure on ourselves, so when we think it's ready, then we will release it. I'll fill you in on all the latest going's on in the studio and I also have some photo's from the tour which I'll put up when Rainer our webmaster gets back from holiday's.

That's it, **apologies again**,
Talk to ya' later,
-Fergal.

July 27th 2000

For health reasons, it was necessary to cancel the last 4 remaining "Loud And Clear Tour" shows in Spain (26th July), Switzerland (28th July), Poland (30th July) and Denmark (12th August). As was earlier mentioned on this web page (see below) Dolores is expecting a child, and it was not possible for her to continue performing without health risks. The band wish to convey their deepest regrets to all fans who had planned to go to the shows.

A personal message from Fergal will follow soon.

July 11th 2000

Hello there,

We are on the plane(July 8th) to the Belfort Festival in France. All is well!! We had a ball in Tel-Aviv and Greece last week. It was our first time in both places and the weather was incredible. We had a good few days off so Noel, Mike and myself went out partying with some of our friends that we work with. I have never seen clubs like the ones in Greece, over 1,000 people on the beach, 70's disco music, open 'till 7 am, and the drink was free!!!!!!! The people there treated us really well. Betty Ford's is looming in the distance. Although, I did swim for at least an hour a day, so that combats the drink a little, plus I gave up the cigarettes again.

Anyway here's the important stuff. The gigs in Tel-Aviv, Athens and Thessaloniki were some of the best gigs we've done in ages. Everything just seemed to come together and we were all on form. The best thing was that in Athens the gig was down by the Harbour and there was a big road that was about 80 feet above the stage, so during the concert there was about 2,000 people watching us from the road for FREE!!! I love it. It's great when stuff like that happens because unfortunately the promoter is the one in charge of the ticket prices, so it was great to see all these people who maybe couldn't afford tickets, watching "The 'Berries" for nothing.

We also did two Festivals in Germany and to be honest they were a lot better than I expected. A festival is always different from your own show because 1st of all it's not your gig, so not everyone in the audience is there to see you, which takes the pressure off, but on the other hand you have a whole new bunch of people that hopefully you can introduce "The Cranberries" music to. So it's always a challenge, and a challenge is always good. I was talking to some of the lads from "Therapy" for a while. I had met them a few times before and they are really nice. I also saw the guys from "Gomez" there too but I was too embarrassed to say anything to them. I'm a bit of a fan of there stuff.

Tonight at the Belfort Festival "**Macy Gray**" is playing so I hope to see her as I like some of her songs, but we have interviews so we'll see.

Well I'd better go.
See you soon, Fergal. **P.S.(July 9th)**
Hi!
I didn't get time to put this up last night but you are going to be happy about that cause, before we played "Animal Instinct" last night, Dolores told the audience (in French) "I wrote this song after having my first baby, I'm now due my second". Woo-hoo!! Isn't it amazing? She is almost 12 weeks pregnant and she is still rockin' out!

The gig was great by the way, there was about 25 thousand people!! It's a feeling like no other watching that many people go crazy in front of you!
I finally bought a digital camera so the photos will be coming very soon.

Fergal.

July 05th 2000

We have updated the DISCOGRAPHY / ALBUMS section and listed the BURY THE HATCHET:COMPLETE SESSIONS album. [Check it out!](#)

June 20th 2000

Hi,

I'm home from holidays, apologies for my lack of writing but we've been really busy, and when I'm not working I'm up to my ears in babies poooh! But I'm loving every minute of it. Anyway enough emotional warbling Lawler you goshbite.

All the gigs have been going really well, I don't think we've had a bad gig this leg of the tour (fingers-crossed). We had an absolute ball down in South Africa. It was our first time there and we were treated really well by everyone. We even have a new song with the *possible* title of "Down In Capetown", the lyrics of which are about the trip down there through Dolores' eyes.

On the subject of new songs we have been working away in between concerts and we have about ten or so. We hope to have around twenty-ish songs when we go into the studio in August. That way we have extra songs to choose from and you have extra songs for B-sides!! We are really looking forward to recording again 'cause the new stuff is starting to take shape and you can get a rough idea of what it's basically going to sound like, but the fun of recording is that they change so much with all the different layers. It's been a long time since we worked with Stephen Street and he always managed to capture that special something, so roll on August.

We also did a gig in Prague which was our first ever and we were really impressed, but unfortunately we didn't get a chance to see any of the sights, as we flew home right after the show. So maybe next time.

We played in Sweden for the first time in about five years and it was excellent! We went on-stage at 12:30 am and it was still kind of dusky, as it doesn't get fully dark there at this time of year. After the show we went back to the hotel for a few drinks and I saw the sun rise at 3:00 am,..... weirdddd!

Well I'm off to rehearsal again now, we are just dusting ourselves off after our holidays, and also brushing up on the new stuff; so I promise I won't be leaving it so long the next time (but I'm sure I've said that before, so your faith in me is probably deteriorating rapidly!).

The Tour page has been updated today too to finally name the last remaining unnamed venues.

-Fergal.

June 10th 2000

Hello there! Yes, I know, it has been a long long time since I last wrote, my apologies, but we really have been busy. Right now I am on am on a small holiday, and as soon as I return I promise to write some more detailed stuff. There is however something that I want to talk about right now.

A week ago on June 3rd, we were supposed to play a show near Leipzig in Germany, at the Woodstage Festival. As many of you may already know, we decided not to play the show. I understand that many of you were, and probably still are very angry or disappointed that we did not play. Let me try to explain why. We arrived at the venue, to receive bad reports from our crew. Firstly it was apparent that the security for the band could not be guaranteed. The backstage security to put it kindly was very lax. There was no guarantee for our safety, and our concern in the band goes mainly for our female front person Dolores. As well as the security issue, we also had a problem with the size of the stage. It was too small for us to set up the show we want to deliver. Upon booking the show, we were advised of completely different stage conditions. With these things in mind we decided not to play the show. Poor security was the main reason for our decision. Our sincere apologies to all Cran fans that made the journey to see us. We hope you will understand.

I also have an apology to our Scandinavian fans. We did a show in Umea, Sweden that we did not at all list on our website. This was not intentional, simply an oversight on our behalf. Oops!! Sorry. We will punish the webmaster.

Also, SPANISH FANS, some news for you. We have added an extra show in GIJON on Wednesday 26th July at the City Festival. We hope that this will also in some way make up for the cancelled Esparragorock show.

I am afraid I have some bad news for our Turkish fans. Our show there has been cancelled, as the promoter backed out. This is a situation beyond our control. It's a real pity; we were so looking forward to playing in Istanbul.

That's it for now. Many thanks to you all for your patience with us and this website.

Slan for now,
-Fergal.

Apr 22nd 2000

There have been some slight date changes to the concerts for July 2000 in Italy. [Click here!](#)

Apr 17th 2000

Hi, How's it going?,

We are in Cadiz in the South of Spain. We were supposed to play the Esparrago Festival last night (15th April) but unfortunately the promoter cancelled the show because of the weather. We were all sitting in the lobby of the hotel, ready to go when our tour manager walked in and said that he was talking to the promoter and that it was unsafe to play the concert as the wind and rain were blowing directly onto the stage and there was a danger of electrocution. So, we said we would wait here until today(16th April) to see if conditions improved and we might be able to play this afternoon, but we've just been told that it's not going to happen.

I feel really bad for all the people who were coming out..Our crew were down at the festival site all day yesterday and they said the mud and water was everywhere..So, our appologies to you if you were there, but I'm afraid the only person to blame is Mother Nature! Hopefully we can come back to Spain later this year and play somewhere else!

Well, sorry to be the bearer of bad news, hopefully I'll have better stuff to talk about next time, talk to you soon,
Fergal.
(Cadiz,Spain 16th April)

Apr 16th 2000

How goes it out there in 'Berry-land?

I'm sitting in our dressing room in Mexico City; last night's show went all great, as you had a ball! Brilliant audience here, as expected. Although I must apologise to all of you, we really had to wait for a few hours. Half of our equipment was stuck at customs in Miami and it didn't arrive here 'till 8:00 and we had to delay the show 'till 9:00. But I was speaking afterwards to some people who had seen the show and they all said it was great. So hopefully tonight will be as good if not better (there's always room for improvement!!!!).

There is a camera crew filming tonight also, because the two shows here were sold out and there were many people who couldn't get tickets, so this is for you!! It will be shown soon on **T.V. Azteca** so watch out for it.

. Myself and Mike and Russ (our keyboardist) went out to the Pyramids here yesterday and it was amazing. We had a really cool guide called "Il Gorilla" who took us around for two hours, and then we had lunch with his family and friends. REAL Mexican food, nice and spicy yummm!! Dolores went out there today with her husband and they said that they really enjoyed it too.

Before we got here we were in Puerto Rico for the first time. We arrived there on Wednesday night and we did a quick rehearsal on Thursday. A few of us went out to Old San Juan with some friends that work with us, and did a bit of a pub-crawl; it reminded me a little bit of New Orleans, although everyone we met said it's much better at weekends. Friday night was the gig, our first in a few months, and to be honest we had a really tough time because the sound on stage was crap. There was a deep "wooooo" type of drone going on for the whole show. Everyone was a bit pissed off afterwards because we thought the audience could hear it, too, but luckily we spoke to a lot of people who said there was great sound out front, so that helped cheer us up!

Ok. I'd better go and start warming up as we are on in less than an hour, so I'll talk to you soon,

'Bye,
Fergal
(Mexico City, April 10th 2000)

Apr 14th 2000

LATEST NEWS

The Cranberries returned to Ireland yesterday after three consecutive sold-out shows (in Puerto Rico and Mexico City).

The band returned to the road for their first performances in 4 months. Their equipment arrived late to Mexico City and the concert was delayed by 2 hours as the equipment arrived 30 minutes after the show was to begin at 7:00pm.

The audience response was intense and they sang almost every song on all three shows. The band experienced sound problems on-stage in Puerto Rico, but the sound out front was better then ever for all three shows. A new front-of-house sound engineer is working for the band who has previously worked for U2 and REM.

The DVD and Video cassette of "Beneath The Skin: Live In Paris" release has been delayed due to editing and the audio on the DVD menu. It looks like August or September will be the new release date. The author can be previewed next week, with the release of "Bury The Hatchet - The Complete Sessions" which hits the stores on 17 April 2000. Seven tracks are taken from the show, which was recorded in Paris last December.

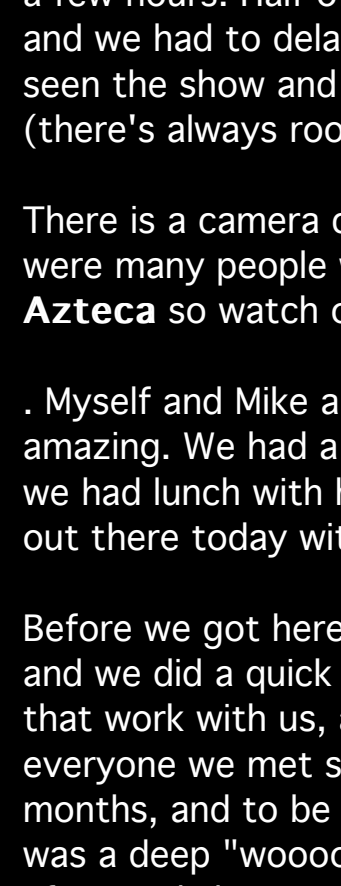
Fans in Spain have been hearing "Dreams" in two commercials and the record company has added the single to the "Bury The Hatchet" album as a bonus disc. The album has re-entered the charts over the last two weeks rising to #20, after 51 weeks of release.

The [2000 Tour schedule](#) has been updated and posted. Stay tuned for more updates.

Apr 13th 2000

Dolores appears in the latest issue of Irish magazine "Hot Press". Click the link below to go and read it!

[HOT PRESS](#)


Apr 05th 2000

BUY TICKETS FOR DUBLIN CONCERT ONLINE! CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW!

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Mar 27th 2000

Hi, how's it going?

I've been busy changing nappies (diapers) for the last three weeks!!! Yes, you guessed it. My wife and I had a baby boy, Jacob, on March 2nd (two days before my birthday..woo-hoo!!!).I've been running around like a "headless chicken who won the lottery" since he was born. I must admit, I haven't felt this good in years!!

The band have begun rehearsing again, about two weeks ago and everything is going great. We have been preparing for our upcoming concerts in Puerto Rico and Mexico. We are really looking forward to visiting Puerto Rico, as it will be our first time there, so we will hopefully get to see some of the sights. The last time we were in Mexico, it was "Berrymania" so I'm sure we'll have a ball there again!

As well as rehearsing for the concerts, we have been writing new songs and they are starting to take shape. We are due to begin recording a new album in August with Stephen Street. It will be great to work with him again, he always managed to capture something magical in our music. We hope to have it ready for release early next year.

Now, what else is there? Oh yeah, We have been working with Storm Thorgerson again on cover-sleeves for the new DVD we were telling you about. This DVD will be called "Beneath The Skin", and it will contain our live gig in Paris last December, as well as other videos, interviews and some behind the scenes stuff.

We also plan to release an Album of B sides in the next few months, called "The Complete Sessions". It will include the entire "Bury The Hatchet" album as well as all of the B-sides recorded from the *BTH* sessions. .

Well, I'd better go, I can hear a little cry in the background, aahhh .

Talk to you soon,
Fergal.

(P.S. All the text above has slightly changed once today. Right after I uploaded the news onto the website, I had more news,...so the text above was slightly edited!)

Mar 13th 2000

New Concerts Announced!:

Dolores returned from Prague in the Czech Republic on Sunday (12 March). She performed at the Czech Grammy Awards on Saturday, performing "Dying In The Sun" and "You & Me".

Dolores attended a press conference on Friday to announce the first appearance of the Cranberries in the Czech Republic in Prague on May 20 at the Sports Hall-Paegas Arena.

The band have also confirmed the following new shows, which have been added to the schedule:

April

10 Mexico, City - National Auditorium (a second show due to popular demand)

May

11 Cape Town, Bellville Velodrome (will be announced on April 6)

13 Johannesburg, Standard Bank Arena (will be announced on April 6)

June

3 Leppzig, Germany - Woodstage Festival

4 Bonn, Germany - Museumslenfest

27 Tel Aviv, Israel (venue has not been confirmed)

29 Istanbul, Turkey (venue has not been confirmed)

August

2 Skanderborg Festival (Denmark)

[Click here for a LOUD AND CLEAR overview of the new Tour Dates!](#)

More dates and cities will be announced shortly.