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Hey there,

I am in our office at the moment waiting for the Hogan brothers to arrive for rehearsal so I said I'd write a bit of news, although I can anticipate that it won't be much as there isn't too much going on at the moment!

We are currently working on new songs with a view to going back into the studio in May to do some more recording. Dolores is on her way back from London today where she was working on some tracks that she feels would be more suited to using as movie soundtrack material rather than Cranberries material. She said it's very moody / atmospheric stuff with mostly piano and vocal so I'm looking forward to hearing it. It's healthy to do things like that outside of the band as it eliminates the feeling of being 'trapped'.

We did a couple of songs acoustically at the launch of the Hot-Press yearbook in Dublin a few weeks ago. It went well although on the night the other bands played with a full electric set-up so I'm sure we sounded very mellow when we played. The songs we played were 'Chocolate Brown', 'Dying In The Sun' and 'Linger', all pretty mellow songs but there you go, it was good.

We'll be starting rehearsals for the summer gigs soon, they should be a right laugh, and not too much pressure as most of them are with the 'Stones.

And finally for any drummers / percussionists reading, I bought a Roland TD-10 V-drum module which I'm using with both Roland and Pintech pads and it's working out really well. I've always wanted to get into that side of things but was a little intimidated by the technology, but now that I've sat down and got into it, it's actually quite easy to work so it basically opens up a whole new set of options i.e. you have hundreds of drumkits at your fingertips! So off you go to your local music store for a demo, believe me you'll have hours of endless fun!

That's all for now,

Take care,
-Fergal.

