

15th September 2021

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Report: Recommendations from the Assessment Panel: Dolores O’Riordan Music Bursary 2021

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Enclosed is a report and recommendations from the Assessment Panel of the Dolores O’Riordan Music Bursary Scheme 2021.

Dolores O’Riordan, singer, songwriter and lead vocalist with The Cranberries, was one of Ireland’s most enduringly popular artists. Following discussion with Dolores’ mother Eileen and her family, Limerick City and County Council established the Dolores O’Riordan Music Bursary in 2019, to remember and commemorate the global superstar.

This bursary, now in its third year, aims to support a Limerick professional musician in their career development. On 16th July 2021 an open call was issued and Limerick based professional musicians were invited to submit applications for the bursary of €4,000, to develop their artistic practice. The bursary closed for applications on 25th August 2021.

- The Assessment Panel met on Tuesday 14th September 2021
- 6 applications were received
- A total ask of €22,700
- The panel recommended the allocation of funding to 1 successful application totalling €4,000

Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded
Laura Duff	€4,000

The Council is requested to approve the allocation of awards amounting to €4,000.

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Dr. Pippa Little,
Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Programme Co-ordinator,
Limerick City and County Council.

The Assessment Panel

The Assessment Panel met on Tuesday 14th September 2021 to assess and make recommendations on all eligible applications, according to the criteria of the award. The Assessment Panel for the Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Award 2021 were composed of:

Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Chair of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC, Limerick City and County Council.

Eamonn Maxwell is a contemporary art curator, advisor, and mentor. Having studied fine art at Camberwell College of Arts, he has spent 20 years working with visual arts and organisations including the Arts Council of Ireland, Goldsmiths College of Art, and Lismore Castle Arts. Since graduating from Camberwell College of Arts, Maxwell has been involved in over 60 exhibitions in UK, Ireland, and Europe, including curating the Irish Pavilion at 2011 Venice Biennale. He has advised some of the leading contemporary art collectors and has served as a board member for many not-for-profit organisations. He is passionate about the importance of art in contemporary life and helping artists become successful in their disciplines.

Emer McGarry is a curator and cultural leader based in the west of Ireland. She is Artistic Director & CEO of The Model, home of The Niland Collection in Sligo, one of Ireland's largest and most important centres for the contemporary arts. As a curator Emer has particular interests in neglected histories and esotericism, as well as in urgent contemporary issues that face humankind such as displacement and climate change and has curated several ambitious group shows.

Information on successful applications

The Assessment Panel for the Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary 2021 agreed that the following recommendations go forward for approval to full Council.

Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary: Successful proposal from Musician, Laura Duff.

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Laura Duff	€4,000

Laura Duff

This grant will fund the recording and producing of a collection of songs in memory of Laura's father, who died by suicide in 2019. This will be a collection to act as a dedication to anyone affected by suicide, and as a shoulder for anyone struggling with any kind or stage of grief.

Due to the high quality of the applications, the panel recommended the transfer of one application for consideration under the Individual Arts Bursary Award Scheme.