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ANNIE'S SONGS

RADIO ONE DJ BACK HOME FOR OTHER VOICES

Other Voices is back on Wednesday and this time Annie Mac is taking full charge of the sounds from Dingle. The Dubliner is normally the apple of Radio One's eye along with boy about town Nick Grimshaw.

But she reckons it's always a pleasure to get back to Ireland and Other Voices – work which really is a pleasure.

She told The Beat: "It's really nice to get back to Ireland and see a different side of it, to work with other people and basically have a week of fun and really good music "The recordings for this year's series took place in St. James' Church in Dingle, Co. Kerry in early December and those lucky enough to bag a much coveted ticket were treated to a myriad of intimate performances from some of the biggest names in music including Snow Patrol, The xx, Richard Hawley, Suede front man Brett Anderson, Mercury Music prize winner Speech DeBelle, Temper Trap and Imelda May.

And Annie Mac reckons there's a lot of interesting music in the offing for the new series.

She said: "I saw a band from New York called The Antlers who I thought were amazing and also Megafauna who are really weird and wonderful.

"And Lisa Hannigan and Paul Noonan did an acoustic performance of Some Surprise which I thought was absolutely amazing."

Asides from her Other Voices work at the minute Annie Mac Presents is forming for another tour and possibly another album, building on the success of the eclectic mix released last year.

Annie Mac said: "We are putting line

ups together for festivals in the UK and Ibiza residencies.

"I'm doing a party at South By South West in March and one at the Miami Music Conference so I am just getting ready and trying to start the year with lots of good intentions."

One of the reasons that Annie Mac has been taken to the hearts of all music lovers is her appreciation for all sorts of music.

She's comfortable playing anything from indie and dance to pure pop.

She said: "It is important for me personally as I love all types of music and I get my inspiration from different aspects of my life.

"My love of Irish music, trad and folk comes from growing up here, guitar music was from listening to music with my older brothers and playing music.

"It's another reason Other Voices means so much to me because I do most of my work in dance music and I take that from when I was a bit older and began to go clubbing and discovered a whole different side to music than what I was used to.

"But that's why it is really important for me to be able to go back and enjoy guitar music and folk music.

"It really does mean as much to me as electronic music and I think it is very much possible to like and appreciate anything."

Annie Mac is hoping to come back in the summer with Annie Mac Presents. She said: "I have done one in Twisted Pepper and The Academy and I am hoping to do either Orogen or The Electric Picnic this summer too."

● Other Voices begins on RTE 2 at 11.25pm this Wednesday.





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