



Dingle making its voices heard again

WHEN it comes to indulging in a pre-Christmas treat there is no better place to be this week than Dingle, as the town plays host to some of the finest international musicians in Other Voices 2009.

Now a major factor on the Kerry music calendar, the latest chapter in the Other Voices series recordings and live gigs kicked off in St James's Church over the weekend and will run throughout this week attracting hundreds of visitors to the town as they indulge their musical senses in the run up to Christmas.

Among those to grace the Dingle stage for this years Other Voices collection are former Suede front man Brett Anderson and Mercury Music prize winner Speech DeBelle.

UK indie songstress Florence and the Machine will also make an appearance in Dingle, though due to promotional commitments in the UK, Florence won't be appearing as part of a live show but will record a private acoustic performance and interview with presenter Annie Mac which will be included in the TV series. Tickets for Other Voices are always like gold dust and this year was no exception as



Snow Patrol will play in Dingle as part of the Other Voices event.

they sold out within minutes of going on sale in November.

The series kicked off on Saturday with Ollie Cole and Snow Patrol fresh from their sell out Killarney gig, on Sunday it was the turn of

Bell X1, The Magic Numbers and The Antlers and on Monday the line-up included Megafaun, Imelda May, The Lost Brothers and The Brothers Movement.

This Tuesday, December 8, it will be the turn of Brett

Anderson The Temper Trap, Jesca Hoop and Fionn Regan while on Wednesday it will be Richard Hawley, The XX and Speech DeBelle.

Thursday night has been reserved for Other Voices, Other Room to showcase the best in new Irish music and will be recorded in a private session in Dingle.

Among the new Irish voices to be featured in the Other Room will be Valerie Francis, 202s, The Chakras, O Emperor and James McMorro.

Those lucky enough to have nabbed tickets were not the only ones to benefit however as Dublin-based telecoms equipment supplier Intune Networks stepped in with a first demonstration of ground breaking new technology with a live, high definition transmission of Snow Patrol's Other Voices performance in St James' Church on Saturday.

As part of this ground breaking move the concert was also broadcast the live to audiences in a number of different locations in Dingle, allowing even more people to enjoy the experience.

Other music fans will however have to wait to see recordings of the live gigs when they are broadcast on RTÉ in early 2010.