



Dingle hearing Other Voices

ACCLAIMED Irish actor Aidan Gillen took to the streets of Dingle at the weekend to officially launch the high-profile Other Voices series which got underway on schedule, despite the inclement weather.

He posed for the cameras outside the landmark McCarthy's Bar while performers of the calibre of Richard Hawley, Jarvis Cocker, Lisa Hannigan and their respective bands adhered to the strict TV recordings schedule in St James's Church.

Throughout the weekend fans of Other Voices gathered in the pubs, restaurants and hotel lobbies of Dingle to catch glimpses of famous faces that will be in town for the big event.

Hawley and Cocker joined Other Voices presenter Annie Mac in McCarthy's Bar for an

off-the-cuff chat about life, love and music, while singer Anna Calvi held court Beners Hotel.

Despite having made the long and difficult trip to Dingle from the UK, young folk sensation Laura Marling fell ill and had to cancel her performance at the last moment.

While the limited number of tickets to attend the performances in St James's Church sold out within minutes, hordes of music fans battled the inclement weather to travel to Dingle to soak up the atmosphere. Those not lucky enough to bag a ticket took to barstools in seven Dingle pubs in which groundbreaking Irish technology company Intune Networks was providing live high-definition screenings of all the action from the venue.

Anna Calvi became the first Other Voices performer

of the festival on Sunday night while veteran Richard Hawley later arrived on stage

to a thunderous welcome before Lisa Hannigan and Jarvis Cocker delighted the

crowds.



International pop star Ellie Goulding with local Dingle music teacher, Deirdre Granville in Kerry for Other Voices. Picture: James Goulden