



HOPE: Jamie Bridgeman

Teen hopes tribute song saves lives

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THE teenage cousin of two young sisters tragically killed in a car accident is hoping his poignant pop song in their memory will save other families from the heartbreak of road deaths.

Grieving teenager Jamie Bridgeman wrote On Wings in memory of step sisters Leanne Miller and Robyn O'Riordan who died after the driver of the car they were travelling in crashed.

The 16-year-old, who was the same age as his cousins when they passed away in July 2006, is hoping the song performed by You're A Star winner Leanne Moore will top the charts and warn people about the devastation of road deaths.

Carnage

The song, which was recorded with financial aid from the Garda Síochána, will be given to pupils in schools all over the country as part of a campaign to raise awareness about the carnage on the nation's roads.

Jamie, from Limerick city, said he wrote the song while travelling home from France after learning about the horrific accident on July 15, 2006.

He said: "If it just saves one life it will be priceless for me."

"I will never forget the journey home for Leanne and Robyn's funerals and the funerals themselves.

"It was horrific, the worst nightmare.

"They were so young, they had just done their Junior Cert. We never thought something like this would affect us, but it did and blew a void in all our lives forever."

GALLAGHER CLANN MEET

AN invitation has been extended to Gallaghers worldwide to make their way to Maryland in the US next month.

They're promised a week of wild whoopee to mark the annual reunion of the Gallagher clann.

The get-together is a follow up to last year's reunion in Co Donegal.

Organiser Tim Gallagher, who lives in New Market, Maryland, said yesterday: "We will gather on July 12 and are looking forward to seeing Gallagher families from the four corners of the globe."

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PALATIAL: Gallagher's Malahide mansion snapped by Sunday World early this year



BOARDED UP: Christina had her electronic gates modified to stop public peering

GATES OF HEAVEN



FAKE visionary Christina Gallagher has stopped the public from seeing her palatial €4 million home.

The secretive leader of the House of Prayer on Achill Island has erected black boards on the electronic gate to her fabulous mansion so the hoi polloi can no longer see in.

The self-proclaimed holy woman has suddenly gone shy and has now prevented locals looking in wonder at her magnificent home on a millionaire's row in the exclusive Abington estate in Malahide, north Co Dublin.

Hundreds of people have been driving into the luxury development just to take a peak at her astonishing house which dwarfs that of pop millionaire Ronan Keating nearby.

Stunning

People were getting out of their cars outside the property, which sits at the very end of a cul de sac lined with stunning homes, to stare at and take photographs of the Italian-style villa.

They looked in amazement at the manicured lawns with ornate fountains and classic-style sculptures.

They gasped at the tree-lined driveway and the antique-style lampposts leading up to the three-storey palace.

And they oohed at the extensive grounds and the detached coach house with garage space for three cars.

Gallagher had resided secretly in the magnifi-



MONEY: Christina's mansion on the outskirts of Co. Mayo, her top-of-the-range 7-Series BMW and the devoted faithful at the House of Prayer



cent pile for two years before the *Sunday World* tracked her down there in January.

While she lived the life of a multi-millionaire, she continually pleaded for funds for her controversial House of Prayer.

Mansion

As she persuaded elderly Catholics up and down the country to hand over

Cult leader Christina tries to shut out public from her €4m mansion

The blacked-out gate to the Malahide mansion - which is officially registered to one of her key money men John Rooney, a secretive American - is similar to that which hides the view outside her €1 million mansion outside Newport, Co Mayo. That property is registered to her name alone.

Fabulous

The gates to both homes have security cameras spying on all comers. And no wonder. Gallagher doesn't want just anyone turning up

at her door to see the amazing four-poster bed she had specially imported from Harrods of London, the amazing chandeliers, the collections of crystal, the boxes of jewellery, the walk-in wardrobe packed with designer clothes, the jacuzzis and the private steam room.

The €1 million mansion she bought for her daughter Mary outside Ballina, Co Mayo, also has an electronic gate.

But there would be little point boarding up that one. A drive round the cor-

ner and the home is there for all to see from the roadside, dominating the whole area as it is the biggest house for miles.

The lovely home Gallagher bought for her son Brendan, and which she handed over in November 2006, is just a mile or two up the road.

Mortgage

And she snapped that one up with husband Paddy without a mortgage. On top of that, there is the marital home where husband Paddy lives in nearby Knockmore.

And all this bought by a woman who doesn't have a job.

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