

Ireland's Teenage Songwriting Sensation:

15-Year-Old Bella Shields Captures 6,600+ Monthly Listeners—And Earns a Place at Juilliard

Dublin's Bella Shields, 15, is the Irish songwriter the music world needs to know. 20,000+ Spotify streams. Zero marketing spend. One extraordinary talent.

DUBLIN, IRELAND. There are teenage artists, and then there is Bella Shields. At 15, the Dublin singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist has racked up more than 20,000 Spotify streams across two original singles, all of it driven by word of mouth and not a single euro of paid promotion. This summer, she will attend The Juilliard School in New York City, selected from a global field for its prestigious 2026 Summer Music Composition Programme. The music industry talks a great deal about authenticity. Bella Shields is the real thing.

THE MUSIC

Bella's debut single, "Claddagh Ring", was written at 14 during a summer at Irish college in the Gaeltacht in Connemara: a song about the heartache of young love in a wild and ancient landscape, now surpassing **12,400 streams**, and growing!

Her second single, "**The Art of Letting Go**" (April 2026), is a meditation on the quiet grief of watching the people you love grow into different versions of themselves: wise beyond her years, and already past **8,100 streams** within weeks of release. Bella now commands more than **6,600 monthly Spotify listeners**, a figure many independent adult artists would envy. More songs are recorded and ready.

AN ARTIST OF RARE RANGE

Bella is proficient in **piano, guitar, harp, drums, saxophone, and cello**, performing in both her school orchestra and Ceili band. She won the Drama Cup and Music Cup in her final year of junior school, played Nancy in *Oliver!*, and performs regularly with NPAS drama school on the stage of the Olympia Theatre. She has represented Ireland in the International Competition for Young Debaters, hosted by the Oxford and Cambridge University Unions, for two consecutive years. When not recording or performing, she helps fund her recording by busking on Grafton Street.

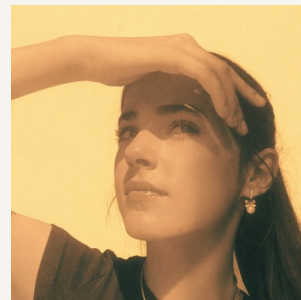
SELECTED FOR JUILLIARD 2026

Bella has been selected — from a large pool of global applicants — to attend **The Juilliard School's 2026 Summer Music Composition Programme** in New York City. Widely regarded as one of the world's pre-eminent performing arts conservatories, Bella's selection is a remarkable international endorsement of her talent and potential.

IN HER OWN WORDS

"As a teenager you face many emotions that you need to grapple with and try to understand. Sometimes the only way through those emotions is to sit down with my songwriting journal and spill out onto those pages. Sometimes the poetry and rhythm of the lyrics brings out feelings I may not even have been aware of, and helps me better understand how I feel about life around me."

Bella Shields



Bella Shields, Singer-Songwriter
Dublin, Ireland

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MILESTONES

20,000+ combined streams

6,600+ monthly listeners

Zero marketing spend

Juilliard 2026 selected

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