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Mozza tells gig Daniel is 'mad'

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MOTORMOUTH singer Morrissey has branded Daniel O'Donnell "mad" during an outburst at a Christmas concert.

Morrissey, whose parents are from Dublin, hurled the insults during his homecoming gig in Manchester on Saturday night.

After singing his 2004 Irish Blood English Heart, he said: "That's the song that'll ensure I'm never on the New Year's Honours list."

He followed this by saying that housewives' favourite Daniel had already been made an MBE because he is "a mad member of the British Empire".

He also blasted popular TV chef "nasty Jamie Oliver OBE - the obese member of the British order".

The ex-Smiths star is no stranger to trouble and has often landed himself in hot water for voicing his opinion on the Iraq war and animal rights.

He even received death threats when he suggested that George W Bush should have died instead of the ageing former US President Ronald Reagan.

But this time he may have bitten off more than he can chew - his stinging criticism of Daniel will outrage millions of the Donegal man's loyal fans around the world.

The concert, in front of thousands of revellers, brought to an end a year of touring for Morrissey which included concerts in Co Kerry and Dublin.

Gerry in mourning

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most touching Christmas present four years ago - his late dad's wedding ring.

Gerry said at the time: "It was the first Christmas without my dad, so that was very significant."

"On Christmas Day my mother brought in my father's wedding ring and gave it to me."

Gerry has in the past admitted his mum ruled the roost in their home in Clontarf, Dublin.

But the 2FM DJ said she had got used to the fact he gave up a legal career for the airwaves. He added: "Like most mothers, I'd say she's my No1 fan."

Pop guru Louis Walsh said: "My heart goes out to Gerry receiving such sad news, especially at Christmas."

Gerry will attend the funeral with his brothers Mike and Manno. Their mother will be laid to rest at Dardistown Cemetery next to her husband.

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