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## **Ronan Keating Backs Justin Lee Collins' Eurovision Bid**

Ronan Keating has vowed to back **Justin Lee Collins'** bid to enter the Eurovision Song Contest of 2010, it was announced today (FRI).

Five has commissioned **Tiger Aspect** to make two one-hour documentaries, **Eurovision Song for Justin** (wt) which follows Justin's tour of Europe in his bid to be selected by any country as their Eurovision hopeful of 2010. Only a handful of countries allow foreign performers to enter their own Search for a Song and we will track Justin's efforts in Ireland, Spain, Romania, Latvia and Estonia.

Justin's bid to become Ireland's Eurovision entrant has been given a dramatic boost as, if he is selected, singer/songwriter Ronan Keating has promised to write the song himself.

Justin said: "I would be thrilled to represent Ireland in Eurovision and I would be proud to sing a song written by the hugely talented Ronan Keating."

Justin's Eurovision odyssey will include interviews with previous iconic performers, the British winners and losers and explore the history of the competition and examine all those still simmering hostilities between rival countries.

**Five's Head of Factual, Andrew O'Connell**, said: "Justin absolutely loves Eurovision, so this is the perfect opportunity to indulge his passion. He is ideal for this quirky, entertaining two-parter. He is warm and interested and he can really sing."

**Eurovision Song For Justin** (wt) is a Tiger Aspect production for Five. The producer/director is Will Yapp and the producer is Nicky Taylor.