

DESIGNER WARDROBE: Aoife to wow the crowds in contest

Dub's Rose to strike red hot pose in 'blues' outfit

By Aoife Finnegan

DUBLIN Rose Aoife Judge is set to wow her fellow contestants by stepping out in style in her new bulging designer wardrobe for the run up to the Rose of Tralee.

The glamorous 21-year-old from Glasnevin, who has hit the road as part of a national tour ahead of the world famous festival this Sunday, has been given thousands of euros worth of expensive clothes from some of Dublin's top boutiques.

Speaking to the *Evening Herald*, Aoife revealed she is now the proud new owner of a designer laden wardrobe consisting of more than 25 outfits, which she hopes will help her stand out from this year's stunning bunch of roses.

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"I've been given everything from lovely little jackets to suits, coats, hats and evening wear.

"With Ireland you can never predict the weather so I had to be extra prepared as well as having two to three outfits to wear every day depending on what we're doing.

The bubbly blues fans also revealed that she has taken inspiration for the Dublin football jersey for the dress she will wear on stage at the Rose of Tralee by award winning bridal wear designer Ann



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Gregory, from Bray, Co. Wicklow.

"I'll be wearing a teal and blue Ann Gregory dress with a rose on the front and it's like a flowing Grecian gown at the back. It's very heavy so I hope I don't trip up and fall on stage.

"It's a beautiful dress and I definitely felt inspired by the Dublin team when I chose the colour.

"I was given most of the clothes by two high end boutiques, Yasmin's in

Malahide and Passion in Clontarf. Once they heard I had won the heat to become the Dublin Rose, they approached me and asked if they could sponsor me.

"I'm absolutely delighted

with all the gorgeous gear they have given me. They were so generous and I actually felt

like I was robbing the place because of the amount of new stuff I got. I'm being so well looked after. It is all very high end, French-style wear.

"I've definitely got a couple of thousand euro in clothing for free and they said I could keep all of them. It's every girl's dream. I'll never have to shop again.

"The Porter House, who sponsored me to get into the Dublin Rose final, have also been really good to me and given me money.

"It would be much too expensive for me to take part without all the help from these

people so I'm really grateful to all of them.

"As well as all the clothes, I bought lots of shoes in the summer sales myself. I've got lots of peep-toe heels and sling backs but no flats because they're not very glamorous.

"The clothes really take the pressure off because at one point I was really worried about what I was going to wear. I have two massive cases which are big enough for a family holiday and then a smaller case as well so I have a lot of luggage.

"I have a few hats with me as well and a hair piece. All of the clothes reflect my personal style and I feel really comfortable in them."



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