

limerick lifestyle

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Kate: dress from Issaa, earrings from River Island, shoes from Shoe Rack, Shane: shirt, tie & trousers from River Island, shoes from TK Maxx.

Stacey's our 2010 SWOTY!

Last Thursday night's Specsavers 'Spectacle Wearer of the Year' competition 2010 in association with the Limerick Post was a great event with some serious style on show at Chocolat on O'Connell Street. We took over the private party room downstairs and I joined the judging panel with Richard Lynch from limerick.com and Limerick's Mr World, model Kamal Ibrahim. The contestants were all very impressive and we met each of the twelve for a little one-to-one before the proceedings got under way with Kamal as host for the evening. After commenting on one or two of the outfits of the contestants I decided to be a proper snoop and find out exactly what everyone was wearing so I could share it with you here (Richard insisted I join him in his photo so I had to tell a lie too). I loved Emma Sweeney's outfit mixing vintage and high street leathers, and winner Stacey McCarthy's outfit was just the right blend of girly with an edge. Stacey is a lovely young girl, with a fresh look, amazing skin and a down-to-earth attitude that won over all the judges by the end of the evening. Always a great woman for her labors, Specsavers' Sinead Coffey's Temperley dress was beautiful, and I'm happy to report the shoes were from New Look following the current trend away from head to toe designer looks and allowing more flexibility in our wardrobes (and our wallets!). It wasn't just the girls who were dressed to impress.

Richard Lynch, Shane Coleman and more were flying the flag high for own's fashion too. This competition is always something different and I love that it has a great fashion undercurrent and the ranges of funky specs on show - which were all from Specsavers of course - reflect just that. Runners-up on the night were budding actor Andy O'Brien and bronzed beauty Pam Richardson.



Emma (left): vintage top with skirt & shoes from Topshop. Pam (right): dress & shoes from Debenhams, bangle from Accessorize.



Richard: blazer from River Island, shirt from Penneys, tie from TK Maxx, jeans by Levi's, shoes bought in London's Oxford St. Olivia: dress from Greta Gibba, bangle from Joli, shoes from TK Maxx.

Specsavers SWOTY 2010 Winner Stacey: dress, belt, bracelet & earrings from Hot Spot Killakee, booties from Bowlers.

Sinead: dress by Alice Temperley from Cathrine McCormack, shoes from New Look.

Kamal: suit & shoes by Selected Homme, shirt by Tommy Hilfger.

2010 winner Nicola: dress & belt from Mox, shoes from Penneys, jewellery from Vera Moda.

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what's hot...

THE NEW SEASON

So the summer's officially over but cheer up, the new fashion season is here! Expect fitted silhouettes with a new below-the-knee skirt length as well as longer ankle-skimming lengths, colour palettes taking different hues of the same colour from head to toe, menswear inspired suiting, heavy layering, flourishes of gold decadence, and lots of fur for winter-please do like Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel though (and so many more) by choosing to favor it, faux fur all the way...

HEELSTOPPERS

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what's not...

SO LONG SUMMER :(

Of course we're all hoping for an Indian summer (just like every year) but for now we've to face the fact that summer is officially over. August is here, that means autumn, and the leaves will be changing colour before we know it. We're usually lucky with September but the best way to console ourselves is to jump into the new fashion season (as mentioned above) and start enjoying the new season stock already arriving into stores.

fashion news

L'Agence: the stylist's label

The Los Angeles-based clothing line L'Agence is more than just another fashion brand. The line launched a little more than a year ago, and although its clothing is spectacular, what's special about L'Agence is the way its collections are created. Not only does L'Agence employ a new designer each season, each designer is also an employee of the Margaret Maloney Agency, and this stylist to the stars. These stylists have dressed celebs like Gwen Stefani, Jennifer Lopez (yes, the plunging jungle dress) and Nicole Richie (post The Simple Life). Thus, designs from the L'Agence line are from the minds of the creatives of this century's fashion scene, making L'Agence an innovative and wearable style revolution. See more at www.lagenceofashion.com (available in Ireland from Brown Thomas Dublin).

fashion diary

MISS LIMERICK WORLD WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25 FROM 7PM

Molly Malone's, Ellen Street. Limerick may already have chosen our representative for the Miss Universe Ireland contest, but the role of Miss Limerick World is yet to be filled. Could it be you? Contact Michelle at 086-2162845 to enter. Tickets for the final event are €10 available from Molly Malone's.

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