

Become The 2008 NY Rose of Tralee

Enter Now!!

The Search is on for the 2008 NY
Rose!

The 2008 New York Rose of Tralee Selection Ball

The Broad Street Ballroom
41 Broad Street
(@ Exchange Place)
in New York City's Financial District

Friday, May 23rd, 2008
6pm-10pm

*Rose Interviews will be held at
The Glucksman Ireland House at NYU
on May 10, 2008

For more information visit our website at
www.nyroseoftralee.org

FAQs

What is The Rose of Tralee?

The Rose of Tralee Festival is an International competition, which is celebrated with entrants representing their Irish communities all over the world. The festival takes its inspiration from a nineteenth century Irish ballad "The Rose of Tralee." For more information on the history of the Festival go to

www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rose_of_Tralee



or the official website of the Rose of Tralee
International Festival
www.roseoftralee.ie

What are the requirements to enter?

- Be 18 years of age at the time of competition entry and will not have reached her 28th birthday on or prior to the last night of the International Rose of Tralee Selection on August 26, 2008.
- Be unmarried and have never been married.
- Be born in Ireland or of Irish origin by virtue of one of her ancestors having been born in Ireland.
- Never have previously represented any Centre as a Rose in the International Rose of Tralee Selection.
- Be available for New York Rose Selection, and if selected, be available for International Festival Events from August 22 - 26, 2008 inclusive.
- Be available for all New York Rose Events throughout the year.

How Irish do I have to be?

You must have some Irish heritage. There is no minimum or maximum percentage of Irish heritage requirement. It is a great reason to explore your heritage and discover your roots. This is encouraged of all applicants!

How “New York” do I have to be?

There is no exact requirement, however, you should be a good New York representative (i.e. know about where you live-if someone asks about the Empire State Building, you should know what it is. New York is The Empire State!)

What if I don't look like a Supermodel?

If you are anything like a supermodel, you won't get far in this festival. This is NOT a beauty contest! It is an INNER-beauty contest! Most girls that are selected are the furthest thing from a "World Peace", false smiling, stiff-hand-waving beauty queen. Usually girls that really know who they are and are not afraid to be themselves are selected as the NY Rose. We are seeking someone who is comfortable in their own skin, the kind of girl you'd meet and make life-long friends with! Beauty Queens need not apply!

What if I can't afford the application fee?

You should not pay the application fee yourself- you should be sponsored. The idea behind the sponsorship is to involve your community, not to break your bank! If you need help making contacts, we can set you up with a Sponsor. All you have to do is ask!

What if I have nothing to wear?

You will need to have 2 outfits. The first outfit will be for your interview. Something you would wear on a job interview. Most girls wear a blazer and skirt or slacks, but some wear a plain cocktail dress with a jacket. The most important thing is that you are COMFORTABLE in your daytime attire. If you are wearing something that just doesn't fit right, it is going to be difficult to be yourself- and "being yourself" is what the interviews are all about.

The second outfit should be a flattering dress. Most girls wear their best dress to the Selection Ball (some borrow someone else's best dress!). This dress can be anything from what you would wear as a bride's maid to a Ball gown you only thought you could wear in a fairy tale. Usually girls wear full-length dresses, but it is not a requirement.

You should wear something you think helps convey your personality and is appropriate to be seen in on a stage (no micro mini dresses as your friends and family will be seated below you!)

If you need help picking out what to wear, give us a call and we can discuss it or even meet you to give our seal of approval! 917.613.4326

Can I be engaged and still enter?

You if are engaged- Congratulations! And as long as you have not walked down the aisle and said, "I do!" before August 26, 2008, you can take part in the festival.

Who can I invite to the Ball?

Most guests are friends, family, sponsors and colleagues, but you can invite anyone you'd like! Tickets can be purchased on our website at www.nyroseoftralee.org

Can I bring my own Rosebud?

Rosebuds are girls, ages 5-12 that will lead you into the Ball for your introduction, and on-stage interview. They usually steal the show because of how cute they are with their tiaras and Rosebud sashes.

It is not required, but if you have a Rosebud go to www.nyroseoftralee.org/rosebud.php to apply. Please note your name on the application.

What if I win?!

If you are selected as The 2008 NY Rose of Tralee, you will be crowned by the current Rose of Tralee and there will be a flurry of photographers and friends and family hugging and kissing you!

In August you will be flown to Ireland (FOR FREE!) to compete in the festival, with all the Roses from all over the world. There will be Nation-wide television coverage of the Rose Selection that can be viewed on the web anywhere in the world. The best part is, everything (except souvenirs!) is paid for from the second you leave the NY airport until you arrive home as all accommodation and meals will be courtesy of The International Rose of Tralee Festival!

And you have a chance to be crowned to represent not just NY, but also the world, win a huge cash prize, a car and more!!

More details can be found on the International Festival's website www.roseoftralee.ie

For unanswered questions or to enter, please visit the New York website at www.nyroseoftralee.org

Or call us at 917.613.4326

We hope to you will take part
in this wonderful, historical tradition
and enter to become

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