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MY WEEK

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Style-philes have a weekend to remember

THE weekend started on a high with a trip to Cork for the first live road show with Xpose.

The stars of the TV3 show - Glenda Gilson, Karen Koster, Lisa Cannon, Aisling O Loughlin and Sean Musanje all stayed at the Silver Springs Hotel in Cork and settled in for a weekend of fashion shows, make-overs, and style master classes - which is where I came in!

I arrived with two of my new models Ciana O'Dowd, and Femke. I was talking about current styles, shapes, and posture which went down really well with the thousands of women who attended the event at the Silver Springs Hotel.

I could not get over the crowds, which just goes to show how us women love our style!

The Xpose girls looked fabulous, especially Glenda. If you are admiring her dress in the picture it is from French Connection which is on sale in Mego in the Crescent Shopping Centre. Any of you out there with great legs - it's a fab buy! In the throngs of women I spotted Kamal Ibrahim, our own Mr World.

The famous Breffni was there working with a new company which I launched on TV3 called Jacamo, and as I was browsing through the hundreds of stands I also spotted Jean Maguire



I was thrilled to attend the unveiling of the bronze bust in memory of the late Frank McCourt at his old school which is now an art gallery on Hartstonge Street. I had a quick chat with his entertaining brothers Malachy, Alphie and Michael and his widow Ellen

of Desert Diamonds who was extremely busy.

One lady I love to meet is Una Gibney who styled the fashion show with all the current trends.

She is also a fantastic singer with Boogie Nights and when we get together all she wants to talk about is Limerick as her mother

is a Limerick woman from Janesboro.

She fell in love with a beautiful yellow dress which I had with me from Joannes of Killaloe where I think she was going to call in on her way back to make the purchase.

Also at the weekend I

had the pleasure of attending the unveiling of a bronze bust of the late Dr Frank McCourt at the entrance of Leamy house, a unique 19th century building on Hartstonge Street, Limerick.

The late Frank's wife Ellen and brothers Malachy, Alphie and

Michael McCourt led a group of extended McCourt family and friends, from many parts of the United States for the special ceremony.

Limerick-based old friends from his Leamy school days and many admirers of Frank McCourt also attended.

The other star of the day was the woman who commissioned the bronze bust of Frank, artist Una Heaton of the Leamy Art School who also paid tribute to Dorothy Cantrell for her work.

The long term view is to create a museum dedicated to Frank's life and



All style: I had a ball with the Xpose live team over the weekend including Sean, Aisling, Karen, Lisa and Glenda

Below left: Here I am with the lovely Una Gibney who styled the fashion show at the weekend. The talented Una also fronts the band Boogie Nights



work which will be housed, very appropriately, in the original Leamy School.

I personally want to congratulate Una for developing this overall project - it will be fantastic for Limerick City and there was great support from the people of Limerick.

In the crowd I spotted Jack and Monica Burke, Lady Dunraven, Minister Peter Power, President Don Barry of UL and also Maria Byrne, Deputy Mayor.

On another note, well done Sean McGowan on your amazing achievement for becoming the first Irish man to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean and making your own place in the history books.

Talk to you next week with all the glamour from the Special Olympics Ball!

Summer time and the living is easy at Crescent

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