

25 FINALISTS REVEALED!

Check it Out!

2015 Sponsored by Doire Dress Designs and Beads & Crystals



Launched in our August issue, the Design a Dress contest is *IDM*'s longest-running annual contest. Each year we scour through hundreds of entries to narrow down to the top 25. From there, our readers vote at www.irishdancing.com for their favourites. This feedback is provided to the sponsor of the contest as additional guidance when making their decision on the winning design. It is important to note the final decision rests with the Design a Dress contest sponsor which, for the 2015 contest, is Doire Dress Designs. The 2015 winner will also receive a dress completely 'blinged out' with crystals provided by UK's Beads and Crystals.

Doire Dress Designs founder and lead designer, Shauna Shiels, has spent many years developing all the design and innovative ideas that make the company one of the leading Irish dance dress manufacturers in the World. Shauna prides herself on the unique personalised service that she provides and oversees all designs, working tirelessly with her team to ensure each dress is unique and tailored to the individual's needs. She is known for

being one of the major trendsetters in the industry and this year's lucky winner will have the opportunity to collaborate with Shauna to make the winning design a reality. Last year's winner, Julia Tynan from New York, USA, recently received her brand new dress which was created by the renowned company Celtic Couture, who were the main sponsor of our 2014 contest. Beautiful crystals were provided by Dreamtime Creations and the end result, we believe, is stunning! After winning the contest, Julia's design was evaluated more closely by Celtic Couture's head designer, Tracy Maloney, and soon the dress was underway. Tracy chose the best elements of Julia's design and then added her professional flair to create a stunning costume. When Julia received her dress, she was delighted beyond imagination. "The dress is absolutely stunning. It is more than we could have expected; we are amazed at the translation of my sketch from the Van Gogh painting *The Starry Night* into an actual dress. I love the detailing of the stars and the way the rays of the



sun meet the satin blue clouds," says Julia. Her family loves the colouring and believe that, with Julia's red hair, the colours will really 'pop' on stage. The Tynan family expresses their deep gratitude to Celtic Couture, Dreamtime Creations, and *IDM* for making Julia's dream come true!

So, who will win a Doire Dress Design costume, sponsor of the 2015 contest? Check out the 25 finalists and decide for yourself. The winner will be announced in our February 2016 issue.

Best of luck to all the finalists!



Abigail Stubelle
Haley School, Massachusetts, USA
Age 13



Alexandra Barber
Dunleavy Shaffer, Massachusetts, USA
Age 19



Amanda Bolln
Coleceim Irish Dance, Australia
Age 24



Chloe English
McCarthy Felton School, England
Age 16



Colleen Falco
Maguire Academy, Texas, USA
Age 22



Hannah Mitchell
Inlehfrees School of Irish Dancing, Texas, USA
Age 15



Madeline Ius
Aspect Motion, Melbourne, Australia
Age 14



Emereon Dawes
Murphy School of Irish Dance, California, USA
Age 13



Haley Noelle Zelma
Rhythm of Ireland, Virginia, USA
Age 16

