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## The Irish Jewelry Company Sponsors The 2008 New Jersey Rose Of Tralee

**New Jersey–August, 2008** – For the second year in a row The Irish Jewelry Company was proud sponsors of the New Jersey Rose of Tralee pageant. The 2008 New Jersey Rose is Rita Talty, Rosebud is Danielle Rinaldo, and Junior Rose Spokesperson is Ashling Stanek

The Irish Jewelry Company proudly donated the brilliant Trinity Knot Tiara that crowned the New Jersey Rose and their Irish Dancing Hearts Tiara that crowned the Rosebud and Junior Rosebud winners. In addition each of the girls received a lovely gift bag from The Irish Jewelry Company. The gift bags included their Claddagh Circles of Love Necklace, Little Clovers Earrings, a Shamrock Pendant and their Little Clover and Pearls earrings.

The Rose of Tralee International Festival is based on the love song The Rose of Tralee, by William Mulchinock a 19th century wealthy merchant who was in love with Mary O'Connor, his maid. Mary was born in Broguemaker's Lane in Tralee and worked as a nanny. When William first saw Mary he fell in love with her, but because of the difference in social class between the two families their love affair was discouraged. William emigrated, and some years later returned to Tralee only to find Mary had died of tuberculosis. He was broken hearted and expressed his love for her in the words of the song.

On June 16, 2008, in Portlaoise, Ireland, in an electric atmosphere, Rita Talty, the New Jersey Rose, qualified for the Rose of Tralee finals. To give a sense of Rita's accomplishment, Roses from Counties Louth and Cavan also qualified at the event. For both Counties, this is the first time ever that their Rose has made it through to the finals this August in Ireland

Our warmest congratulations go out to Rita! She has been everything The New Jersey Rose of Tralee pageant could have hoped for and more as the representative of the Irish of the State of New Jersey.

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Rita Talty  
2008 New Jersey Rose of Tralee

Semi-Finals Victory!  
Now on to the Finals in Tralee in August!

Jewelry Credits:  
2008 NJ Rose of Tralee Tiara (Woven Trinity Knot Tiara SKU: 06137)  
Little Clovers and Pearls (SKU: 061156)  
The Claddagh Circles of Love Necklace (SKU: 061014)