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Spotlight... You're A Star's Sean Ban Breathnach "came within inches of being mauled"



Charity... Sean is singing his heart out for the Carers Association of Ireland

Vivienne's shock exit stuns viewers

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FORMER model Vivienne Connolly was sensationally knocked out of the Charity You're A Star show last night.

The blonde stunner, who was singing on behalf of Temple Street Children's Hospital, had been one of the favourites to win the show having impressed viewers with her looks and singing voice.

A shocked show insider said: "Nobody can believe it has happened. Vivienne was a real contender - probably in the top three. But you just never know what's going to happen on this show - that's what makes it so exciting."

After last night's upheaval the favourites are the All-stars - GAA legends Jack O'Shea, Barney Rock and Dave Beggy, who have been crowd-pleasers since day one.

Also emerging as a favourite, despite his trademark gimmick - a curious lack of singing talent - is Sean Ban Breathnach.

Sean said: "I will do whatever it takes to win the contest and as much money as possible for the Carers Association - even if I have to resort to taking off my trousers."

Battling performances from outsiders weather-girl Nuata Carey and Rugby star Shane Byrne kept

them in the contest.

RTE's Seolge and O'Shea star Joe O'Shea is also an outside bet to scoop the title for the RNLI.

The votes also flowed in for The Roses Of Tralee who could yet scoop the prize.

Last year the show raised €370,000 - but his year a show spokesman said: "The reaction to the show has been better than ever and we're hoping to top the €500,000 mark this year."

Ousted... Connolly



Get Linda back say loyal fans

LINDA Martin's army of fans have collected 26,000 on-line signatures to get her reinstated as a You're A Star judge.

Now bookies Boylesports are offering punters odds of 9-4 that she'll make a comeback on the judging panel.

The former Eurovision winner, below, was booted off the show this season to be replaced by ex-beauty queen Amanda Brunker.

But avid fan Alisa Rose, from Ballyjamesduff, Co Cavan, has been running a campaign to force the programme's producers to bring Linda back.

The petition has even been signed by Linda herself in RTE studios after her recent appearance on Miriam.

But Alisa claims the fans have been ignored by the production company, Screentime Shinawil.

She said: "You're a Star is supposed to be about the public voting in for people. But they are not interested in public opinion because they've gone against it by dumping Linda."

"We think she's a great role-model for aspiring stars. She's been in showbiz a long time, she's done well for herself, she looks great - and she knows how to pick talent."

Alisa added: "We haven't handed the petition to RTE - just Shinawil."

"We blame them for axing Linda because they produce the show."



We're all just glad he didn't suffer any physical injuries and was able to carry on with the show."

Sean, who admits he doesn't have a note in his head, is fast becoming one of the favourite's to win the live TV show for his chosen charity the Carers Association of Ireland.

Despite his dodgy versions of a number of classic songs, the crowd have taken the father of four to their hearts.

Top bookie Paddy Power has already slashed odds on Sean from an outside bet of 33-1 to second favourite at 4-1 behind popular GAA legends Barney Rock, Jack O'Shea and Dave Beggy.

Sports fanatic Sean said people might think he's not taking the show too seriously but he said he's determined to be there for the final.

"I'm the first to admit that I might not have the greatest voice on the show."

"But we put in a hell of a lot of work and we begin rehearsing from 9.30am until late at night."

"Anything I do I want to do it to the best of my ability and that includes this show."

"People were laughing at the start but they

soon realised I have a chance. I think I'm a born showman and I'll give it my best until the people decide they've had enough of me."

"I've been involved with the Carers Association for the past three years and I want to raise as much money for them as possible - they're a really great bunch of people who deserve all the help they can get," he said.

SEAN also revealed that he is prepared to go to any lengths to win the show for the Carer's Association - as RTE star Grainne Seoige discovered to her peril.

"Grainne is a neighbour of mine from Galway and, indeed, she even babysat for me when she was younger."

"I went to the Galway Races during the week and people thought I was actually the Pope - it was amazing what's happened since the show."

"I met up with Grainne and she asked me how far I would be prepared to go to win the show. Daithi O'Shea suggested I should take off my

shirt to win it but I told Grainne that if it comes to it I am prepared to take off my trousers - and I will," he added.

The former SBB Ina Hui star also revealed how he hasn't touched a drop of alcohol for 23 days in preparation for the show.

"I made myself a promise that I wouldn't have a drink until after I finished in the show and I'm sticking with it."

"Not so much as a sip of wine will pass my lips until then."

"I often do that when I am working on something big, be it an All-Ireland final or whatever."

"And I have to say I feel much better for it. I've already lost 5lbs since the show started."

"I've come this far that I want to stay in as long as I can."

"John Aldridge has already shown that it's not about the best voice but the person who puts on the best show and gets the audience going."

"If that's the case then I think I'm in with a hell of a good chance," he said.