notes to self

What to see, buy and try this month

Go alfresco today with some furniture for your outdoor living space. We love this Venetian table (€116) and chairs (€109 for two) @ Debenhams.

15th

The Spiegeltent looks set to rock Cork from this evening, hosting the inimitable Camille O'Sullivan's show as part of the Cork Midsummer Festival. See www.corkfestival.com for more.

Gallo Vineyards are hosting a racing evening tonight at the Curragh racecourse. Post punt, head to the main stage where the Felim Gormley Trio will be entertaining punters throughout the evening. www.curragh.ie

7th

World renowned pianist Ivan Ilic takes the stage tonight at the National Concert Hall, debuting an Irish work, Liszt, and a brand new virtuoso programme. www.nch.ie

6th

Gather on the terrace of Fire restaurant on Dublin's Dawson Street this evening to sample the newly created 'Fire' cocktail before heading indoors to sample the many culinary delights on offer at this well-appointed restaurant. Tel: 676 7200.

13th

Give yourself a beautifully bronzed glow today with Tanning Bed in a Tube Face (€21) by Too Faced @ House of Fraser. Containing sugar-based bronzing gizmos, this wonder product ensures that your skin tans gradually, and, most importantly, evenly.

Put a spring in your step with these absolutely gorgeous silver snakeskin ballerina pumps (€115) @ Seagreen in Monkstown, Co Dublin.

10th

Give your father a gift that keeps on giving today with a pair of limited edition pants (€24) by Orla Kiely for DT. All proceeds from the sale of the underwear goes towards The Prostate Cancer Charity. www.figleaves.com

15th

The Blue Book Concert Tour arrives to Rathsallagh House in Co Wicklow tonight. Taking the stage are harpists Cormac de Barra and Krassimira Ziegler along with flautist Karin Leitner. Not to be missed. www.irelandsbluebook.com

Beautifully packaged and oh so groovy, this Miso Pretty compact mirror (€9.85) @ www.missgroovy.com is a must have for any glamorous lady on the run.

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