

## **BOSTON & NEW ENGLAND ROSE**

### **ORLAITH ROCHE**

Hello, my name is Orlaith Roche, the Boston New England Rose. I am 26 years old, living in the heart of Boston, Massachusetts, where everyone dreams of being Irish! My Dad was born in Wexford, Ireland and my Mom is from Ennis, Co. Clare - they met when my Dad attended the famous Bunratty Castle Banquet where my Mom was a singer about thirty years ago - my Irish fairytale.

I am the youngest of the Roche clan, two boys and two girls - two of whom were born in Ireland. I was born in Boston, but my most vibrant childhood memories are from when I was living in Ahane Co. Limerick. Growing up surrounded by the rolling hills and stunning scenery instilled in me the desire to roam and connect with nature. The lessons of Ireland and my Irish heritage has guided my exciting career as a lifestyle and fashion model here in Boston. Modeling for me has become more than just a job, it's led to an amazing role as a mentor and coach, working with young women to build self-confidence and a healthy life balance. My passion for keeping fit and striving to be healthy, has led to a national role as an equinox fitness ambassador.

My adventurous Irish spirit and curiosity for culture has opened many doors, and also brought me to many exciting places. I've found my years learning Irish dance and song has been the best way to connect with people all over the world. I am very fortunate to have had the chance to live in both Ireland and Boston and equally thankful for my extended family who've made Ireland a home away from home. Becoming the 2017 Rose of Tralee would be a dream come true and such an honor for not only myself, but my forever proud Irish family.