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Denise Van Outen is the "nasty" judge on Ireland's Got Talent

Snapchat and TV personality James Kavanagh revealed: "Denise doesn't mince her words"



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Denise Van Outen is the "nasty" judge on Ireland's Got Talent – and is the Simon Cowell of the show, it's been claimed.

James Kavanagh, who hosts the new TV3 programme's spin-off, revealed the star tells it brutally straight.

Snapchat and TV personality James, 28, told the Irish Mirror: "Denise doesn't mince her words. I think people at home will be nodding along with her.

"She says what everyone else is thinking but is afraid to say. She's blunt and she's not afraid to say no.

"People come in with parrots and dogs, there's kids doing mime artistry. We've had a never ending parade of dance troupes, and a lot of magicians. We saw one guy who could read minds who was brilliant. The magic acts go a lot further than rabbit out of a hat stuff, there's a lot more to it and there are some really good ones.

"My favourite acts are people who have raised their family and find the confidence to try out. We had one elderly lady who had never done anything like this, and when she sang she blew us all away she was so good."

Ireland's Got Mor Talent airs after the main event with backstage interviews with contestants and plenty of behind-the-scenes gossip.