



# TOP TABLE

**Sarah Jane Wai O'Flynn** from the Dirty Epics and LA Make-Up Academy picks **Fallon and Byrne** on Exchequer St, Dublin **IT'S LIKE stepping back in time into a dining room in New York in the 1930s** when you step into Fallon and Byrne.

The room is open and airy and has gorgeous dark wooden floors. It just seems like it's been there for ever – and it's always a safe bet when you want to bring someone out.

I'll admit though that **it is a bit on the pricey side, but it's always worth ever cent.**

The menu is always incredibly appealing – whatever your palate, you'll find something to tempt your tastebuds. It's the kind of place that serves really tasty food but without the stuffiness that is usually associated with fine dining .

Everybody in Fallon and Byrne – the waiting and wine staff, the chefs – really know their stuff, and are attentive without being overbearing.

**I just adore good seafood, and am always delighted** with the variety that's on offer every time I visit. And the oysters... spot on. Sourcing good produce makes all the difference.

**The building, on a whole, is an Aladdin's den for anyone who lives to eat.** Foodies can go mad in food hall at ground level, which is bursting with delicious, mostly-organic Irish

and Italian goodies. And wine enthusiasts love to nip down to the basement for a tippie or two and a nibble of cheese.

It's a great place to head to with a gang of friends when you want to make your day a little special from the rest.

After we finished the album, we all trooped in and tucked into great big fillet steaks to celebrate. **My ability to polish off hungry builder portions is something I'm quite proud of.**

I usually have red wine – an Amaranone or a good aul Beaujolais, depending on the food and the night that's in it – with my meal, but **if I'm there**

**for brunch I have a few bloody Marys.** They always kick-start the day the right way.

*LA Make-Up Academy will be beautifying the country's hottest models for the **Dublin Fashion Festival** 8 - 11 September.* ●

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