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I'm nothing like 'nasty' Mr Cowell - designer O'Brien

HE'S set to make his small screen debut when he joins model **Caprice** as a judge on TV3's new series *Style Wars*, but **Peter O'Brien** is adamant he won't be following in **Simon Cowell's** footsteps.

The respected designer, who is currently working on a new collection for **Arnotts**, has revealed how he insisted on having a clause in his contract which states that he will not have to don a Mr Nasty persona for his new role in June.

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"I said at the beginning that if you want someone who is going to be mean you've got the wrong man for the gig because I'm not interested," he told the *Diary*.

"You won't see me being a Mr Nasty, that's not my deal. I plan to just be honest and give constructive criticism.

"I don't know what **Caprice** will be like, that's up to her. With me, what you see is what you get."

Peter will have plenty of practice ahead of his new TV gig, given that he has also been signed up as a judge at the opening meeting of next week's much-anticipated **Punchestown Festival**.

Speaking at the launch event at **Dobbin's** restaurant on **Stephen's Lane** last night, **Peter** explained how he's looking forward to teaming

up with former TV3 star, **Lorraine Keane** to find the most stylish punter.

Other guests at the event included fellow judge and *Herald* columnist **Melanie Morris** and **Tamsa Doyle** of **Horse Racing Ireland**.

One of the feature races at the evening meeting will be the *Evening Herald* Champion Novice Hurdle, where the **Phillip Hobbs**-trained Cheltenham winner **Menorah** go head to head with **Dunguib**.



STYLE JUDGE: Model **Caprice** has been signed up for the upcoming *Style Wars* series on TV3 - but fellow judge **Peter O'Brien** has vowed to give constructive criticism