

Miss Macau runner-up loves the status and glamour her red shoulder bag gives her

In Hong Kong, if you want to become an actress, become a beauty queen. If you want to become a beauty queen, be a restaurant hostess. Sarah Leyshan was the PR manager for Central steakhouse Dakota Prime when a sponsor of last year's Miss Macau pageant spotted the attractive blonde and nominated her as a contestant. The Australian-born but



Macau-raised beauty - her father is jockey Peter Leyshan - didn't just end up as the first westerner in the pageant, she was the runner-up and was crowned Miss Friendship. Next she will represent the city in the Miss Tourism International pageant later this year.

In the meantime, she has become an ambassador for the accessory label Dooney & Bourke, since they gave her one of their large, bright-red shoulder tassel bags last year. On Tuesday afternoon, Leyshan was at the Coast Restaurant helping to launch a new summer collection.

"I love glamour and I love the status of my bag because you can't walk down the street with a giant red bag without someone taking notice," she said. "The brand is exactly my taste and it's big enough to hold everything. The clutch will be my next purchase."

Of course, there's another reason why the Miss Macau runner-up is ideal for the brand. "People ask me where I got the bag and I tell them they only sell the bags at the Venetian in Macau." Yep, their one and only store in Asia is in Macau and there isn't an outlet in Hong Kong yet.



Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and other music acts, including drummer John Lee, Tree Phoning, No One Pulse, Paul Yip and Alok Leung.

All proceeds will go to Unicef. The concert will take place at Sigma Space, 6/F, Kian Dai Industrial Building, 73-75 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong. Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7pm, are HK\$500, or HK\$200 for those who just want to attend from 10pm. For bookings and inquiries call 2172 1620 or 2172 1696.

Clarification

In Monday's column, it was mentioned that Kou Concept was defunct. Actually, Louise Kou's retail store called Kou Concept is closed but its parent design consultancy firm of the same name is still around. Sorry for the confusion.