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The biggest fashion and beauty event of the year gets underway this week. Clothes Show Live 2004 is being staged at Birmingham's NEC from next Friday until Wednesday December 8. This year promises to be the most exciting yet with supermodel Erin O'Connor on board as creative director.

Displays include British Union – dedicated to the best of home-grown design – and a sneak preview of the Spring/Summer Hennes collection for 2005, so visitors will have their pick of the latest high-street and designer trends.

There will also be a host of celebrity names from the fashion and music world. Presenters this year include Jeff Brazier, Vernon Kay and June Sarpong, while Jodie Kidd will be modelling the latest looks in the fashion theatre, and top music acts like Lemar and Estelle will be performing. Tickets can be bought now at the Birmingham NEC box office on 0870 902 0555 or you can log on to www.clothesshowlive.com.

And if you're looking for a fashionable but failsafe present for the man who has everything, try British tailor Dress2kill. His snappy sartorial outfitter, offering Christmas gift vouchers for the first time, sells made-to-measure suits from just £350 – ie the same price as most off-the-peg rivals. And the best part is that a Dress2kill consultant will visit your home or office so you don't have to trek to Savile Row for a fitting session. Call 0870 780 2066 or log on to www.dress2kill.com for more details.

