New York

National Jean Company opens, plus special deals for Lucky readers. By Marissa Patlingrao Cooley

the best places

pre-party beauty

Prep for a New Year's bash with these outstanding local services.

Eyebrows

The spa minichain Shobha (1775 Broadway, Ste. 730, 212-977-7771; plus other locations) recently opened an immaculate, jewel-toned outpost in Columbus Circle. The house specialty is threading (brows, from \$20), which—unlike waxing doesn't irritate skin, making it ideal

for an 11th-hour touch-up before a big event.

Blowouts

Chelsea's glamorous new **Chris Chase**

salon (182 Ninth Ave., 212-206-

7991) welcomes parties of up to eight clients to its mod, chandelier-lit space for group primping sessions. Along with gorgeous blowouts (from \$60), the ultra-sleek spot serves up champagne, wine, and other refreshments.

Eyelash Extensions

Brazilian-inspired Spa Já (300 W. 56th St., 212-245-7566) offers three levels of service, from dramatic strips of fringe (\$85, 45 minutes) to convincingly natural lashes that are painstakingly attached one strand at a time to your own (\$400). The process can take up to two hours, but it's well worth the time commitment: The results last up to four weeks and can be maintained for as long as a year with regular touch-ups (\$100).

Updos

The elegant midtown flagship of Hiro Haraguchi (41 E. 57th St., Fourth Fl., 212-593-3030) and its petite meatpacking district satellite in the Hotel Gansevoort (18 Ninth Ave., 212-660-6733) are appropriately posh places to have your hair swept up into a chignon or other Old Hollywood-

> esque style (\$100 to \$250).

Nails

A soaring vertical garden is the focal point at the first East Coast location of the popular California chain

Lather (127 E. 57th St., 212-644-4449). Its no-nonsense manicures (from \$30), which take place in a ground-floor nail salon and a private upstairs nook, are also available in a series of six sessions for \$150.

Hair Extensions

At the meatpacking district's Sally Hershberger Downtown (425 W. 14th St., Second Fl., 212-206-8700), extensions guru Ryan Trygstad will dream up a festive style for you, using temporary, clip-in hairpieces (from \$300) made from 100 percent human hair and available in a vast array of shades. What's more, Trygstad will educate you on postsalon DIY techniques for the faux locks—which are removable and can be reused for years.



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