

best COLORsalons

Our Picks for Spring/Summer 2004

Sacramento, CA

Hoshall's Salon & Spa

"It's your choice this season," these talented colorists tell us. And what irresistible haircolor choices there are! Caramels—wonderfully strong—with undertone blondes. Dark reds spiced with cinnamon and nutmeg. Great cuts crafted with a "flick" compliment the amazing color. No wonder Hoshall's was chosen as top salon in Sacramento for four consecutive years, adapting fashion's freshest looks every season. An Intercoiffure salon. Folsom: 916-987-1995; Carmichael 916-485-4941; www.hoshallssalonandspa.com



Photo: Tom Casen

Carmel, CA

Colour Studio Capelli Capelli

Beauty in balance—with richly pigmented color and softly styled cuts—accentuates what's happening in fashion today. Styles range from romantic, free-flowing natural waves to defined, bold, straight looks. Colors of all hues express personality: clear blondes, spirited reds, deep brunettes. Vidal Sassoon-trained stylists also offer the latest Japanese thermal straightening. Truly international—this Tuscany-style boutique provides hard-to-find products like "Barex" Italian haircare line. 831-625-4100



Seattle, WA

Salon DeCarlo

The art of beauty surrounds every personal service Salon DeCarlo offers clients. Renowned for exceptional color work, including corrective techniques when needed, talented colorists formulate the most remarkable results. They create styles for individuals who want to be noticed, with color so natural you definitely look twice for a reality check! What a wonderful way to accomplish a makeover—a whole new appearance. Looking great means feeling great! 206-441-4100; www.salondecarlo.com



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Northridge, CA

Susan Alan Salon 2000

It's summer—the perfect time to escape the ordinary, awaken your visual sense and experience a sophisticated balance of colors and textures at this L'Oréal Professionnel Elite Color Salon. A team of skilled stylists and four board-certified hair colorists, including owner Susan Curtis, will take you from delicate to bold—with modern looks that range across the full spectrum of color complexity. Highly recommended. 818-360-2234; www.susanalan2000.com



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Walnut Creek, CA

Salonamour

Inspired by elements of nature—fire, water, earth, air—this fine Aveda salon reveals an exciting summer color palette. Vivid reds/oranges, shimmering sunrise gold, soft clays/browns. All "Color Current" gives hair amazing shine. More than ever, multi-dimensional color patterns (four to five colors in deep Vs and triangles) enliven cuts from underneath. Cuts with strong perimeters and soft interior layers showcase color beautifully—as do this season's naturally curly looks. 925-256-9914



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Newport Beach, CA

AHSI, Abstract Hair Studios, Inc.

An art-loft inspired studio on chic Via Lido, progressive styling and gorgeous color are the trademarks of AHSI. Summer on the California Riviera is a time for softer, more feminine tones in one color—from buttery and coppery blondes to nut and caramel browns. "The look is relaxed—you don't want anything dramatic; the idea is to obtain effortless highlights that are soft and flowing," say the AHSI Color Team. They rock! 949-675-2474; www.ahsi.us



Long Beach, CA

Koru Spa Salon

"Everyone possesses beauty—our gift is recognizing and revealing it," says David Ingham, owner and founder of this celebrity favorite. David has styled hair for Cindy Crawford, Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell, Iman and Linda Evangelista. Use of a special color weaving technique he developed and an exclusive line of Italian hair color gives Koru's artistic team limitless creative possibilities that take half the time of older techniques. Who could ask for more? 562-435-5000; www.korusalon.com



Manhattan Beach, CA

Illusions of Beauty

In this private world of pampering, it is easy to set aside everyday cares for relaxation and beauty. Illusions, full-service and fashion forward, brings creativity to hair styles and freshness to spa treatments. Salon specialists excel in Bio-Ionic hair straightening as well as glorious color and high-style up-do's-perfect for weddings or corporate special events. Spa choices include Thai and hot-stone massage. Delectable! 310-546-4459; www.illusionsofbeauty.com

