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Where insiders go to get buffed, blow-dried, and beautified.

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hair

Jean-Claude Biguine, 925 Lexington Ave., 212-585-2066.

See Guy Bayo or Steven for a quickie blowout at this topnotch outlet of the French chain. No appointment is needed, and the wait is usually less than ten minutes, which gives you time to check out the ladies who have this done every day. \$30.

Joyce Joiner, 212-996-3745.

Joiner, who cuts and colors hair out of her Upper East Side apartment, has the most unorthodox rule of any stylist: No gossip allowed. People evidently love it—each woman she sees recommends her to about six friends. She also keeps her door open until 9 P.M., great for her workaholic clientele. Cut, \$50; color, \$40 to \$75.

Lisa Mitchell Salon, 90 Rivington St., 212-982-0085.

The always-smiling Mitchell cut her teeth on the runway assisting hair guru Odile Gilbert at John Galliano shows. Her modern, Lower East Side storefront specializes in extensions for black and Caucasian hair, as seen on Tyra Banks and Demi Moore. Haircuts, \$150 and up; extensions, \$750 and up.

Patricia Kirkland, 212-226-3319.

After years of working in New York salons, Kirkland decided



266 West 22nd St, New York, 212-727-8464. Rockers and models, such as Donovan Leitch and Nikki Uberti, come to Mario Nico Rentas's antique mirror-filled brownstone salon for his cuts (he's great with long and curly locks). Haircut, \$70 to \$100; color, \$70 to \$200.

to make her lower-Manhattan apartment the base for her expert cuts. Clients include fashion photographers, publicists, artists, and Revlon executives. Plans are in the works for a salon that will combine her varied skills in hairstyling, massage, and yoga. Cuts, \$60.

Snip N Sip, 204 Waverly Place, 212-242-3880. After four years of assisting hair master Orlando Pita—an experience he calls "a Harvard education"—Ricky Pannell decided to open a place of his own last December. Decorated like a 1940s soda fountain, the two-chair salon is private and fun (free soda and candy). Pannell washes, cuts, and styles himself, and he'll "open at 3 A.M. if you want!" Considering his clientele (demanding

models, celebs, fashion people), he's not kidding. Cut, \$55 to \$75; single-process color, \$60.

nails

Angel Feet, 77 Perry St., 212-924-3576.

For deeply relaxing foot reflexology, models and mortals kick off their pumps and unwind at this tiny basement haven. Don't worry about what your feet look like—Angel Feet has seen it all. \$40 to \$70.

Jin Soon Salon, 56 East 4th St., 212-473-2047.

After years of working on magazine shoots, manicurist Jin Soon Choi recently opened this Asian-influenced nail salon—decorated with silk pillows

and shoji screens. Choi uses chemical-free remover, as well as essential oils, sea salts, paraffin wax, milk, and honey in her soothing manicures and pedicures. Dip your feet into a handmade bowl filled with flower petals and massaging marbles and strike up a conversation with the fashion designer soaking next to you. Manicure, \$15 to \$30; pedicure, \$30 to \$60.

Johanna S. Youner, 40 Park Ave., 212-683-7757.

An efficient and precise podiatrist, Youner gets Manolo wearers and marathon runners back on their feet with her medical pedicures, surgical procedures, and custom-made lambswool padding that slips into stilettos for (relative) comfort. \$125 and up.

Josephine's Beauty Retreat for Nails, 200 East 62nd St., 212-223-7157.

Models, actresses, and big-shot executives have been coming to this Upper East Side spot for five years. Josephine Allen, who trains all of the aestheticians herself, specializes in acrylics and wraps, with "no fancy designs." Manicure, \$20; pedicure, \$40.

Finger Fitness, 726 Anderson Ave., Cliffside Park, New Jersey, 201-945-9115.

Located ten minutes from Manhattan, Maria Salandra calls this nail salon "Beverly Hills in New Jersey." An expert in acrylics and detailed nail art, Salandra is sought after on movie sets (she does Edie Falco of *The Sopranos* and just worked on Sandra Bullock's latest) and by stars like Demi Moore. Manicures, from \$9; acrylics, from \$60.