

# The Insider's Beauty Guide

The city's best boutique salons, up-and-coming (read: affordable!) stylists, new spas and services, and notes from the medi-spa world

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# Up & Comers

## THE BEST AFFORDABLE HAIR STYLISTS (\$50 OR LESS!)

In the theater world, stars rise off-off Broadway; in sports, the minors. But in the beauty world, there is no official minor-league training ground. Rising stars are mentored right in some of Seattle's top salons. Our favorite up-and-coming stylists are top-notch talent, but they don't have the long waiting lists of their mentors. And they all charge \$50 or less for a cut, so you can hold on to your two cents—or throw them in the polarizing debate among hair lovers over Victoria Beckham's inverted bob. Over it? Or still diggin' it?

### Eric Nguyen

GENE JUAREZ

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PRICES: Cuts, \$40; updo's, \$80 >

EXPERTISE: Special-occasion hair that's more creative than just pinned-up curls

> TREND THAT MUST END: "Victoria Beckham's inverted bob." >

LOOK I FORSEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE: "Shorter hair gives women a bit of an edge." >

IF YOU GIVE ME FREE REIN, I'LL: "Give you a cut based on how much work you're willing to do at home." >

WHEN I'M NOT DOING HAIR: "I draw, paint, dance; I enjoy all aspects of art."



Eric Nguyen at the Northgate Gene Juarez salon is tops at updo's