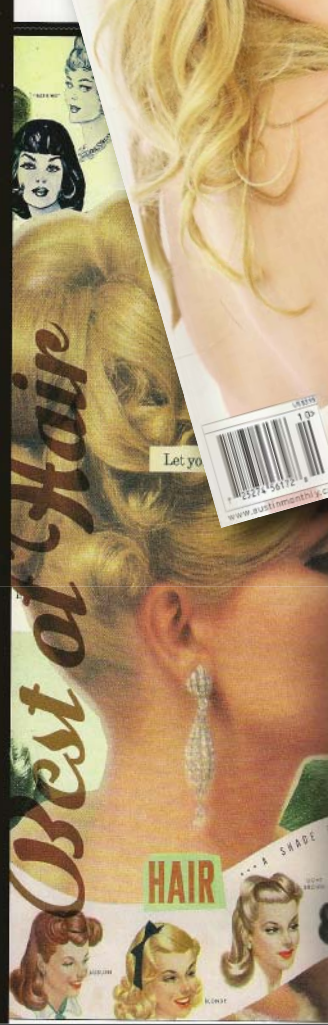


Best in the Beauty Business

BY BECCA HENSLEY

Split ends got you down? Neck muscles a knotted mass of stressed-out steel? The hardest part about getting your hair, face or nails done or finding a masseur who can get to the root of your problem is choosing where to go. Since the city is bursting with creativity and an amazing array of salons and spas to meet every need, we've done the legwork so you don't have to. Here are our picks of some of the best Austin has to offer.



Short hair

Blaine Morgan | José Luis Salon

Blaine Morgan's clients beg for bouncy bobs. But first he asks a few questions, like "Did you just break up with somebody? Get a divorce?" Morgan wants to be sure that their requests for Twiggy-esque tweaks aren't reactions to life's dramas. But once he knows clients are willing, he celebrates their bold requests for change. "Sometimes we have to do it in baby steps and take several appointments," he says. Influenced by Vidal Sassoon and the short-haired sirens of the '60s, Morgan shows Austin just how many short variations are possible. 1717 W. Sixth St., Ste. 123, 474-1146, joseлуissalon.com.