

TEYE MINERALS™



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COLOUR DEPOSITS

Mineral makeup may be sweeping the beauty nation, but most connoisseurs know that for all its benefits (it allows the skin to breathe, provides natural sun protection and is anti-inflammatory and free of talc and mineral oil), most of the lines have a limited colour range for lips, cheeks and eyes. **Teye Make Up** breaks from convention by offering highly pigmented, dramatic shades, not to mention playful palettes such as a leopard-print bronzer, a striped blush and highlighting powder. According to Dan Thompson, creative director of Teye International, mineral makeup was originally created as a healthy alternative to conventional makeup, and there was little demand for high-fashion shades—hence the overall lack of selection. “Since we’re subsidized by Oasis Spa, we have the luxury of producing what we want,” Thompson says. That means Teye can also offer a liquid foundation, another mineral product that’s difficult to find. “There’s a tendency to lose the sunscreen factor because the titanium dioxide becomes diluted.” Not to fear—because Teye’s is creamier, it boasts an SPF of 15. At the Oasis Wellness Centre & Spa (The Distillery District, Building 36, 55 Mill St., 416-364-2626).

INSIDE OUT

When Nitasha Sarin realized the gap between a standard in-and-out dermatologist appointment and a detox facial at a fancy-pants spa, she opened **Skin Medical Spa** (8 York St., Suite 4, 416-366-7546, skinmedspa.co). All standard medi-spa treatments (such as microdermabrasion and laser therapy) are offered, but one-size-fits-all solutions (such as prescription drugs or \$100 bottles of miracle cream) are not. Instead, each patient fills out a questionnaire about her diet and lifestyle, then undergoes an extensive consultation. The result is a customized skin regimen that, depending on the patient’s preference, draws on a combination of dermatology, Ayurvedic medicine and internal cleansing. It doesn’t stop there: “The regimen is also customized as your skin changes,” adds Sarin.

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Five-Minute Chat

WHERE L’Oréal Fashion Week, Spring 2007

WHO Eddie Maletterre, artistic director, and Eric Del Monaco, lead hair artist

WHEN On a break from leading a team of 17 makeup artists and 16 hairstylists, who worked on 426 models for 27 shows over the week

■ **What’s your favourite trend for spring?** Eddie: “Matte skin with a touch of blush.” Eric: “I like the ‘80s feel—the volume, the geometric shapes, and the lengths starting to shorten.”

■ **What one product did you find yourself reaching for over and over?** Eddie: “L’Oréal Paris Telescopic Mascara [\$12, at drugstores]. Within a few seconds of using this, you’ll have beautiful long lashes.” Eric: “I’m creating a lot of texture with L’Oréal Paris Studio Line Hot Curl [\$5, at drugstores]. I apply it to dry hair, then activate it with heat from a curling iron.”

■ **What’s the most stressful thing about this week?** Eddie: “Being on time. Yesterday, 12 to 15 models were supposed to show up, and instead there were 20.” Eric: “Making sure the designer is happy, and being on time.”

■ **Are there any tricks you have for saving time backstage?** Eddie: “We keep the base and just change the eyes, using Q-tips to remove makeup.” Eric: “If there’s a girl who needs a hair change, the more product that’s in her hair, the better. All that coating makes it dirtier and more pliable.”

■ **Were there any looks that changed drastically at the last minute?** Eddie: “The look for Zoran Dobric. It was supposed to be white shadow, peach blush, and teal blue in the corner of the eye. But Zoran arrived with a bronze shoe and said, ‘Can I have this colour instead?’ I showed him that look on two models, and he went back to the blue.”



PEACE TALKS

For eons, the East-versus-West debate has resulted in varying opinions of right and wrong. But local skin and body care line **d’Avicenna** (davicenna.com) brings together the best of both worlds. Loaded with organic and biodegradable ingredients, the products are inspired by the healing philosophies of Eastern medicine and enhanced by Western technologies, which are used for extracting the goods. The fruit extracts and essential oils soothe and enhance normal, sensitive and oily skin. **Cool Liquid Soap** (\$15) calls on cucumber to minimize the look of pores, while **Bizarre Liquid Soap** (\$15) relies on pomegranate oil to maintain the skin’s pH level and protect it from free radicals. At the gift shop of the **Toronto Botanical Garden** (777 Lawrence Ave. E., 416-397-1374). —Katherine Flemming