

Pretty Cool

Recently, I met and became insta-friends with Katia Beauchamp, one of the cofounders of a fab company called Birchbox (for a \$10 subscription, you receive a surprise sampler package of curated beauty goodies each month). We'd barely exchanged names before we began swapping beauty and style compliments—I was lusting after her nail color (Essie's Pretty Edgy) and she was digging my necklace (Jill Platner's Sexy Sliver).

Our conversation may have started with seemingly superficial girl chat, but it didn't end there: We spent a good part of the night talking about business (Katia is a Harvard biz-school grad, proving yet again that brains and beauty-product obsession can coexist). Our exchange exemplifies one of the truths about female bonding: When you quickly find common ground, you can dive into deeper subjects more easily.

And most women delight in sharing their beauty secrets. (Slight revision: Friendly, confident chicks—the kind you most want to socialize with—are happy to share.) Inside this issue, in our annual Beauty Awards roundup, we have a slew of products you should try, then turn your BFFs on to. And because I pride myself on being the kind of woman who gleefully divulges great discoveries, I'm adding to the list with some of my favorite picks. Enjoy!

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Deborah Lippmann Nail Lacquer in Happy Birthday
Grown-up nail glitter that has a hint of rock 'n' roll edge. Plus, it goes with any outfit and counts as an accessory. \$18, nordstrom.com

Oribe Dry Texturizing Spray
Spritz it onto clean, dry hair to create volume and a cool texture. \$19.50 for 2.2 oz, oribe.com

Patricia Wexler M.D. Dermatology Fastscript Instant De-Puff Eye Gel
This stuff erases evidence of a multitude of sins: lack of sleep, abundance of salty food, insert-indulgence-here. Store it in the fridge—it's even better when cool. \$19.50, bathandbodyworks.com

Yes to Carrots Color Balms
These lip-nourishing sticks deposit just the right amount of pretty pigment—subtle enough to wear to the gym or beach. I stash them everywhere. \$6, yestocarrots.com

Laura Mercier Bronzing Pressed Powder
Swipe on the perfect faux glow or sculpt supermodel-like cheekbones. \$32, lauramercier.com



2012 BEAUTY AWARDS JUDGES

Check out the winning products, starting on page 111.

HAIR

Erin Bogart, colorist, Sally Hersherberger Downtown, New York City
Sharon Dorrham, colorist, Sharon Dorrham Color at Sally Hersherberger, New York City
Matt Fugate, hairstylist, Sally Hersherberger Downtown, New York City
Johnathan Gale, master colorist, Serge Normant at John Frieda Salon, Los Angeles
Nathaniel Hawkins, hairstylist in New York City
Rita Hazan, colorist and owner, The Rita Hazan Salon, New York City
Danielle Irene, hairstylist in New York City
Johnny Lavoy, hairstylist in New York City; consulting hair expert, L'Oréal Paris
Juan Carlos Maciques, hairstylist, The Rita Hazan Salon, New York City

Campbell McAuley, hairstylist, Solo Artists, Los Angeles
Lena Ott, colorist in New York City
Jet Rhys, co-owner, Jet Rhys Salons, San Diego
Ryan Trygstad, stylist, Marie Robinson salon, New York City
Nelson Vercher, hairstylist, The Rita Hazan Salon, New York City
Byron Williams, hairstylist in Beverly Hills
Negin Zand, hairstylist, Sally Hersherberger, Los Angeles

MAKEUP

Kristofer Buckle, makeup artist in New York City
Brett Freedman, makeup artist in Los Angeles
Jackie Gomez, makeup artist in New York City
Julie Harris, makeup artist in New York City
Sandy Linter, makeup

artist, Lancôme
Sarah Lucero, global creative director, Stila
Stephen Sollitto, makeup artist in Los Angeles
Molly R. Stern, makeup artist in Los Angeles
Collier Strong, consulting makeup artist, L'Oréal Paris
Troy Surratt, makeup artist in New York City
Hung Vanngo, makeup artist, The Wall Group for CK One Color Cosmetics
Emily Kate Warren, makeup artist in San Francisco
Ricky Wilson, makeup artist in New York City

MANICURES

Ana-Maria, manicurist in New York City
Jin Soon Choi, manicurist in New York City
Tatyana Molot, manicurist in New York City

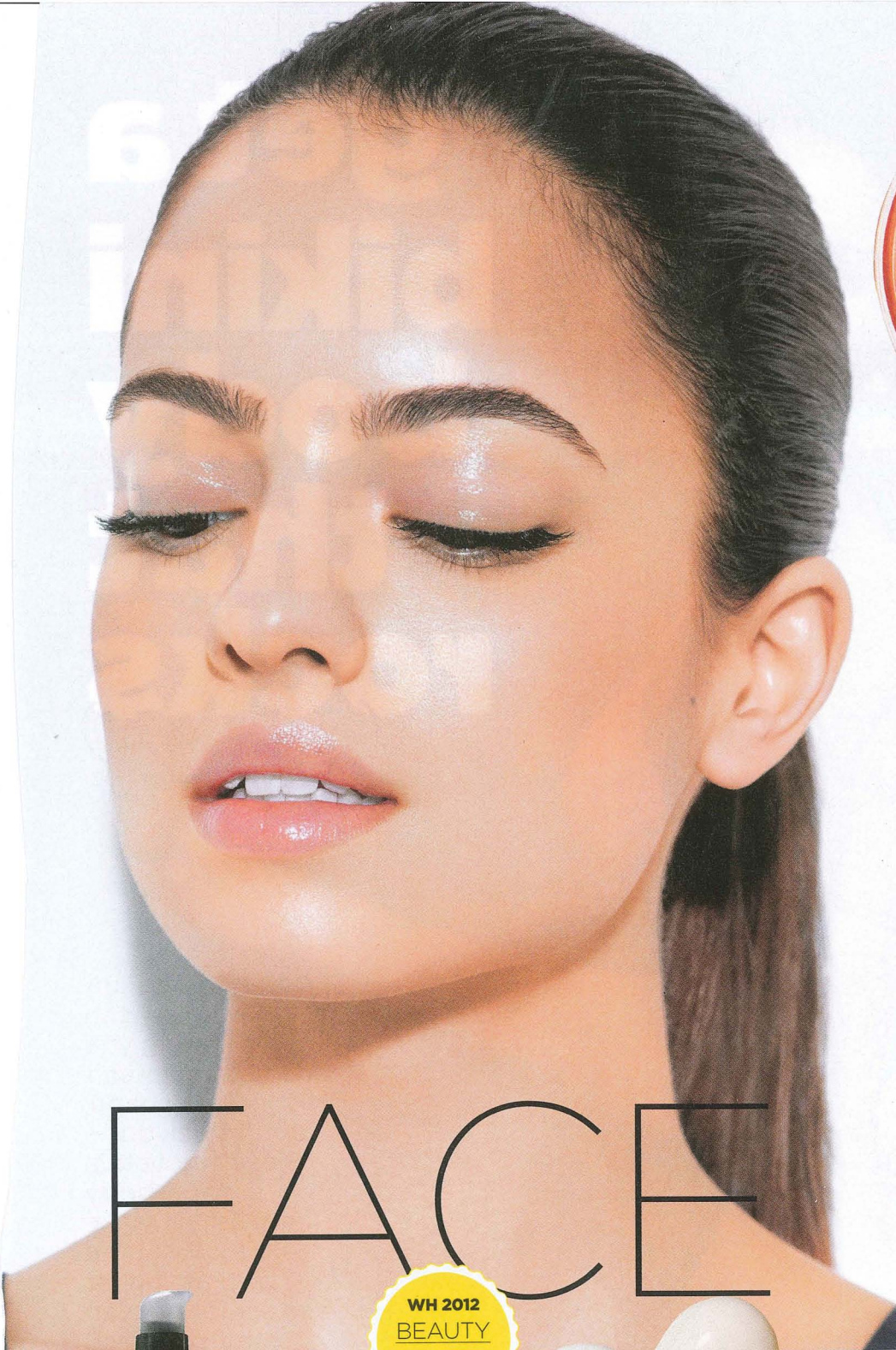
SKIN

David Bank, M.D., director, The Center for Dermatology, Cosmetic & Laser Surgery, Mount Kisco, New York; assistant clinical professor of dermatology, Columbia University Medical Center
Eric Bernstein, M.D., creator of LaserResults; clinical professor of dermatology, University of Pennsylvania
Diane Berson, M.D., assistant professor of dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical College
Bobby Buka, M.D., J.D., Upper West Dermatology, New York City
Anne Chapas, M.D., director, Union Square Laser Dermatology, New York City; clinical assistant professor of dermatology, New York University Medical Center
Fran Cook-Bolden, M.D., assistant clinical professor

of dermatology, Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City
Doris Day, M.D., clinical assistant professor of dermatology, NYU Langone Medical Center
Francesca J. Fusco, M.D., assistant clinical professor of dermatology, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City
Gervaise Gerstner, M.D., assistant clinical professor of dermatology, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Karyn Grossman, M.D., dermatologist in New York City and Santa Monica, California
Ranella Hirsch, M.D., dermatologist in Cambridge, Massachusetts; past president, American Society of Cosmetic Dermatology & Aesthetic Surgery
Mary Lupo, M.D., clinical

professor of dermatology, Tulane University School of Medicine
Ellen Marmur, M.D., associate professor of dermatology, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City
Neil Sadick, M.D., founder, Sadick Dermatology, New York City and Great Neck, New York; clinical professor of dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical College
Noëlle S. Sherber, M.D., dermatologist in Baltimore
Heidi Waldorf, M.D., director of laser and cosmetic dermatology, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City
Joshua Zeichner, M.D., director of cosmetic and clinical research, dermatology department, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York City

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Best Anti-Aging Product

READERS: Olay Regenerist Regenerating Serum, \$19, at drugstores
EXPERTS: RoC Retinol Correxion Sensitive Night Cream, \$20, at drugstores



Best Eye Cream

READERS: Clinique All About Eyes, \$29, clinique.com
EXPERTS: Olay Professional Pro-X Eye Restoration Complex, \$42, at drugstores



Best Moisturizer

READERS: Clinique Dramatically Different Moisturizing Lotion, \$23.50, clinique.com
EXPERTS: Yes To Cucumbers Calming Night Cream, \$15, yestocarrots.com



Best Facial Cleanser

READERS: Neutrogena Oil-Free Acne Wash Pink Grapefruit Facial Cleanser, \$8, at drugstores
EXPERTS: Neutrogena Fresh Foaming Cleanser, \$7, at drugstores