

Accomplished hairstylist opens full-service salon Voilà Hair Atelier in Fairbanks Village Plaza

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Hairstylist Luis Angel has cultivated a unique approach to hair, make-up and beauty by training at the top stylist academy in England "Toni&Guy." He is now bringing his signature skills to his own salon, Voilà Hair Atelier, which recently opened at Fairbanks Village Plaza, in Building #1 - Suite 13. This is Angel's first venture into owning his own business and the grand-opening of the salon is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There promises to be a party atmosphere at the opening, with a champagne and wine reception and gourmet cheese plate. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. entertainment pairs a hair show with professional salsa dancing to Cuban music. The evening's event will wrap up with the award of raffle prizes.

The full-service salon has a high-caliber team of hair and make-up stylists with a combined training background with Paul Mitchell, Vidal Sassoon, and Toni&Guy, said Angel. "We offer here facials, skin treatments, manicure and pedicure, and for hair, color treatments, precision cuts, styling, highlights and hair extensions." Everything is custom-based for each client and wedding party services are also available.

While the planned opening will be high-energy, the salon's daily atmosphere is unhurried. "We want our clients to relax while they are here," said Angel. The music even hits the right note with the retro sounds of Frank Sinatra and soothing jazz or classical favorites being played.

Interior decor - designed by Angel - echoes this relaxation with a palette of soft

natural earth tones. "It's in good taste creating an elegant and sophisticated vibe," he said.

For sale in the salon are high-end hair products: Oribe, Number Four and L'Oreal Professional are favored lines of shampoos, conditioners, and styling products available for purchase. There is also hand-crafted jewelry for sale.

The salon location, in the heart of Fairbanks Ranch, is a far cry from Angel's humble roots, having been born and raised in Havana, Cuba where his burning desire to style hair came at a young age. As a 14-year-old, Angel would follow his mother to the salon to see how the process was done. He determined then that this was his passion and future career path.

Ten years later Angel moved to Europe to realize this dream. He trained with Toni&Guy in its salon in the heart of London city on Bond Street, learning the fine craft of precision cutting and color treatments.

Angel relocated to San Diego in 2001 where he studied to get his U.S. license, further training with Vidal Sassoon in Santa Monica, and Martin Parsons of Los Angeles. He attended make-up artistry training classes at the Institute in Burbank, where he received his Make-Up Designory. Angel's unique fusion of make-up skills paired with hair styling, brought him into the world of fashion where he worked at prestigious fashion events in Los Angeles and was featured in LA Fashion Week Magazine. This recognition gave him the confidence to take his skills to the next level.

"My dream was always to open a salon



Hairstylist Luis Angel (above and left). (Bottom right) The exterior of Voilà Hair Atelier at Fairbanks Village Plaza. (Left photo) Courtesy photo. Other photos by Jon Clark



and now I've done it," said Angel, who added, "I'm glad it happened now and not before because I've been able to build up my maturity and experience to finally run my own business."

Visit www.hair-salon-san-diego.com to learn more about Voilà Hair Atelier's services or call 858-756-0082. The launch party is open to everyone. Fairbanks Village Plaza is located at the intersection of San Diego Road and El Apajo in Fairbanks Ranch.

