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## **SALON TEXTURE COMBINES STYLE AND ART IN DOWNTOWN EVANSTON**

*New Salon offers hair styles and color from one of Chicagoland's top stylists*



The doors opened at Salon Texture, 520 Davis St. in downtown Evanston on April 17, offering haircuts, style and color with artistic flair in a creative, laid-back environment.

Owner and lead stylist Lisa Lee, Yuki to those who know her, is among Chicago's most sought after stylists. She was voted one of Chicago's top stylist two years in a row by

Today's Chicago Woman Magazine in 2003 and 2004. Lee has also been featured in Chicago Health and Beauty Magazine, Catalina Magazine. conducted makeovers and acted as spokesperson on several Jenny Jones Makeover shows, and has styled hair for top fashion shows. Previously, she has worked as a stylist on Oak Street at Charles Ifergan and at Thomas West Salon.

"I believe in cuts that are simple, easy to maintain and lasting," says Lee. "I love to offer my clients changes that make them feel special and to create looks that are current and interesting as well as flattering. My clients range from funky fashionistas to conservative executives and I find that through listening and building relationships I can create looks that suit any style."

Lee specializes in working with a client's natural texture to create manageable and flattering looks. "I use creative, unconventional ways to remove the bulk or to make hair more manageable with options like relaxing. I like to encourage natural texture and color and I tailor my service to the needs of the client based on their needs, life-style and facial features."

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In addition to her work as a stylist, Lee is an artist, clothing designer and world traveler. Her clothing line Yuki by Lisa Lee, includes knitted tops, skirts, dresses, wraps, boleros, pancha, scarves and chokers that incorporate dramatic color combinations, unique shapes and styles and exotic textures for clothing that leaves a lasting impression. Celebrities like Sara Jessica Parker and Elizabeth Hurley have pieces from her collection. The clothing line has also been featured on ABC 7 News, Chicago Social at an exclusive fashion show at reserve in Chicago that was attended by over 600 people.

Salon Texture combines Lee's talents and passions. Yuki is Lee's nickname. It means snow in Japanese and speaks to her of purity, escape and being in a place, mentally, to appreciate the beauty and details of the world around us. Lee has traveled the world, visiting over 40 international cities in 20 countries. She prefers to travel solo, so that she's free to explore and meet new people.

The salon has three stations with warm lighting. There is a gallery area with her paintings and designs, and rotating art exhibits will change the look and feel on a regular basis. Monthly musical events are planned. Decorations, gathered from Lee's own world travels including pottery and figurines from Argentina, Sri Lanka, Turkey and Spain give the space an eclectic, urbane feel.

"I've always dreamed of opening my own salon where people discuss travel stories, discuss art, music, and of course hair," says Lee "I have a vision of a space where people connect and help each other from jobs to dating." Salon Texture features a private shampoo area, hard to find upscale Japanese hair products and other upscale products including Grund, Wella and Redken Colorline.

An Evanston resident, Lee earned a degree in Business Administration and Marketing from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She worked in retail buying and imports for major retailers like May Department Store and has worked in the beauty industry.

Salon Texture at 520 Davis St in Evanston is open Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday by appointment. For information or to book an appointment please call 847-864-5654.

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