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RINSE AND REPEAT

Salon-themed bar, Beauty Bar (whose Las Vegas location is shown here), opens a Chicago outpost in the former Sonosheque space next month.

Beauty Saloon

Cuts or color? Forget about it. But that doesn't mean there won't be some serious blow-outs at Beauty Bar, a new salon-themed nightclub opening in the former Sonosheque space. Converted from a 1950s hair salon, the original Beauty Bar in New York was so popular with city slickers that outposts quickly sprang up in Hollywood, Las Vegas and elsewhere before finally hitting the Midwest. The Chicago location, opening next month, will feature 1960s-era furniture and fixtures from the Paris Beauty Salon of Springfield, New Jersey—expect bright colors, old-fashioned perm chairs

and plenty of glitter on the walls. In addition to film screenings and after-parties, the bar plans to host \$10 "Martinis and Manicures" specials and aperitifs named for the beauty rituals we know so well. Follow up a Shampoo (José Cuervo, triple sec, lime juice and Chambord) with a Conditioner (vanilla vodka, ginger ale and lime). And for gentlemen afraid of compromising their masculinity, think of this spot as prime hunting grounds. "Beauty Bar appeals to all," says founder Paul Devitt. (In fact, all three partners on the Chicago location—the same guys behind Empty Bottle—are male.) "You know that where there are women, there are men." 1444 W. Chicago Ave., beautybar.com. —Emma Aubry Roberts



Meester performs songs from *Love-Wine-Dry*, her electro-pop album tentatively scheduled for a March release date.

PASSING THROUGH

Gossip Thrill

Spotted: Leighton Meester wearing Sofia Vintage (Armani trousers and a sheer lace top) at the Underground, ready to belt out songs from her first album. We chat on the red carpet. —M.C.

Do you wear vintage often? In my daily life, I love it. To events, I never really wear it. But I really like this. It's covered, but still sexy. It's cold outside, so you need to wear long sleeves and long pants. **And the shoes are yours?** Yes, they're Balmain. **Which of your songs will people have on repeat?** I feel a lot of connection with the slower stuff. There's a song called "Jenny" that I really, really love. **About? Love. Does it relate to your life?** I think everything on the album is autobiographical. It has a lot of cute, fun songs, but there are a lot of embedded ideas and influences. Other artists, and life experiences. Love, hate, sex, fashion. **About anyone in particular?** Um, a few. I've had a few loves. None... one big one, but... **Any plans for Valentine's?** Oh... I hate Valentine's Day! No, I don't hate it, I just don't usually celebrate it because I've never really had a boyfriend on Valentine's Day. But I think I'll have a good time this year.



Relax with the new bamboo massage at the Spa at Four Seasons.

Glowing Recommendations

Facials and massages are spa staples, but that doesn't mean they have to be same-old, same-old. Here are 10 new options, each with an extra shot of oomph.

REFINING ENZYME FACIAL

Skin guru ESPA's first bespoke spa facial, launched at the Peninsula NY, improves skin texture. \$225.

LAVA SHELL MASSAGE

Pros at the Elysian use warm lava shells to alleviate aches and boost blood flow. \$285.

CRYSTALLINE FACIAL

A tightening gemstone masque at the Four Seasons makes your face glow. \$190.

ROYAL LUKAR RITUAL

Two massages sandwich an exfoliating yogurt scrub in this Indonesian wedding ritual at Trump. \$300.

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH FACIAL

Organic Eminence skin care potions unveil a dewy-faced, younger you at Spa@theWit. \$180.

COLD STONE TREATMENT

Cure headaches with a pressure point massage using marble stones at Ruby Room. \$60.

CHAMPAGNE SUGAR SCRUB

This facial at Mitchell Dental Spa capitalizes on the antioxidants in Tokay grapes. \$95.

ROYAL BAMBOO MASSAGE

At the Four Seasons, the smooth, firm texture of bamboo sticks achieves deeper muscle relaxation. \$195.

OXYGEN FACIAL

Deanna Stellato, esthetician at the Geldner Center, uses pure topical hyperbaric oxygen. \$195.

TWO HOURS IN HEAVEN

Nordstrom's ultimate pampering includes a full-body massage and cocoon wrap. \$220.



CELEB SPOTTING

Amy Sedaris, Rachel Dratch, Martin Short, Horatio Sanz and Nia Vardalos staying at The James during Second City's 50th anniversary celebration. Vardalos tweeted about a Second City-themed chocolate from David Burke's Primehouse pastry chef Jove Hubbard. . . Stephen Colbert in Le Colonial's main dining room with three guests. Colbert was also spotted at Bistro 110, drinking with friends and telling neighboring customers that he loves the roasted garlic appetizer. . . Gossip Girl Leighton Meester eating edamame at Sunda before performing. CONTINUED...

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