

# toronto beauty booty

Toronto has plenty of hot shops to keep its citizens functioning at their most fabulous, whether they're looking for that cult lipgloss, an exquisite new hair mask or a high-end perfume. Get ready to look and feel your best. BY BRIONY SMITH



B-SKIN BATH & BEAUTY

## Bath & Body Works

Gals went nuts last fall when Canada finally got its very own Bath & Body Works locations. Now north of the border: C.O. Bigelow, Lipicious and the chain's antibacterial collection, plus beautifying brands for your 'do (Frédéric Fekkai and Warren-Tricom) and the Bath & Body Works Signature Collection body washes.

▶ YORKDALE SHOPPING CENTRE

3401 DUFFERIN ST. | 416-787-1051

▶ ERIN MILLS TOWN CENTRE

5100 ERIN MILLS PKWY. | 905-820-1112

BATHANDBODYWORKS.COM

PRICES: \$1-\$99

## Blossom Bath & Body

Originally from Unionville, this shop specializes in girly brands, like Toronto's own Cake Beauty. The products are decadent: Think Peach Bellini Shower Crème from Jaqua, Amore Afterglow Salt Buff by Principessa and Philosophy Carrot Cake Body Wash. For other indulgences there are Susanne Lang fragrances, Liquid Lipstick from Bloom and Oprah's fave body-care line, Kai.

▶ 66 WELLINGTON ST. | 416-364-8311

BLOSSOMLOUNGE.COM

PRICES: \$2-\$245



DELINEATION HAIR & SKIN ESSENTIALS



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## B-Skin Bath & Beauty

B-Skin creator Gillian Downes found that most products for sensitive skin were either too medicinal or not soothing enough, so she set to work in her own kitchen using wholesome ingredients. We love the Little Pink Dress sugar scrub, High Maintenance cream and Cupcake body wash. The on-the-premises Impossible Diva Spa also offers mini-facials and manis.

▶ 766 KING ST. WEST | 647-222-9054

BECLEANSMELLGOOD.COM

PRICES: \$6-\$65

## Delineation Hair & Skin Essentials

This decades-old institution stocks an international roster of hard-to-find and high-end makeup treats from Chantecaille, Clé de Peau and Susan Posnick. Locks get the luxe treatment too, with Kevin Murphy, Pureology, Seah, Bumble and Bumble and J.F. Lazartigue. Check out skin-care products from Linacare and REN.

► 2409 YONGE ST.  
416-484-6922 | DELINEATION.CA  
PRICES: \$4-\$245

## Gee Beauty

The Gee gals were sick of the either/or choice when it came to beauty parlours (down-market chop shop or sumptuous spa) so they took matters into their own hands. Enjoy efficient makeup applications and lessons using the company's in-house cosmetics line. The shop also stocks Dermologica, SkinCeuticals, This Works and Malin+Goetz products.

► 2 ROXBOROUGH ST. WEST  
416-486-0080 | GEEBEAUTY.COM  
PRICES: \$15-\$225

## Holt Renfrew

Plenty of exclusives here: perfumes from Bond No. 9, Creed, By Kilian, Tom Ford Private Blend and Clive Christian, plus skin-care products from Sisley, La Prairie, Canyon Ranch and Amore Pacific. La Mer, Jurlique, Fresh, Laura Mercier, Chanel, YSL Beauté and Dior make appearances too, along with hair-care products from Ted Gibson, Frédéric Fekkai, Jonathan Product and T3. Hankering for a new Shu Uemura, Prescriptives or Giorgio Armani item?



HOLT RENFREW



BLOSSOM BATH & BODY

This is the only place to find it in town.

- 50 BLOOR ST. WEST | 416-922-2333
- YORKDALE SHOPPING CENTRE  
3401 DUFFERIN ST. | 416-789-5377
- SHERWAY GARDENS, 25 THE WEST MALL  
416-621-9900 | HOLTRENFREW.COM

PRICES: \$10-\$2,600

## Kiehl's

Stocked with the brand's favourites, such as Lip Balm #1, Ultra Facial Moisturizer, Blue Astringent Herbal Lotion, Crème de Corps and Calendula Toner, and despite its many years in the beauty biz, Kiehl's continues to innovate. Keep an eye out for the new Aloe Vera Biodegradable Liquid Body Cleanser, which was developed with eco-savvy star Brad Pitt, and the super-moisturizing Superbly Restorative line.

- 407 QUEEN ST. WEST | 416-977-3588
  - 2518 YONGE ST. | 416-483-1335
- KIEHLS.COM | PRICES: \$8-\$75



GEE BEAUTY

## THE BFFs BEHIND LIFT

Now both at the tender age of 23, Lauren Simpson and Emily Hartzman have been running their hip little salon and cosmetics shop since soon after they met in 2006 at beauty school. The gals were inspired to join forces and open this hot spot that gives beauty lessons and applications, does hair and sells only Lift Cosmetics (the store's own user-friendly products).



Turn the page for the 4-1-1 on Lift Beauty Boutique. Lauren (left) and Emily's store.

## Kirsch Cosmetic Studio

Canadian makeup artist Susan Kirsch used camouflage and paramedical cosmetics for years to work with burn-unit and surgery patients. She eventually set up shop for her special ladies but wanted to make it fun for everyone. Her studio offers not only camouflage sessions but also general makeup lessons. Susan uses her own Pandora's Make-Up Box line and also carries Meredesso, A-Cute Derm and Pangea products.

► 503 MARLEE AVE. | 416-487-4887  
KIRSCHCOSMETICSTUDIO.COM  
PRICES: \$4-\$120



MAC PRO

## Lift Beauty Boutique

Visit this teeny-tiny salon space for makeup lessons, from a basic beauty routine to an all-out evening creation. Lift uses its very own in-house line of cosmetics made with skin-friendly antioxidants and vitamins. Our pick: the dual powders, which are made in Canada and automatically colour-match to anyone's skin tone. Or why not pick up an air-pressurized foundation from LA-based Classified Cosmetics?

► 114 CUMBERLAND ST., SUITE 303  
416-960-LIFT | LIFTBEAUTYBOUTIQUE.COM  
PRICES: \$16-\$400

## MAC Pro

Chicks who have their black belt in makeup mastery go to MAC Pro, where special classes are available to industry pros and novices alike. The shop stocks the complete MAC lineup but with more colour selections and professional tools and formulations. Must-have products for cosmetics ninjas include Reflects Glitter in Pearl or Gold, Mixing Medium Eyeliner and the Sculpt and Shape Powders.

► 363 QUEEN ST. WEST  
416-979-2171 | MACPRO.COM  
PRICES: \$6-\$350



MAC PRO



PIR COSMETICS



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## Noor

Some of the best artisanal brands, including Santa Maria Novella, Eau d'Italie, Susanne Lang and Diptyque, are carried here alongside cult favourites like Bluebell (from Penhaligon's) and L'Artisan Parfumeur Timbuktu. Skin care more your thing? You can check out the great selection of Erno Laszlo products.

► 176 CUMBERLAND ST. | 416-928-0700  
NOORBOUTIQUE.COM | PRICES: \$50-\$295

## Pir Cosmetics

After working as a makeup artist for many years, Franchie Pir decided to open shop. Cutting-edge, in-the-know beauty loot favourites include Skin Nutrition, Zensation and Cowshed; and, for picture-perfect locks, uFaktor, DStat and La Cové. Franchie and his staff are renowned brow masters. After having your arches expertly shaped, help highlight your peepers with LA's Kitten Vixen or Italy's Madina Milano.

► 25 BELLAIR ST.  
416-513-1603 | PIRCOSMETICS.COM  
PRICES: \$25-\$650



SABON



LIFT BEAUTY BOUTIQUE



PURE + SIMPLE



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## Pure + Simple

A long-time advocate of natural beauty products, this company has proven just how alluring botanical-filled products can be. Try the Environmental Defence Mask and the Pumpkin Enzyme Peel or slather on the popular Peppermint Tea Tree Foot Balm. Serious skin solutions include the brand's Collagen Elastin Serum, the Martina Gebhardt range and the Just Pure anti-aging line (a city exclusive).

- › 27 BELLAIR ST. | 416-924-6555
  - › 725 KING ST. WEST | 416-366-8558
  - › 2375 YONGE ST. | 416-481-2081
- PUREANDSIMPLE.CA  
PRICES: \$20-\$100

## Sabon

The imported-from-Israel products here contain Dead Sea salts and minerals and mouth-watering natural ingredients. And the elegant space is stocked with items like Lavender Apple Body Scrub and Lemon Basil Body Gel Polisher. We can't resist the Vanilla Coconut Butter Cream, Citrus Body Dew Spray, Ginger Orange Shower Oil and Honey Peach Bath Balls.

- › 2552 YONGE ST.  
416-485-0303 | SABON.CA
- PRICES: \$5-\$45

## The Outer Layer

We love the giant, plump Claus Porto soaps in basil lime and orange amber from Portugal, France's high-end Lothantique line and the Speziati Fiorentini products from Italy. Those hankering for something more straight-up can enjoy England's Caswell-Massey line and its ladylike products in scents like honeysuckle and lily of the valley.

- › 430 BLOOR ST. WEST | 416-324-8333
  - › 577 QUEEN ST. WEST | 416-869-9889
- OUTERLAYER.COM | PRICES: \$4-\$55



EAURGANIC

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In 2004 Chemist Shahin Kalantari started his d'Avicenna natural skin-care line. Now there's unisex Eaurganic, which is fragrance- and chemical-free. Our faves include the Fresh Mandarin Hand & Body Lotion (\$22), the Ecstasy Anti-Wrinkle Moisturizer (\$55), the Fine Makeup Remover Milk (\$25) and the Placid Lavender Shower Gel (\$25). Visit [avicenna.ca](http://avicenna.ca) for more info on the brand and to find the store nearest you.