

BEAUTY

Manhattan glam meets DOWNCITY vibe

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Cranston native Jason Dolan is aiming to bring a bit of Manhattan to Rhode Island with his new hair salon, Studio 101.

Dolan, a senior colorist at New York's famed John Barrett Salon in Bergdorf Goodman (yep, that's where the term Bergdorf Blondes comes from), recently opened Studio 101 in downtown Providence. He's now dividing his time between the two cities, training staff here and offering his services in both locations.

"In New York, we set trends, we start them, so

then everybody else falls a little bit behind that," Dolan said. "So, I thought, why not bring it here and give my staff the upper hand?"

The Orange Street salon has an industrial-meets-glam vibe, with exposed brick and glass chandeliers.

It made sense for Dolan to open a salon in Rhode Island, he said, because many of his friends and family live here. He also has a client base in New England; for years he offered freelance services at Providence's W Salon on days off from his regular job.

Dolan, recently named one of New York's best

colorists by Allure magazine, got his start barbering his friends' hair in the basement of his mother's house in Cranston. He attended beauty school in Warwick before moving to New York in his early 20s. Not long after, he landed an assistantship at John Barrett, where

he's worked for the last 15 years.

Though he's hesitant to drop names, over the course of his career Dolan has done the hair of many celebrities (we got him to spill Alicia Silverstone, Liza Minnelli and Anna Nicole Smith). He also worked on the makeover show on cycle

12 of "America's Next Top Model."

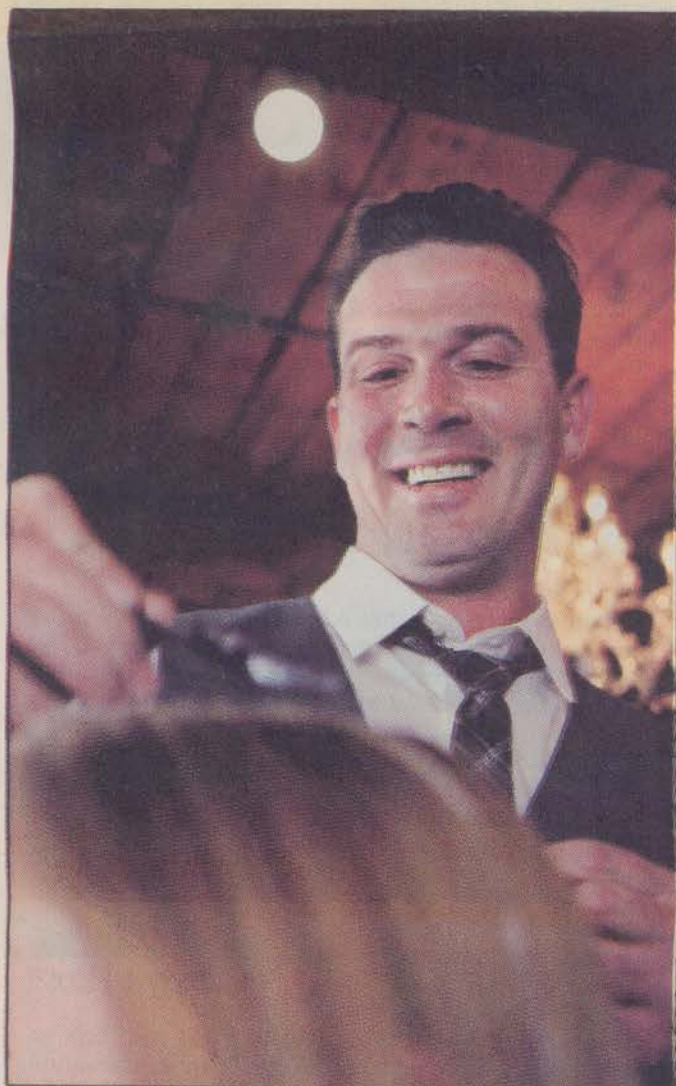
But "I want my work to speak for itself," he says. "I don't want people to come see me because I've done this one's hair a few times."

Studio 101 offers color appointments with Dolan on Mondays and Tuesdays. Rhode Island-based staffers and additional guest

technicians from New York are also available for services including cuts, color, blow-outs and straightening treatments.

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Jason Dolan works on a client's hair in his new downtown salon, Studio 101, at 101 Orange St. in Providence.



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Studio 101, a new hair studio opened by Cranston native Jason Dolan has a hip industrial-meets-glam vibe, with exposed brick, glass chandeliers and airy, wide-open spaces.

