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At Salon Millan, clients from Bucks County and beyond can enjoy city chic close to home. by **Jenny Graham** | photos by **Alison Dunlap**

Sometimes living in the suburbs can make a woman feel disconnected from the glamour of the big city. Melissa Millán Colón has changed all that at Salon Millan in Yardley.

"I designed this space to be an oasis," she says. "I just want it to feel a bit like an escape."

Perched alongside the scenic Delaware Canal, Salon Millan is an 11-chair space offering modern decor and myriad services such as color, cut, and styling, as well as hair extensions, lash tinting and extensions, and waxing by some of the best-trained stylists and makeup artists in the area.

Colón and staff members regularly attend events and classes in Los Angeles and New York to ensure that clients can achieve the hottest looks from each coast without having to travel far from home.

One luxurious experience offered at Salon Millan—the "head spa" treatment—traces its roots to those very cities. Offered in 15- and 30-minute sessions, these treatments take what many would say is the best part of any haircut—the shampoo and scalp massage—and turn up the volume.

Hair extensions are another popular treatment. At Salon Millan, stylists are master extension specialists, and treatments feature only the highest-quality human hair. In terms of color, services range from root touch-ups to full highlights, balayage, and more. Those looking to lighten their hair color benefit from the bond builder WELLAPLEX, which helps to protect hair integrity while rebuilding previously broken bonds.

Executing such services takes a skilled hand, and Colón prides herself on the high level of training afforded to each of her team members. In fact, all Salon Millan stylists must pass a two-week audition period before being hired.

"The whole point is to come here to learn and grow," she says. "When I'm investing in someone—time, money, education—I'm looking for that. I want to see

the spark. After being in this industry so long, I know someone can be so great, but you don't really know until the audition—and not everybody makes it."

One reason for having such a high bar, Colón says, has to do with quality control. Brand consistency is another.

"You have to begin with a passion," Colón says. "This industry is ever-evolving, and things can change from week to week. If the economy is bad, the industry is bad, so you need to have passion behind you to get you through the hard times. I also want someone who is dedicated to helping clients achieve what they want and what makes them feel the best."

Perfecting What's Next

In the fashion and beauty industries, constant reinvention is a necessity. As such, it's no surprise that the stylists at Salon Millan excel at sharing forward-looking trends with guests.

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