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This hairdresser landed behind the hottest styling chair in the nation—the one the *American Idol* contestants sit in. She spills her on-set secrets.

A COOL LOOK I CREATED ON AN IDOL

CONTESTANT: Taking Aaron from his spike to a more textured, uncontrived, free-form style. I cut his hair with a razor and painted in a few highlights, giving him that great texture that is more flexible and playful.

MY HAIR RIGHT NOW: I must confess, I have fantastic hair. It has the right amount of wave and fullness—seriously, I can go to bed with wet hair and wake up looking like I had been to the salon. Spoiled rotten!

THE COOLEST LOOK I EVER CREATED: I think my favorite hair was for the dark ballerinas on the *Fighter* music video by Christina Aguilera. I had been asked to do the job literally mid day of the first day of a two-day shoot. They added three ballerinas last minute, and I got a call to come in and talk to the director at the end of day one. She described what she wanted and I created three very interesting looks, not using wigs, but tracks of hair, building the styles on the fly. Having that creativity was such a rush!

MY FAVORITE ITEM IN MY WARDROBE: Fishnet stockings—legs always look great in them!

MY FAVORITE TOOL AND/OR PRODUCT: Love the CHI Orbit Irons! Especially the 25-13. Finally a tool to give other people that great bed head look I was born with. And I use the 9-18 all the time for tightly curled hair.

THE BEST JOB I EVER HAD AS A HAIRDRESSER: I have it right now! I had no idea how amazing it would be to work on *American Idol* and to be part of young people reaching for their dreams—what an amazing process!

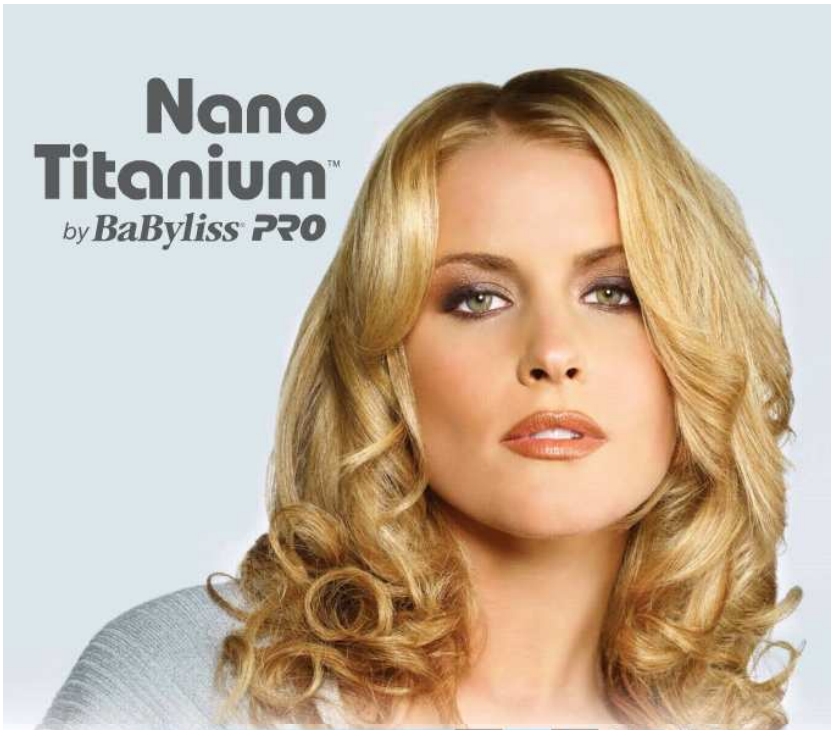
MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT I: Am a bit of a hermit for having such a social job and loving to play dress up. I often like to just spend quiet time at home with my dog and cats and beautiful garden.

I WOULD LOVE TO MEET: I always wanted to sip tea with Prince in a beautiful garden and experience his genius mind!



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