



Crystal Greene's cozy New York studio.

MORE THAN A FACIAL

A great facial goes beyond a sculpted jawline, cucumber water, and a swipe of lip balm at the end of the treatment. These facialists kick it up a notch, thanks to luxe enhancements like IV drips, meditations, micromagnets, and small-batch oils that are Sofia Coppola-approved. Meet the new standard-bearers of skin care.

THE LONGEVITY MAVEN

"I'm always trying to go underneath the skin," says New York facialist and certified health coach Georgia Louise, whose clients include Anne Hathaway and Jennifer Aniston. The Georgia Louise Longevity Atelier combines skin and functional health, with a space that holds one of the largest hyperbaric oxygen chambers in the US, via a partnership with Kris Jenner's facelift



THE MAGNETIST

Madalaina Conti's facials are as aesthetically pleasing as they are effective. That's thanks to her incorporation of Qi beauty quantum technology, in which 18-karat gold micromagnets about the size of a poppy seed are applied across the face in topographic-style lines to "stimulate different acupuncture meridians." (She says she is the first in New York to incorporate Qi, which originated in Australia.) The magnets are said to increase circulation and improve cellular function, without pain. Conti likens the treatment to a "hard

surgeon, Steven M. Levine, MD. An IV antioxidant drip can be administered while Louise tends to your pores. A VIP medical concierge, led by Jennifer Herrmann, MD, can even advise you on a peptide-injection regimen.—KATHLEEN HOU

THE CURATOR

Ställe comes from the Swedish word *smultronställe*, which translates to "where wild strawberries grow," and is used for a place where you go to feel good. It's also synonymous with Elizabeth Grace Hand's ethereal facial atelier, Ställe Studios. The space is furnished with Nordic-style pewter and antiques from the Swedish Grace movement (no relation). "Shiny face, shiny objects," Hand jokes. Clients leave with their faces gleaming like one of the delicate hand mirrors you can buy from her website. Each facial is tailored to the season, stress levels, and diet. Special add-ons include exosomes to speed healing from lasers and liquid microneedles to brighten skin.—KATIE BEROHN

THE ZEN MASTER

Andrea Ámez knows she's done her job right if she hears snoring. She likes to incorporate craniosacral techniques, holding a client's neck near the base of the skull and using a light touch to release tension and relax the nervous system for several minutes. Her clients often add on a body scan meditation, which asks them to imagine "a golden halo stemming from the crown of the head" that can send healing energy to your body. You won't just leave in a meditative state—Ámez is known for her steam-free extractions, using a topical mineral-based solution to dilate the pores. Her multipronged approach makes her West Hollywood oasis a skin care obsessive's dream.—K.B.



reset" for your tissues that helps with inflammation, acne, and rosacea. Clients love it because it leaves them feeling brighter and more sculpted. She also offers buccal massage, using her (gloved) fingers to sculpt your jawline from inside your mouth, as well as glow-boosting Lyma lasers.—K.B.

THE UNPLUGGED AESTHETE

For former dancer Crystal Greene, the face is a space for self-expression, intention, and release. Her hands dance with different speeds and types of pressure to sculpt, stimulate the lymphatic system, and relax muscles. "Some are slow, others rhythmic; some are faster—but it's all very intuitive," she says of her moves. Her facials are generally machine-free: "I see my hands as a device," she says, adding that the key to getting tech-obsessed

people to relax is to be screen-free, even in treatment. "Technology is amazing, but there's nothing that can replicate that sensory feeling that we get through touch," Greene says. (She does still offer oxygen treatments and other modalities like microcurrent and ultrasound.) Her cozy studio is designed to look like a living room, with warm burl wood, linen, and brass.—K.H.

THE SMALL-BATCH FACIALIST

Aesthetician Athena Hewett anoints her clients, like Sofia Coppola, with oils from Mother Nature. Creator of the skin care line Monastery, Hewett favors oil-based, natural products with potent plant ingredients, which she makes in small batches in-house. Because of the care that goes into her line (like the Attar Floral Repair Concentrate and Gold Restorative Face Oil), her products and her space in San Francisco feel elevated, with the skin care collection displayed on Grecian pillars, decorative tables, and pearlescent seashells. She takes the same exacting approach with her facials, offering extractions, microcurrent, burgundy LED (a form of red light therapy that is able to penetrate more deeply)—and perhaps even some chatter about the newest wellness practices in nearby Silicon Valley.—K.H.



Hewett's pick: MONASTERY Gold Restorative Face Oil, \$159; Hand's favorite: ENVIRON Micro-Needling Gold Cosmetic Roll-CIT, \$298; Greene's: ESTÉE LAUDER Re-Nutriv Ultimate Diamond Lotion, \$165.