

Celebrity Master Stylist Eli Mancha Named Best Hairdresser of 2024 by Chicago Reader

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BANG! Salon is proud to announce that its founder and award-winning stylist, Eli Mancha, has been named Best Hairdresser in 2024 by the Chicago Reader's Best of Chicago awards. The salon itself also secured the 1st Runner-Up spot for Best Hair Salon, marking its second consecutive year of recognition in this prestigious competition.

The Best of Chicago awards process included a rigorous selection, with public nominations open from October 14 to November 4, 2024. Following the nomination phase, the top five finalists in each category advanced to the final voting round from December 2 to December 31, 2024. With an outpouring of votes, Eli Mancha emerged as the top hairdresser, solidifying his reputation as an industry leader in Chicago's beauty scene.

Eli Mancha is renowned for his artistry and dedication to hairstyling. With over 20 years of experience, his career has taken him across North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia, where he has showcased his creative vision. He has held esteemed roles, including Senior Master Stylist at Rusk, Creative Director at Esuchen International, and NAHA North American Hairstylist of the Year (2011). Currently, he serves as a Design Educator and Academy Trainer for Keune North America while leading Bang! Salon's team of skilled stylists in Wicker Park.

Bang! Salon has built its reputation on creativity, continuous education, and exceptional client experiences.

"We strive to make every visit as unique and memorable as our clients are, continually bringing fresh styles and ideas while staying ahead of industry trends. This recognition is a testament to our team's dedication and passion for our craft," said Eli Mancha, Founder of BANG! Salon Chicago.

For those looking to book an appointment with Chicago's Best Hairdresser, visit BANG! Salon online or stop

by the salon in Wicker Park located at 1259 North Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60622.

About Eli Mancha, Senior Master Stylist

Sincerity and raw talent are two attributes not regularly found in your average stylist. Eli, however, is no average stylist. From Senior Master Stylist at Rusk, to Creative Director at Esuchen International. Eli has presented his looks globally, from Australia, to Asia, to Europe, and all across North America.

For over 20 years, Eli has proven himself to be one of the best hairstylists and educators in the industry. Not only has he been a world class platform artist educating thousands of stylists, he was also honored with the industry's most prestigious award as NAHA 2011 North American Hairstylist of the year.

Currently, Eli is a Design Educator/Academy Trainer for Keune North America and owner of Bang! Salon in Chicago where he can be found applying his creative talent.

About BANG! Salon

Created by award-winning stylist, Eli Mancha, BANG! Salon is located in Chicago's diverse Wicker Park neighborhood. By creating a warm and comfortable atmosphere, they want to make their clients' salon experience as unique and memorable as they are. Their mission is to consistently bring the freshest styles and ideas, by keeping up with the current trends and constantly educating themselves about best practices.

They promise to pay close attention to the details of one's service, maintain the highest standard in the cleanliness of their salon, exceed expectations, and keep clients coming back for more.

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