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By **MONET LU**

# Prepare for winter hair!

**W**INTER brings about hair problems if we're not careful. The season usually ushers in dry hair. While we can't escape this chilly season, we can manage its effects on our hair.

The three things I would advise are moisturize, moisturize, moisturize.

Rebonding. This treatment, although a similarly tedious process, will not straighten your hair. It's geared toward repair and hair regeneration.

Another treatment that might perk up your holidays is Lorna Tolentino's Passion, which was inspired by the award-winning actress. LT's Passion involves enriching the shade and shine of hair that has been color-treated. Otherwise known as The Shimmer and Shine Treatment, LT's Passion provides unparalleled shine and conditioning with the use of Sebastian Professional products. This treatment will provide the ultimate lip-gloss for your hair! LT's Passion is specifically targeted for those who have had color treatments, and not to be confused with another popular hair conditioning treatment—Ruffa's Delight or the Hair Reborn System.

Ruffa's Delight is temporary hair maintenance which aims to revive and restore your hair's health and natural shine. It's used to rejuvenate hair that has undergone a lot of processing but unlike Shimmer and Shine, this process takes a shorter time and is recommended everytime you get your monthly haircut. For the month of December, Ruffa's Delight is being offered as a holiday special at all Monet Salons.

Depending on what kind of hair type you have, Monet Salon can hook you up with the best treatment for healthy hair this winter. For free hair analysis, please come visit us at the nearest Monet Salon

near you. Please go to [www.monetsalon.com](http://www.monetsalon.com) for the locations or call 323.665.5085 for an appointment.

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Actress Lorraine Linao  
for Monet Salon

There are specific remedies I can recommend, if you happen to be experiencing dehydrated hair for the holiday season.

One effective method is the Monet Salon Joyful Joyce treatment inspired by my muse, Joyce Jimenez. Joyful Joyce involves deep conditioning with the use of IR Treatment product that reverses the symptoms of damaged hair. Joyful Joyce particularly addresses problems with tangles, dryness, frizz, chemical overprocessing, breakage or unmanageable curls. This treatment utilizes thermal heat produced by a flat iron that will subsequently activate vital ingredients on the hair and seal the cuticles.

Joyful Joyce is not to be confused with Hair

# 'Reflections 20'—A magnificent milestone for the Fil-Am community



Monet Lu with ConGen Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon



Monet Lu with attorney to the stars Michael Gurfinkel and Millie Gurfinkel

**R**EFLECTIONS Founder and CEO Monet Lu hosted last November 22 an *apropos* celebration commemorating 20 monumental years of this highly anticipated Fil-Am awards and fashion gala.

Like its preceding years, *Reflections 20* managed to draw out the community's glitterati, all dressed in their finest. Guests and honorees came impeccably clad in varying shades of the official *Reflections 20* motif colors: purple, green and basic black.

"As a dear friend of mine succinctly pointed out, green and purple denote prosperity. Now, more than ever, we need to channel this kind of energy all around us," said Monet.

Instead of red, a green carpet was laid out against a purple backdrop custom-designed by Aqua-Imaging and Design Co.

The Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel Los Angeles Downtown once again served as the headquarters of the festivities. The ballroom interior dazzled with dramatic lighting and floral arrangements from White Flower.

A life-size recreation of Claude Monet's impressionist paintings served as the stage façade—a masterpiece of Kidlat Studio's Miki De Jesus.

From décor to performances, *Reflections 20* showcased stately elegance. As guests dined, violinist Andy Tecson and maestro Bob Shroder separately provided live instrumental music.

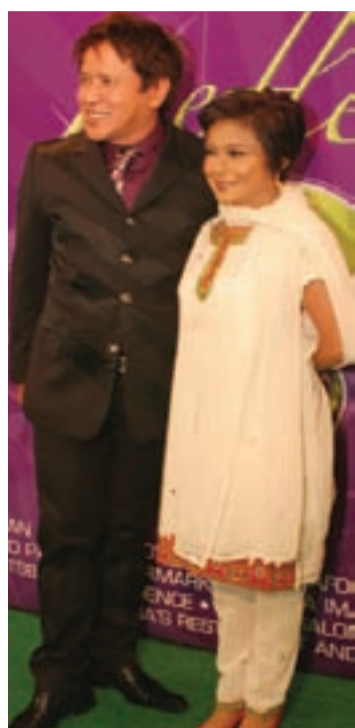
Child wonder Edsel Sotiangco presented a rousing number

followed by the show-stopping performance of international singer Stephanie Reese.

Twenty-seven awards of excellence were handed out that night to outstanding Filipino-Americans and captains of industry.

Honored were Michael R Cucucuo (Man of the Year), Rene Villaroman (Hall of Fame in Photojournalism), Jona Capino (Hall of Fame Young Achiever), Angelique Gradney (Renaissance Woman Hall of Fame), Joseph Calderon (Multi-Media Artist Hall of Fame), Shirley Gorsepe (Fashion Icon), Cher Calvin (Hall of Fame in Broadcast Journalism), Phillip Ner (Excellence in Wedding Photography), Edsel Sotiangco (Outstanding Young Performer), Zen Lopez (Patron of the Arts), Miki De Jesus (Excellence in Visual Arts/Stage Design), Mhyla De Leon (Excellence in Journalism), Elaine Quadra (Excellence in Floral Design), Maria Quiban (Excellence in Broadcast Journalism), Alan Del Rosario (Young Fashion Designer of the Year), Pilar Soriano (Outstanding Entrepreneur), Rhyann Deles (Man of Style), Leuteria Sacramento (Outstanding Mother), Jackie Regala (Excellence in Concert Producing), Amy Gill (Woman of the Year in Healthcare), Atty Jemela Nettles (Woman of the Year in Immigration Law), Cora Oriol (Presidential Awardee), and Nia Peebles (Golden Reflections Awardee in Music and Movies).

Crowned as queens were Nikki Gill (Queen of Reflections), Erina Lightholder (Queen of the Philippines-Universe), and Kris-



Monet Lu with La Aurora

tin Cleavinger (Teen Princess). Leanne Langston was crowned Miss Little Philippines.

Special awards were presented throughout the night: Darling of the Night went to Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon; Best Dressed Female was clinched by Lou Baron and a guest and muse of designer Alan Del Rosario; and People's Choice went to Amy Gill.

Mila Dela Cruz was recognized for long years of dedicated service and loyalty to Monet while writer Marian Maraya was presented with a Reflections Award of Merit.

The awards ceremonies were hosted by journalist April Tiam-

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