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Shannon Marlin, co-owner of Spanish Fly Hair Garage with husband and partner Michael Sylvestre (not pictured).
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Give Your Hair the Love it Deserves

From classic to cutting edge, Spanish Fly Hair Garage makes it work

by Anne Stokes

Midtown can be a hard place for a salon to stand out. By virtue of its name, Spanish Fly Hair Garage does just that. Its sign prominently features its insect namesake. Inside, the salon manages an industrial yet warm feel, with exposed brick, a high ceiling, plenty of natural light and friendly, knowledgeable stylists who can help you find a new look or maintain your favorite style.

"We pride ourselves with being able to do something classic or something edgy — something catered to whatever the client's needs are," said owner Shannon Marlin, who opened the salon in 2006 with her husband and business partner Michael Sylvestre. "We do a lot of education."

The salon features Bumble and bumble, Kérastase and Goldwell products. Through Spanish Fly's partnership with these high-end lines, stylists get ongoing training and

education, keeping them on top of new trends, products and (literally) cutting-edge techniques.

Spanish Fly also keeps up with Sacramento's thriving art scene with rotating art exhibitions. Every few months, Marlin and Sylvestre feature a different local artist including some live music and performance art events.

For Marlin, Spanish Fly Hair Garage — along with its sister salon Maverique Style House, which Marlin and Sylvestre also own — is a professional labor of love.

"I've been doing hair for 25 years and most of my clients have been with me for 25 years," she said. "I've been there when they've gone to college, I've been there when they had their children, I've been there when their children have graduated, I've been there when their children get married. It's just a very rewarding career, a very rewarding life actually."



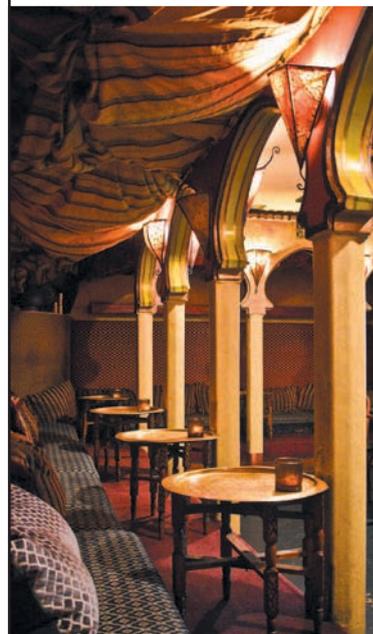
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