



Tress Stars

A round up of the hair artists who walked home with the coveted cups

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The year 2011 saw the hair industry's unsurpassed talent on grand stages all over the globe. StyleSpeak takes you on an award tour to acquaint you with some of these eminent artists in the hair world, who snipped their way to success.

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Akin Konizi does it again!

Akin Konizi, Director at HOB Salons, was graced HJ's British Hairdressing Award again this year after his win in 2008 and 2009. Creative vision and an uncompromising approach to quality sets his (HOB) salons apart. His hairdressing skills are recognized by the hair industry all over the world. The HOB Salons' creative work is much-noted in the industry for edgy innovations and splendid creativity.

Eli's winning style

The 2011 National American Hairstyling Awards (NAHA) crowned the amazing Eli Mancha the 'Hairstylist of the Year'. Owner and lead stylist of Chicago's Bang! Salon, Eli's work speaks multitudes about his skills and fantastic finish in every collection he brings out. Eli Mancha is one of the industry's leading stylists. From a Senior Master Stylist at Rusk, to Creative Director at Esuchen International, he has donned several mantles and wowed the world with his created looks.



Three cheers for K Bala Prasad

Mane'a Salon's senior hairstylist, K Bala Prasad, walked home with one of the most prestigious titles in India – the winner of the fourth edition of the 'L'oréal Professionnel Colour Trophy (2011)'. Prasad stood tall competing against 850 regional photo entries from hairdressers across India. The young and talented hairstylist believes his journey has been a complete bliss, working with Sachin Dakoji, Managing Director of Mane'a Salon, and now winning this coveted title.

Twin victory for Veck

The 48-year-old Anne Veck Hair Salon in England won the 2011 Haute Coiffure Française (HCF) Trophy. Veck won over the panel of professionals with her unique style and took home the special colouring prize of L'Oréal Professionnel Products. The Anne Veck Artistic Team aims to inspire and excite its audiences at shows worldwide. The team's beautiful photographic work has been published in numerous international trade and consumer magazines, but it is their show-stopping presentations that they are best known for. **SS**



Gold achievers

The 2011 Wella Professionals' International Trend Vision Award (ITVA) brought together 85 finalists from 49 countries in New York to compete for the desirable



Young Talent and Color Awards, celebrating hairdressing talent from all over the world. Jake Unger from HOB salons (Great Britain) won the prestigious Young Talent Gold Award, and the highly-coveted Gold Award for Color went to DeLiang Wu from Di Qiu Cun salon (China).

