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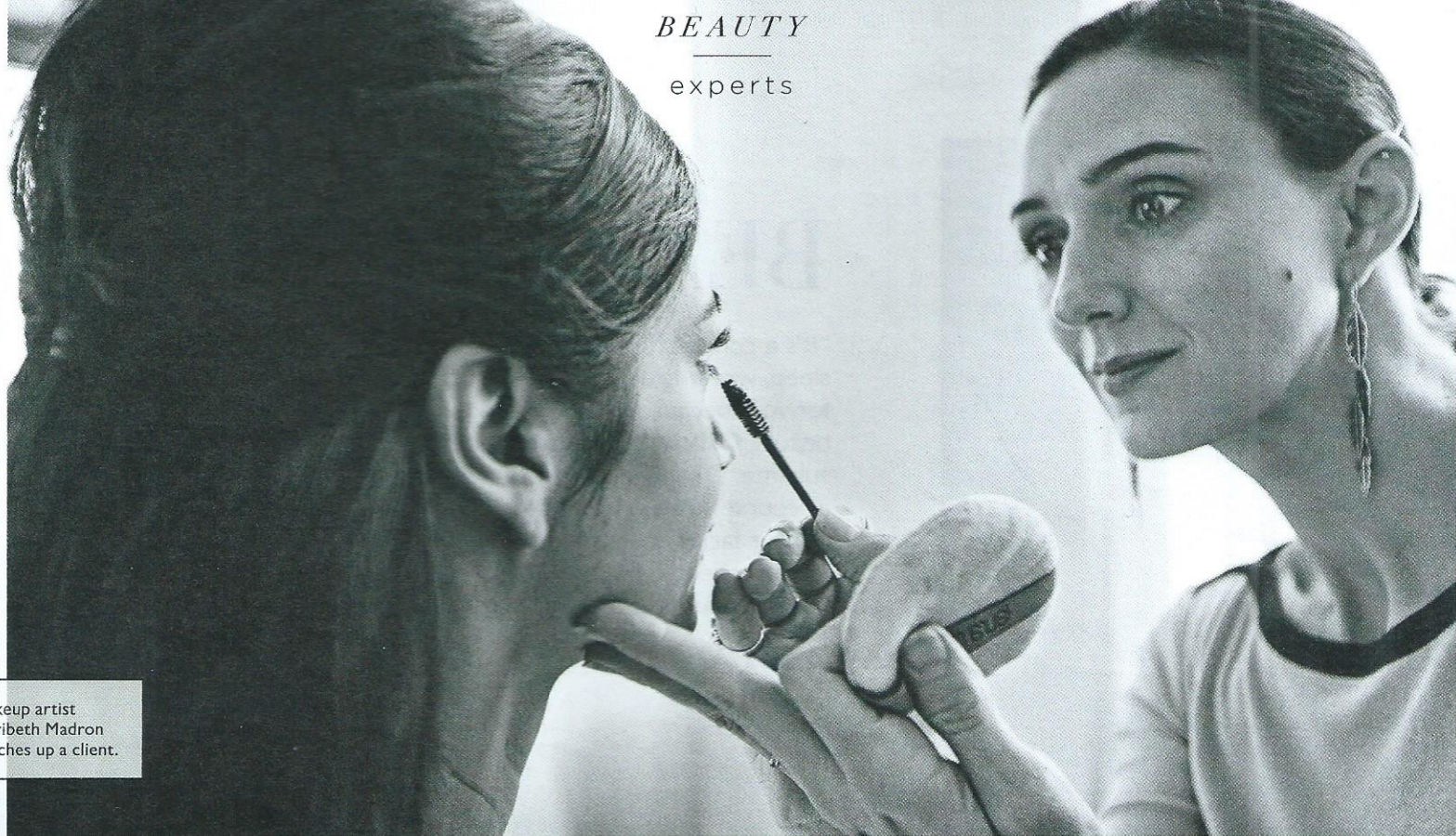
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Makeup artist
Maribeth Madron
touches up a client.

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As you gear up for gala season, book New York's top makeup artists for a flawless face. —Sahar Khan



Kimara Ahnert

Makeup artist and beauty guru Kimara Ahnert is a favorite of stars such as *Meryl Streep*, *Anne Hathaway* and *Gwyneth Paltrow*, the UES set and blushing brides across the world. Her regal Madison Avenue studio, celebrating its 20th anniversary, features her own line of products. The one beautifier Ahnert can't do without? "A cream highlighter or primer," she says. "I love how it erases flaws." Services from \$150, 212.452.4252, kimara.com



Amanda Christian Burran

Focused on organic skincare and nontoxic cosmetics, Amanda Christian Burran believes beauty is inextricably tied to well-being. Her clients, such as *Sarah Jessica Parker* and *Natalie Portman*, agree. "My vision is natural but powerful, like mixing a smoky eye with a pale-pink lip," she says. "I adore a sheer foundation that lets the skin shine through." Services from \$350, 917.373.6426, christianburran.com



Landy Dean

"I create a well-defined but not overdone look that invites compliments on how beautiful the client looks, not how good the makeup is," says Landy Dean, one of two in-house makeup artists at NoMad's Marie Robinson Salon. Dean's light touch earned him *Naomi Watts* and *Michelle Williams* as clients. Dean says eyebrows are "often a focal point in my work." Services from \$250, 212.358.7780, marierobinsonsalon.com



Maribeth Madron

Makeup and eyebrows go hand in hand, and Maribeth Madron has expertise in both. Madron, who reps *Maybelline* as a Global Brow Expert, says the right brow shape can change a person's entire face. Working out of Sharon Dorram Color at *Sally Hershberger*, the artist crafts her trademark healthful glow with go-tos like *Philosophy's Miracle Worker* cream and *Dior's Plumping Rose* lip balm. Services from \$300, booking@maribethmadron.com



Lori Hamlin Penske

"Makeup is a tool that should be used to highlight features rather than cover perceived flaws," says Lori Hamlin Penske. This attitude and her deft hand at augmenting a person's natural beauty have won her fans like *Padma Lakshmi*, *Bridget Moynahan* and legions of brides. Her must-have product? By *Terry Baume de Rose Nutri-Couleur* in *Cherry Bomb*. Services price upon request, 212.353.3198, lorihamlin.com