

Award-Winning Valón Salon Goes to New York Fashion Week!

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How does it feel to be personally invited by an international stylist to assist with the hair styling for New York's world-famous Fall Fashion Week? According to Valary Brown, owner of Centreville's award-winning Valón Salon, it was "exciting, exhilarating, and a little bit scary".

She needn't have been scared. The looks that came down the runway at the Venexiana show were a polished, modern take on a classic up-do. Brown and her head stylist, Raquel Lamay, spent two days before the show working with Philip Pelusi's P2 team under the tutelage of Pelusi's artistic director, learning to create the styles to the director and designer's exacting standards. It was clearly time well-spent: the low-slung chignon and vintage-inspired finger waves were flawlessly executed.

The day of the show was "amazing and crazy", with only three hours to get everything ready for the runway. There were two stylists, a manicurist, and a pedicurist working on a single model at once, and a makeup artist hovering in the background waiting for everyone else to finish. Brown's reaction once everything was done and she was able to relax and enjoy the show? "I am so proud of our work, and thank God it's over!"

International stylist Philip Pelusi, owner of Manhattan's Tela Design Studio and 13 Pittsburgh-area salons, as well as the creator of the luxurious P2 line of hair styling products, personally invited Brown and Lamay to work with his P2 team in recognition of their impressive sales and dedication to the P2 line of products. Valón Salon is the only salon in Virginia that sells the P2 line, which Valary Brown describes as "the best product I've ever worked with". Valón Salon's head stylist Raquel Lamay had the top sales in the salon for the P2 line.

It's not surprising that Brown considers this experience "one of the greatest achievements in [her] career". She's been doing hair professionally for over 28 years, and has owned her own salon for the past 14. Throughout that time, she's remained a dedicated advocate of continuing education for all her stylists, proclaiming that it keeps her "motivated, excited, and loving my job!" The trip to Fashion Week was both a logical next step and an incredible honor for the talented stylist, who can't wait to bring some of the Old Hollywood glamor and polished modern styling she saw in New York back to her Centreville clients.