

# *The Golden Hands at MK Salon*

From the killing fields of Cambodia to a sleek new Lexington Avenue hair salon may seem like an unlikely journey, but it is actually what Marshall Kim has done.

Kim arrived in the United States in 1982 with a tragic history - war, starvation, the loss of most of his family by execution, torture, disease and overwork during the Khmer Rouge's four years of rule, which ended with a Vietnamese invasion in 1979. He was determined to overcome. A gifted hair stylist, he believes that life is too short to try "to be what

you are not." Kim says, "so many women spend half a day and hundreds of dollars in a salon, go home looking glamorous, and the next day, when nature has taken over again, see that all they bought is a bad haircut."

Kim, on the other hand, specializes in what he calls "the wash and wear cut." Inexpensive, easy to take care of, Kim's styling doesn't try to make you look like someone



*Marshall Kim of  
MK Salon.*

else. Instead, it takes your own qualities and makes the most of them. And he must be doing something right: the men and women whose hair he did when he first started out are now sending their children and even their grandchildren for haircuts from what one client calls "Kim's golden hands."

The MK Salon is a full-service salon that does hair coloring, high-

lighting, manicure, pedicures and other services for both men and women. The attractive new location is at 788 Lexington Ave. near 61st Street. The phone number for appointments is 486-2453 — though "walk-ins" can often be accommodated by one of Kim's staff.

You may wonder how a Cambodian came by the first name of Marshall. Kim took that name when he became a citizen to honor a man he calls his godfather, an American named Marshall Mosely who saw a lonely youngster who needed a boost of friendship — and gave it. His investment certainly has paid off.

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