# 6 Owner Profiles

### The Owners

Owners and brothers George and Johnny Nikollaj and cousin Tomy Lulgjuraj share a philosophy on management that incorporates inspiring a diverse and talented staff, customer service and making 6 salon clients the most beautiful people in the city. 6 provides their clients with the finest products and services and has remained on the cutting edge of the salon industry because they "never turn down a client or let them leave unsatisfied." On Thursdays (open until Midnight) you'll notice people with aluminum foil in their hair noshing on complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing in their chairs to 6's own resident DJ.

## Johnny Nikollaj

Johnny was just finishing high school when his brother decided to take courses at beauty school. He joined in on the trade as well. "It was exciting to learn such a precise skill," he said. Since the age of 16, every place where Johnny worked his cousin Tomy worked as well, including car washes and a banquet hall.

Johnny began his life as a designer in 1996. With years of professional experience, he was on board to open 6 alongside George and Tomy. Ten years from now Johnny sees 6 "building an empire."

Johnny works at both locations creating men's and women's cuts, colors and highlights for his loyal clientele. Known as the "king of blondes," a lot of blonde bombshells around town credit their look to Johnny. Always having fun with the staff and clients, Johnny lives up to his reputation as the salon's "class clown" with his unmatched quick humor and wit. "There is a reason why we are compared to therapists. Life is an endless struggle full of frustrations and challenges, but eventually you find a designer you love."

# Tomy Lulgjuraj

Tomy began his training as a stylist immediately after high school with dreams of not only mastering the craft, but also owning a premier salon.

Tomy graduated from the Michigan College of Beauty in 1996 and has had extensive training in Grand Rapids, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. He rounds out the family team as expert designer/entrepreneur. He joins cousins George and Johnny in articulating the client image and service focused vision that drives 6.

Tomy is talented at crafting fabulous updos and special party styles. In 2008, Tomy earned himself Michigan's Hairdresser of the Year and the first place Color Trophy at the Annual Tiffany Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards. Upon receiving his award, Tomy was asked by one of the judges why he became a hairdresser. The answer? "Chicks dude."

### George Nikollai

George chose the beauty industry out of pure dedication and today has been working as a designer for 15 years. Thanks to perseverance, a warm disposition and a tenacious spirit, he gained a mentor early in his career. George took the apprentice concept to heart and learned all he could from experts in the field before taking on a job himself.

George says opening 6 salon with his brother and cousin fulfilled a long-time dream of owning their own business. "Our parents always taught us you have to do something for yourself," he said. "We were hungry for success."

No matter how booked he may be, he can always be found interacting with a passerby and making small talk. George has a lot of experience in recruiting staff members and often takes a few minutes to get to know interested 6 applicants before their interview with the managers.