Barneys Makes Room for Chantecaille Spa

NEW YORK — Cosmetics and fragrance mavens Sylvie and Olivia Chantecaille are hoping Barneys New York will provide plenty of positive energy to help them fine-tune their vision of the ultimate spa experience.

Tucked away into a corner on the fourth floor of Barneys, located at 660 Madison Avenue here, the Chantecaille Energy Spa is an extension of the mother-daughter duo's original London-based spa, which opened in 2004. Sylvie Chantecaille commented that she and her daughter have always had their eyes on the New York market.

"I thought Barneys would be great because they understand newness," she said.

And a new genre of spa is exactly what the Chantecailles want to create. Infused with the pair's signature rose-scented beauty products, each service aims to dramatically reduce stress levels, said Sylvie Chantecaille.

"Stress is the number-one killer among us. We're overwhelmed with work, life and just trying to do so many different things," she said. "It's important for us to showcase various ways in which people can bring their stress levels down."

Services include the Energy Lift Facial, a treatment that uses the combination of a lymphatic drainage and acupressure massage, along with a cleansing mask to lift and revitalize the face. Another is the hour-long Flower Facial that combines oil and flower waters to purify, lift and tone the skin.

The Chantecailles have also tapped into the phenomena of energy healing by offering a treatment that utilizes an Energy Analysis Machine. The machine captures the color of an individual's aura and chakras — colored circles of energy said to connect emotional, physical and spiritual well-being — to find imbalances in the networks of energy. A trained analyst reads these electromagnetic pulses, which are displayed on a computer screen, and then recommends energy healing or customized essential oils. The energy-healing sessions, conducted by Reiki master Joan Steele, are intended to help to balance the chakras.

"I always believe that you should have a good mix of science with beautiful products," Sylvie Chantecaille said. "That is what I think is luxury."

Prices for services at the Chantecaille Spa range from \$50 to \$250.

— Andrea Arterbery



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