



# Lacquer Beauty Bar

An Interview with Angela Reddy

**What is Lacquer Beauty Bar?** A one-stop shop that incorporates three beauty services – manicure and pedicure, hair blow-dried, and facial. No need to go to three different places - hair salon, nail bar, and spa. Ideal for bridal parties, girl's night out, grads, or just some personal pampering time. Great place for girlfriends to catch up while maintaining beauty.

**When did you open?** We opened July 31, 2010. **Why Steveston?** I visited many areas in the lower mainland but I chose Steveston. I lived in Richmond from ages 10-26 and visited Steveston often. Many of my family members worked at the hospital, airport and are teachers in the area.

**What is your history?** The concept of the Beauty Bar was lacking in the Steveston area, and many other areas, based on the market research I did. During this time I would eat, breathe and walk the Steveston Village and was so inspired by the beautiful women of all ages who filled the village streets and the very fit and groomed men.

**How did you get into business?** I come from a real estate and automotive background so the hustle starting each day with nothing and working hard to make a successful day is what I am made up of and what drives me. I come from an Indo-Fijian background and the women care deeply about beauty maintenance. I have been my customer for many years going to one place for nails another for thread, wax and facials then another for a blow dry...very time consuming and money consuming. I wanted one stop that was affordable, hygienic and chic and to my surprise there was nothing around.

**What makes your store unique?** Lacquer does not compete with the spas and hair salons in the area. Lacquer Beauty Bar is where where you come often to maintain your beauty, the day-to-day things. I felt that my passion for the services and products I offer and the passion from my staff would bring to life my dream to have this venue. It took every ounce of guts I had, and every penny to start this business, and I know in my mind and heart that it will be a success.

**What do you like about Steveston?** Steveston to me has so many memories, from field trips to the park, to first dates, to showing off the area, to visiting family and friends.

**Family?** I moved to Steveston last September with my fiancé and it has been amazing. Steveston is a very healthy environment and I hope to enjoy all the amenities available for fitness, health and fun. Until we opened, I worked 50 hours in the automobile business and another 50 planning the business. What a treat to come home to an amazing rock of a man and the supportive community of Steveston.

I must say I feel blessed by the customers who grace my door everyday and pat me on the back. A new business owner can only be so lucky to be surrounded by such a loving community. I was hoping to have a soft opening in August so we could get our rhythm going, but we have been very busy, a great problem to have, but it made us have to get through kinks much faster. Our grand opening will be at the end of September when we can invite all the customers who have visited us so far.

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