

Patrick Wellington, Wellington Hair Spa. Chelsea, NY
August 10, 2012 at 9:00am

We (me and my assistant) arrived at the Wellington Hair Spa at 9am on Friday, August 10th. Wellington Hair Spa is located in a large building on a busy street in the Chelsea district in Manhattan. We took the elevator to the salon and Patrick, the owner, was unlocking the door as we arrived. He scheduled the interview two hours before the salon was open for business so it was just the three of us. The salon was nicely designed with a large painting and red walls.

We sat in the front of the salon and did the interview, which lasted approximately an hour. Patrick was relaxed and very easy to talk to. After the interview I took portrait shots of Patrick and photographed the rest of the salon. Patrick didn't have a model set up for me to photograph, but he had a client scheduled that afternoon. After the interview Patrick "tweeted" that I had come to interview him and he showed me a couple of Twitter tips. While waiting for his client to come in my assistant and I went across the street and bought expensive pastries and coffee.

We came back about an hour later and met Patrick's client, Victoria Dillard. She was an actress and had appeared on the television series — Spin City, Law & Order and Seinfeld. Thankfully, she agreed to be photographed while Patrick did her hair. It was the first hair model I've photographed with such short hair. I was struck by the incredible precision required and time it took to shape the hairstyle. While Patrick was doing Victoria's hair, two hairstylists came in the shop and started doing their clients hair. At that point there were about eight people in the salon. We left around 2pm.