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With North American training and European education, Dr. Marc DuPéré brings a uniquely Atlantic perspective and approach to the practice of aesthetic and plastic surgery. Dr. DuPéré studied at Montreal, prestigious McGill University Faculty of Medicine from 1991 to 1996. After moving to Toronto in 1996, he attended the University of Toronto where he completed his fellowship at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Plastic Surgery.

In 2002 he pursued further training in cosmetic plastic surgery in Paris, France. His return saw him bringing European expertise and flair to Toronto with the opening of VISAGE. A clinic dedicated to the analysis of cosmetic plastic surgery, VISAGE is located at 174 King Street in the heart of the Dufferin and Westbourne district. VISAGE has a warm, loft-style ambience that caters to a dynamic, trendier clientele along with downtown urban professionals. The clinic's ambience is all the more inviting with the placement of inspiring and interesting photography and artwork throughout. An art photographer and artist, many fine examples of Dr. DuPéré's own work adorn the walls of his clinic, some of which is shown here.

What originally drew you to Toronto, and why did you stay?

Since 1996 when I moved from Montreal, to attend the University of Toronto for my training to become a Plastic Surgeon, as it was the best in Canada. In my Montreal days I was always home, but I find people had lots of fun ways about Montreal – they either love or hate it. Toronto is more like a real wilderness. One time you just develop a true passion and connection with the city.

What do you love about THE CITY?

Toronto has everything. People talk about Montreal for food, but Toronto has some of the most amazing cuisine. We also have the arts, galleries, gardens, everything is at your fingertips. While Toronto has its own flavor there is such wonderful diversity and a global feel. It also has the culture of New York and Montreal.

What if you were to open a new restaurant in TORONTO?

I love the James Aronoff Wildcat restaurant. It's very trendy, has a great atmosphere and serves exquisite fine-to-style food. Another fantastic idea for a restaurant is the Auberge de Gervais: it has a wonderfully romantic atmosphere, and their food is delicious, the top in the city. The service is one of elegance and professionalism in any way. Finally, more recently I also think Bismark and Luce in the heart of Canada are quite nice as well.



What are some other great spots of the city you like to visit?

I frequent the Art Gallery of Ontario of which I am a member, whenever they have nice exhibits or ones just to stroll the permanent exhibitions. I also think one of the most overlooked and underrated areas of the city is the Distillery District. I think it's amazing when I find people to visit this area and they tell me they think it's too far. It's so close to the downtown core and is such a lovely area. I find Balmat's, the coffee shop, particularly nice with its original stone and high ceilings. —Sharon Roberts

