

## NEW BLUSHES SESSION STYLIST

# TOM BERRY

talks to Dom Blake about his amazing career so far and why he chooses BLUSHES®

*“Sharp and precise with a strong emphasis on beauty. I love simple beautiful hair.”*



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**Q When did your career begin?**

A I started hairdressing in Australia back in 2005, whilst travelling. I came back to London to get my qualification with a plan to head straight back to Oz but ended up staying in London here I completed 6-month intensive course with Saks Hair and Beauty.

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**Q Have you always wanted to work in the hairdressing industry?**

A Honestly, no. It never occurred to me growing up. I went into the insurance industry, working as an underwriter at first. This wasn't the most exciting job for me and I knew I wanted to work more closely with people and make a difference. It was the chance to work closely with people that inspired me at first, It just happened to be that I turned out to be quite good with hair too!!

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**Q What's your favourite part of the job?**

A All of it! I specialize in both cutting and colouring. I know that sounds a bit cliché but this is such a rewarding job in so many ways. I got into hairdressing to help people feel better about themselves and I get to do that in more ways than I thought. When I'm not doing hair for clients in the salon, I love to teach. In my previous job I taught every aspect of hairdressing from beginner level right to the very top level stylists.

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**Q How did you go from starter to celebrity stylist?**

A I wouldn't presume to class myself as a celebrity stylist but I was lucky enough to work with a few celebs in my time. I got to that level with a lot of hard work and dedication. I've never stopped trying to improve and I work really hard in all areas of styling and colouring. I also spend a lot of time listening to clients and researching what it is like to be a client and how they feel when they are in a salon. This is such an important thing to do as a hairdresser so you can make your clients journey the best it can possibly be.

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**Q Who has been your favourite celebrity to work with?**

A They have all been really nice to work with to be honest my best memory was actually when I was in Australia. I only shampooed his hair for my boss but it was a real Notting Hill moment. I was shampooing Gerard Butlers hair when I asked him what he did for a job. I then proceeded to congratulate him on working in films!!! He was a lovely fella and took my lack of knowledge in good jest!! Other than that I really enjoyed working with Daisy Lowe, Millie Mackintosh and the Stooshe girls.

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**Q What would you say has been the highlight of your career so far?**

A Having the opportunity to teach so many people and make a difference to their hairdressing careers. I've also been lucky enough to work on numerous London Fashions weeks, Paris Fashion Week, Graduate Fashion Week, The Clothes Show Live, Blue Peter, Xtra Factor, Britain's Got Talent and for mainstream magazines such as Marie Claire. I've also travelled around the world teaching for Saks and L'Oréal.

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**Q What do you think will be the most exciting spring/summer trend?**

A Trend predictions have become very difficult. Social Media has changed everything as trends no longer last a whole season but more like a month at a time until the next one pops up. Pastel blondes is still very big, especially with festival season coming up. I would like to see more Glondes, a mix between ginger and blonde. It is such a sexy colour.

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**Q- So why did you choose Blushes and when do you start?**

A- I chose Blushes because it has the best reputation in the area. I also wanted to continue my session styling and education and Blushes was the best place to do that. There is a real family feel about the place that I know me and my existing clients will love. I start on 1 June so make sure to book in with me ASAP!



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