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**THE SLEEPER HIT:** RECOGNIZED FOR HER SLEEPY BLUE EYES, MODEL **KORI RICHARDSON** QUIETLY TOOK FALL'S RUNWAYS BY STORM. HAVING MADE HER CATWALK DEBUT THREE YEARS AGO, THE 21-YEAR-OLD IS SUDDENLY BEING CAST BY FASHION'S HEAVY HITTERS: **CHANEL, BALENCIAGA, MARC BY MARC JACOBS**. WHY NOW? PERHAPS THEY'RE DETECTING THE BLOND'S SECRET EDGE. RECENTLY, RICHARDSON TOOK UP FLYING LESSONS AT THE TORONTO AIRPORT. SHE ALSO LIKES TO DIRT BIKE IN HER PARENTS' UXBRIDGE, ONT. BACKYARD. BUT THE CHAMELEON ISN'T ALL TOMBOY, WE LEARNED BACKSTAGE, WHERE SHE REVEALED THE TRICK BEHIND HER PRIZED COMPLEXION: LUSH MASK OF MAGNAMINTY, \$10.

# Oh, Canada!

The **top 20** people, places and (gorgeous) things on our beauty radar By *Carlene Higgins*



## The luxist:

\$650 may seem like a fortune for a set of makeup brushes, but the investment is worth it when they're the Cadillac of tools. **Kisette**, brush kits designed by makeup artist **Evgeny Loukianenkov**, takes makeup application to a pro level. The Russian-Canadian, who has worked with Queen Rania of Jordan, goes to extraordinary measures to create each one-of-a-kind set. From climbing the foothills of the Himalayas to purchase cashmere from the same source as **Miuccia Prada's** top-grade textiles to visiting remote Yukon farms for the perfect blue squirrel hair, the entrepreneur will stop at nothing to get the softest, most luxurious fibres. Don't even get us started on the **Bottega Veneta**-rivaling leather case.



**THE BLOW HARDS:** Since opening its first location in Vancouver's Yaletown in 2007, **Blo Blow Dry Bars** are quickly sprouting up in neighbourhoods across the country. Defying recession odds, six locations have opened in the past year, most recently on King Street West in Toronto. The no-scissors, all-styling concept is proving so successful, Arlene Dickinson, a judge on the TV show *Dragon's Den*, bought partial rights to the franchise. Choose from a menu of seven dos, each styled in 30 minutes for about \$30.