

SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE

# People

## 50 MOST BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE



## Chris BOTTI

AGE: 41 CURRENTLY: Promoting his seventh CD, *A Thousand Kisses Deep*.

Barely out of his teens, the Portland, Ore.-born jazz trumpeter hit the jackpot with his first paid gig: playing backup for Frank Sinatra. But he stayed under the radar before touring with Sting in 1999. Last year he opened for Sting's Sacred Love tour: "It was like Sting said, 'Here, world, meet Chris Botti!'" "Chris looks like something from the Renaissance, sort of like a Botticelli," says Sting. When he's away from his New York City apartment—and his L.A.-based stockbroker girlfriend—Botti says, "the only things I take with me are a trumpet and a bag with all my Ole Henriksen skin products." Like Sting, he's devoted to yoga. "We'd do Ashtanga before we walked onstage," Botti says. "It erases all the no sleep, strange hours and suspect food you get on the road."

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