

DEBRA DENSON

Makeup Dept. Head / Personal Makeup Artist

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Debra Denson is a native of Los Angeles, California where Hollywood has always been a part of her culture. The Film and Television industry has always been of interest to her. When she decided what area of the industry she wanted to pursue, the next step was attending Learning Tree Academy where Debra received training by professional Makeup artists that are still working in the field to this day. She followed that with Newberry School of Beauty where she received her license and became a certified aesthetician twenty two years ago. Debra believes as a professional Makeup Artist you are not just an Artist to your Actor in the chair. There must be a real connection in order to understand their needs, wants and ideas for their character. Debra earns their trust and gives them a safe space and time in the trailer to relax or prepare. Debra is loyal and committed to her craft and as a result has worked with Ice Cube for twenty five years, Martin Lawrence for fourteen and Forest Whitaker for six years. Debra is Los Angeles based and happy to travel for work.

Feature Films as **Makeup Department Head** unless otherwise noted (Partial list):

Production

BIG GEORGE FOREMAN (Dept. Head, Khris Davis, Forest Whitaker)
 FREAKY TALES (Dept. Head, Jay Ellis, Pedro Pascal)
 WAR OF THE WORLDS (Personal Hair & MU Artist for Ice Cube)
 DAY SHIFT (Dept. Head: Dave Franco, Snoop Dogg, Meagan Good)
 THE HIGH NOTE (Makeup artist for Ice Cube)
 DOLEMITE IS MY NAME (MU Co-Dept. Head)

2020 Critics Choice Award Nomination – Best Hair & Makeup, Feature Film & National Board of Review Top Ten Films

2020 Hollywood Makeup Artist and Hair Stylist Guild Award Nomination – Best Period and/or Character Makeup, Feature

BARBERSHOP: THE NEXT CUT (Eve, Regina Hall, Anthony Anderson)
 RIDE ALONG 1 & 2 (Dept. Head including Kevin Hart & Ice Cube)
 STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON (Makeup Designer & MU Head)

Academy Award Nomination – Best Original Screenplay

Critics Choice Award Nomination – Best Makeup

Producers Guild of America Nomination, Theatrical Motion Picture

Critics Choice Awards Nomination – Best Acting Ensemble

Writers Guild of America Nomination – Best original Screenplay

Screen Actors Guild Award Nomination – Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture

SPY (Dept. Head; Allison Janney, Jason Statham, Rose Byrne)
 THE WEDDING RINGER (Personal Makeup for Kevin Hart)
 BEST MAN HOLIDAY (Taye Diggs, Nia Long, Terrence Howard, Sanaa Lathan)
 ABOUT LAST NIGHT (Dept. Head: Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy, Regina Hall)
 THE BUTLER (Makeup Designer & Makeup Dept. Head)

Critics Choice Awards Nomination – Best Acting Ensemble

BAFTA Award Nomination - Best Hair & Makeup

Screen Actors Guild Award Nomination – Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture

THINK LIKE A MAN (DH: Taraji P. Henson, Michael Early, Kevin Hart)
 RAMPART (Personal Makeup for Ice Cube)

Director/ Producer /Production company

George Tillman Jr. / Peter Guber, David Zelon / Columbia
 Anna Boden, Ryan Fleck / Poppy Hanks / Macro
 Rich Lee / Patrick Aiello, Timur Bekmambetov / Universal
 J.J. Perry / Chad Stahelski, Shaun Redick / Netflix
 Nisha Ganatra / Tim Bevin, Eric Fellner / Focus
 Craig Brewer / John Davis, John Fox / Davis Ent. / Netflix

Malcolm D. Lee / Ice Cube, George Tillman, Jr./ New Line
 Tim Story / Will Packer, Ice Cube / Universal
 F. Gary Gray / Matt Alvarez, Dr. Dre / Universal

Paul Feig / Peter Chernin, Jenno Topping / Fox
 Jeremy Garelick / Will Packer / Screen Gems
 Malcolm D. Lee / Sean Daniel / Universal
 Steve Pink / Will Gluck, Will Packer / Screen Gems
 Lee Daniels / Daniels, Laura Ziskin, / Weinstein Co.

Tim Story / Will Packer, Story / Screen gems
 Oren Moverman / Ben Foster, Ken Kao / Millenium

Television as Makeup Department Head unless otherwise noted (Partial list):

MIKE (Limited series, all 8 episodes)
 SHADOW AND BONE (Season 1, all 8 episodes)
 SNOWFALL (S1, 8 eps)
 FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR REUNION (2020 Special)
 WHAT / IF (Limited series, 10 eps)
 STAR (Season 1, 13 episodes)
 WHITE FAMOUS (10 episodes)
 THE SOUL MAN (12 episodes)
 ARE WE THERE YET? (Personal for Ice Cube, 4 episodes)
 STEVE HARVEY SHOW (100 episodes)
 KENAN & KEL (47 episodes)
 JEFF FOXWORTHY SHOW (18 episode season)

Craig Gillespie / Tom Ackerly, Margot Robbie / Hulu
 Various / Shawn Levy, Dan Levine / Netflix
 Various / John Singleton, Michael London / FX
 Marcus Raboy / Turner Barrowman / HBO Max
 Various / Mike Kelley / Netflix
 Various / Lee Daniels / Fox
 Various / Tim Story / Lionsgate / Showtime
 Various / Cedric The Entertainer / TV Land
 Various / Matt Alvarez, Cube, Joe Roth / Fox
 Various / Winifred Hervey, Harvey / Brillstein-Grey
 Various / Kim Bass / Nickelodeon
 Various / Tom Anderson / Columbia TV

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