

Monika Swiatek: Makeup, Hair, SFX Artist and Designer



I am an experienced and qualified professional bilingual makeup artist, SFX designer, hair stylist and prosthetics maker.

I am also experienced in producing makeup for professional photography and film-making, and have an invaluable eye for detail.

My own style is fresh, clean and inventive which has led to me being employed for numerous fashion shows, photo shoots, television and music video productions, feature films, editorial work and TV commercials (including Barclays, Pepsi Max, Ryanair, Samsung, and Captain Morgan).

In 2014, this experience led to me being selected to work on the promotional campaign for HBO's True Blood, Terminator and TV drama Black Sails in the UK.

I now have more than thirty credits on IMDB for my makeup and SFX in the film industry.

I was employed in the West End as the Makeup Artist at the Leicester Square Theatre.

I was a Head Make Up Designer for Imagine Dragons music video "Thunder" in Dubai , Elton John's "Bennie and The Jets " and 2019 Oscar nominated film "Black Sheep" and many other Netflix movies .

My work has been published in magazines and advertising campaigns and I have worked with many celebrities including Big Narstie ,Miriam Margolyes, Anna Chancellor, Kate Nash, Zyan Malik (from One Direction), Jessica Ware, Skunk Anansie , Caroline Wozniacki (Tennis Champion), Isabelle Allen (known for her main role in Les Miserables) and most recently E.L. James (author of Fifty Shades of Grey).

In recent years I have worked around the world on various film projects including in Jordan, Iraq, Mexico and worked for the Royal Family in Abu Dhabi.

I also work regularly with the prominent and award-winning photographer Emily Soto, famous for shooting covers of top magazines and one of the most renowned teachers of photography on the internet. In 2012 I opened my own makeup school for beauty makeup – Art Working Centre. I also teach special effects make up in Esher College. Since 2013 I have been doing my own SFX and beauty makeup workshops which have proved very successful.

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Professional Experience

Film, TV and Commercials

2020

"Advantage Hers" Documentary about tennis champion Caroline Wozniacki (UK) Head of Makeup

2019

"The Lost Pirate Kingdom" Netflix TV Series (UK) SFX Makeup Artist

"Tell Me Who I Am " Netflix Documentary (UK) Makeup Designer

"Trapped My Friend in a Horror Film Without Her Knowing" movie (UK) Head of Makeup

"Tina " documentary about **Tina Turner** (UK) Makeup Artist

2018

"La Diosa De Sangre" feature film (Mexico) Sfx Makeup Artist

"**Samsung 9**" – commercial (UK) Makeup Artist and Hair

"**Capitan Morgan -Rum**" - commercial (UK) Makeup Artist and Hair

"**Finesse Shoot Vancive**" (Dublin/Ireland) - commercial -SFX

2017

"**Black Sheep**" Oscar nominated documentary (UK) Makeup Designer

"**Cobra**" Bollywood (UK-Indie) film/Makeup Artist and Hair

"**Scorched Earth**" - feature film (Kurdistan /Iraq) Culture Shock Production USA, Head Makeup Artist

"**Everybody in Europe**" (Spain, Switzerland, UK) Corporation shoots - Makeup Artist/Hair

2016

"**Before Dying**" feature film (Kurdistan/Iraq) - Head of Makeup / Designer

"**Walking Dead**" (UK) TV Serial -PR Campaign -SFX

"**Ford**" (UK) Commercial **The Vamps** - SFX/ Head of Makeup

Private Event for the **Royal Family** (Abu Dhabi) - Makeup Artist

2015

"**Black Sails**" (UK) TV Serial -PR Campaign -SFX

"**Terminator**" (UK) TV Serial -PR Campaign -SFX

"**Curse of Mesopotamia**"(Amman / Jordan) feature film -Makeup Designer /SFX

"**True Blood**" (UK) TV Serial -PR Campaign -SFX

2014

"**Barclays Digital Eagles**" (London) commercial -Head Of Makeup

"**Pepsi Max Viral**" (London) commercial -Head Of Makeup

2013

“**Pako**” (Amadiya/Iraq) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

“**The Contract**” (London) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

“**Yellow Cake**”(Erbil, Iraq) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

“**Eden Lodge**”(London) feature horror film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

2012

“**Volo in diretta**”— Italian TV Show with **E.L. James** “**Fifty Shades of Grey**”,
Fabio Volo - presenter

“**Wonderbook - Book of Spells**” (London) Harry Potter PlayStation game- interviews - Makeup Artist

“**Se-rurta**”(UK) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

“**Kid Gloves**” (London) feature film - /Makeup Designer

TV Show for a Korean Television (Abbey Rd Studios, London) Korean TV Show / interviews with **5ive, Target, Penguin Cafe Orchestra, Young Guns, Skin.**

“**The Hobbit**” (London, Peak District) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Make Up Designer

2011

“**Dance on the Horse**” (Sulamanya and Dunkan / Iraq) feature film -
Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

“**Phantom of a Previous War**”- (Sulamanya / Iraq) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

2010

"City Stars" (London) feature film -Head Of Makeup / /Makeup Designer

"David is Dying" (London) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Make Up Designer

"Beyond the Forest" (London) feature film -Head Of Makeup / Sfx /Makeup Designer

Music Videos

2019

"Movies" Circawaves music video (UK) Head Makeup Artist /Designer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYYjqMS4Umk>

2018

"Avalanche " Another Sky music video (UK) Head Makeup Artist /Designer

https://youtu.be/aw_luNE3Ba8

2017

"Bennie and The Jets " Elton John - music video (UK) Head Makeup Artist /Designer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wo1OwRTRKRk>

"Thunder" Imagine Dragons - music video (Dubai) Head Makeup Artist /Prosthetics

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=imagine+dragons+thunder

Theatre

2019

"Double Fake " by Alison Jackson (London) Leicester Square -Makeup Artist

2014-2016

"Cream Cracker Under The Settee " (UK) Freewheelers Theatre Company - Makeup Designer

2014

“The Curing Room” by David Ian Lee (London) Edinburgh Theatre /UK Tour -Makeup Designer /SFX/Prosthetics

2012

“Two Sisters and Piano” by Nilo Cruz (London) **Leicester Square Theatre - West End** - Head Makeup Artist

“The Tempest” William Shakespeare’s at **Drayton Theatre** (London) - Makeup Artist

2011

Nouveau Guignol Theatre (London) Makeup Artist

Fashion, Editorial and Photography

2009-present

Collaborating with various photographers and Makeovers

/Photographics Studios ,

Model Agencies as a Stylist and Makeup Artist (London) Eg.55 studio,

Orchid Studio, Model Advice , Kube Studio, UK Models , Deco Doll,

Bluerooms ,Koval Studio , Charleston Dance and Vintage –vintage

makeup and hair styling etc .

Esher College (London) Sfx Lecturer

Art Work Training Centre (London) Head Teacher

Hyde Park Gig (London) Makeup Artist in VIP /Rolling Stones

London Fashion Week (London) **PRITCH LONDON** Designer/Makeup Artist

“Olympic Fashion Show” (London) - Body painter

Tony & Guys – Makeup Artist

Fashion Shows (London) - Makeup Artist for ; Tokyo Fashion Show, Oxfam Charity Fashion Show, Cancer Research Fashion

Show, Prêt A Manger Charity Fashion Show, The Circus of Seduction.

London Fashion Week - Francesca Marotta design - Makeup Artist

Lejdiz Magazine (London) – Creative Director

Celebrities:

- Elton John , - Imagine Dragons, - The Vamps , Zyan Malik (One Direction), - Big Narstie - E.L.James, - Kate Nash, - Fabio Volo, Skin/Skunk Anansie, - -Sheridan Smith , -Miriam Margolyes, -Anna Chancellor, -Caroline Wozniacki , - Jessica Ware, - 5ive, - Target, - Penguin Cafe Orchestra, - Young Guns, - Matt Roberts, Charles of London, - Emily Soto, - Benjamin Whithrow,- Sylvia Syms, - Beardyman, -Darkstar, - Ben Peel , - April Pearson, - Christian McKay,-, - The Coronas, - Danny Webb, - Isabelle Allen (Les Miserables) , -Melissa Etheredge , - Tarja Turunen

Work Publications

Part Time Magazine China, —Spindle Magazine, —55magazine, — Fashion Institute, —Bite Fashion & Beauty Magazine, —Giuseppina Magazine, —Fashion World , —Cooltura, —Lejdiz Magazine , — Vogue British Magazine, —Fashion Finest Magazine, — Push It, — Fiasco Magazine, —1883 Magazine, — Londonist, —The Clothes Whisperer, —At Fashion Forte, —Nouse Newspaper, —Fashion Finest Magazine, —Pretty Portobello, — Fault Magazine, —Fashitectc, —Heruni, —The Style Column, —LaunchPad Magazine,

Qualifications

Jan'18-Jan '20 **Creative Media Skills** (Pinewood -London) Intermediate Prosthetics

Dec'14-March '15 **_III Willed SFX Workshops** (Dublin) trained by Gurus of SFX and prosthetic makeup artists Steve Johnson (famous for his work on Predator, Spiderman 2 and War of the Worlds) and Tate

Steinsiek (known for his work on Law and Order, and the Amazing Spiderman).

-Gore & SFX Gags -Intro to silicone prosthetics -Advance full silicone mask

Sept'10 –Jun '12 **WAES** (London)

Production Arts (Makeup) (QCF) BTEC International Diploma in 'Media Make-Up' WITH THE DOUBLE GRADE DISTINCTION DISTINCTION UNITS including wig-making, prosthetics, SFX, period makeup, hair.

Jan'10-Jun'10 **Westminster Adult Education Service (WAES)** (London)

- Makeup with Prosthetics (Intermediate)
- Airbrushed Cosmetics
- Bridal and Special Occasion Hair and Makeup
- Face Painting
- Special Effects Makeup (Passed)
- Special Effects Makeup with Prosthetics (Passed)

June'09 **WAES**—(London) — Hairstyling for film and TV

2008-2009 **Cavendish College**—(London) Theatrical and Special Effects Makeup course

Sept '08-Dec '08 **London Academy of Media**—Photographic and Wedding Makeup course

Sept '07-Dec'07 **Morley College** (London)—Fashion Makeup

Oct '07-June '08 **Alternative College of Art** (Poland)—Makeup Artist and Stylist—Diploma

- learning specialist makeup techniques;
- face correction, forms of makeup: day, evening, fashion, theatre makeup

- body painting, period make-up (e.g. the 20's, the 30's, the 40's, punk.)

Sept'01-June' 02 French language course (Paris, France)

1995-1999 **Grammar School** (Tarnow, Poland)
Completed with grade 87% in Administration
(Diploma)

Skills

- Polish
- English
- Good communication skills
- IT literate: good knowledge of Microsoft Office: Word and Excel, Internet research
- Photoshop
- Full UK Driving Licence

Hobbies and Interests

- Travelling
- Photography
- Painting and drawing
- Horse riding
- Collecting Venetian masks
- Theatre
- Film
- I have just discovered cricket and I like it!

Additional Information:

I am:

- Communicative and sociable
- Reliable and hard-working
- Loyal, honest, imaginative; a perfectionist
- References and Portfolio available on request

FULL PORTFOLIO AND CV AVAILABLE ON REQUEST