



CINEMAMAKEUP SCHOOL

Unleash Your Artistic Vision at the Leading Makeup School in Hollywood.

Who We Are



Cinema Makeup School is a world-renowned institute for learning the art of beauty and special makeup effects. CMS was founded in 1993 by a professional makeup artist who saw a need for comprehensive training in a field that was historically passed on through apprenticeships rather than any formalized education. The school is situated at the heart of the film industry, in Los Angeles, CA. Our rigorous programs are designed to prepare students for careers in two main commercially-viable paths: on set and in the SFX makeup lab.

About Cinema Makeup School

What We Do

Cinema Makeup School's courses provide students with the necessary training and experience to develop into successful commercial artists. We maintain a hands-on studio environment and small class sizes. Our wide-reaching programs offer coursework that can be applied to a variety of careers in the sector. Upon graduation, students are qualified for opportunities in this highly competitive field. We also offer a variety of continuing education courses that further prepare our graduates for specialization in a more expanded variety of career paths.



Makeup and SFX makeup artists are commercial creatives who bring concepts, characters, and stories to life.

Careers in Makeup Artistry



MUA's work collaboratively with directors, producers, and other production departments to bring a director or writer's vision to the screen. On-set makeup artists read scripts, plan out looks, conduct screen tests, apply makeup on set, and problem solve. They must be able to work in a variety of makeup genres including beauty, naturalistic, character, and prosthetic application. SFX makeup artists work in labs and translate a character or creature's backstory to its outward appearance. They create prosthetics, teeth, creature suits, and other custom appliances that are meant to fit an actor's face or body perfectly. They may have expertise in sculpting, mold making, casting, painting, and/or hair punching. Whether working on set or in a lab, both types of artists play an important part in enhancing an actor's performance and allowing them to become more immersed in their role.

Our team members, collaborators & partners

Board of Advisors

To fulfill our mission, Cinema Makeup School has a board of advisors made up of professionals from the entertainment industry as well as individuals from financial and legal sectors. Our Chairman, Shannon Shea, is an award-winning SFX makeup artist and former educator at CMS. Shannon has shaped film history with his work on *Predator* (1987), *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Drag Me to Hell*, *Spy Kids*, *Men in Black III*,

and many others. Shannon and our CAO, Andy, have worked together on *Batman Returns*, *Terminator 2: Judgement Day*, *Jurassic Park*, *The Walking Dead*, *Planet Terror*, *Death Proof*, *Inglourious Basterds*, and *House of Wax*. Their collective experiences and knowledge of the industry help Cinema Makeup School evolve and improve everyday.





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Diploma Programs



Cinema Makeup School offers five different diploma programs. Each program consists of a series of courses that offer students the option to center their interests on one particular aspect of their artistry. Or, in the case of the Complete Track, gain experience in many different areas so that they can find their calling. Each program's courses build upon one another, providing a logical and career-oriented progression.

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Certificate Courses

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Summer Camp

Our Summer Camps are led by some of the most accomplished and knowledgeable instructors in the industry. Learn everything from making blood to completing a short film. Designed for students ages 13-17.



Special Events & Seminars

Conventions & Trade Shows

Cinema Makeup School regularly makes appearances at industry conventions and trade shows. Stop by and see our stellar demos at Monsterpalooza, Son of Monsterpalooza, San Diego Comic-Con, Midsummer Scream and others. We

are always preparing something exciting that showcases the work of our talented instructors, staff, as well as specially selected students, and graduates.



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Special Workshops

Join us throughout the year for a variety of special workshops. Open to the public, these shorter offerings provide the opportunity to learn exciting new skills. Our workshop topics are always rotating to meet the current needs of the makeup and SFX makeup industries, but we have a few popular recurring courses! Check out our Blood FX class where you will learn industry secrets for conducting a blood gag on

camera. Spend a weekend making a latex mask, perfect for Halloween or expanding your sculpting and mold making skill-sets. Our 3D printing workshop will provide you hands-on experience in our high-tech 3D print studio and will open your mind to new techniques and methods used in SFX makeup labs. Keep an eye out for new opportunities for job-specific training as well!





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