

MELANIE LENIHAN*Hair, Makeup & Prosthetic Designer*

Melanie started her makeup career in editorial and fashion but, driven by a true passion for prosthetics, naturally moved into the film and television. Her background in film is as impressive as it is diverse. From working special makeup effects on blockbuster studios pictures like *Star Wars*, *Avengers* and *American Assassin*, to designing independent features like William Nicholson's *Hope Gap*, Mel is just as good at creating immaculate glamour as she is at building gruesome dead bodies and creatures. In addition to her film work, Mel has established herself in recent years as one of the UK's top designers for episodic television with credits on hit shows such as *Marcella* (ITV), *War of the Worlds* (Sky) and *The One* (Netflix). She operates a prosthetic studio out of Yorkshire supplying builds for her own shows as well as for makeup designers and productions across the industry. Based in Huddersfield, Mel is available for work worldwide.

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Selected credits

date production

director / production company

as Hair and Makeup Designer

television:

2022	BODIES	Marco Kreuzpaintner / Moonage Pictures
2021	HALF BAD	Colm McCarthy / Imaginarium Productions
2021	EXTINCTION	Marco Kreuzpaintner / Urban Myth Films
2020	WAR OF THE WORLDS Series 2	Gilles Coulier, Richard Clark / Urban Myth Films
2019	THE ONE	Jeremy Lovering / Urban Myth Film for Netflix
2019	WAR OF THE WORLDS	Gilles Coulier / Urban Myth Films
	winner: BAFTA Cymru Awards - Best Hair & Makeup	
2018	BUTTERFLY	Anthony Byrne / Red Production for ITV
2017	MARCELLA Series 2	Charles Martin / Buccaneer Media for ITV
2017	THE VIRTUES	Shane Meadows / Warp Films
2017	OVERSHADOWED	Hildegard Ryan / Rollem Productions, BBC3
2015	BLACK WORK	Michael Samuels / Mammoth Screen
2013	SILENT WITNESS XVII	Various Directors / BBC
2012	WHITECHAPEL III	John Strickland / Carnival Films
2011	THE BAND	Lee Otway / Porcelain Films

feature films:

2018	HOPE GAP	William Nicholson / Origin Pictures
2017	SOLIS	Carl Strathie / GSP Studios
2015	GLOVES OFF	Steven Nesbit / MoliFilms Entertainment
2014	URBAN AND THE SHED CREW	Candida Brady / Blenheim Films
2014	LONG TIME COMING	Steve Nesbitt / North South Films
2014	IDENTICALS	Simon Pummell / Hot Property Films
2012	PETER – A PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER	Skip Kite / Sanjay Kumar / Praslin Pictures
2012	THE RISE	Rowan Athale / Moli-Mischief Films

as Key Hair & Makeup

feature films:

2017	AMERICAN ASSASSIN	Michael Cuesta / CBS Films
2016	THE BROTHERS GRIMSBY	Louis Leterrier / Big Talk Productions

television:

2015	AMERICAN ODYSSEY	Peter Horton / Fabrik Entertainment for NBC
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as Prosthetic Makeup Designer

feature films:

2016 HABIT Simeon Halligan / Not a Number
2015 IN EXTREMIS Steve Stone / Green Screen Productions

as Prosthetic Makeup Artist

feature films:

2012 EK THA TIGER Kabir Khan / Fantastic Films
2012 BEST LAID PLANS David Blair / Moli Films
2011 HARRY POTTER & THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: I & II David Yates / Warner Bros.

television:

2013 JONATHAN STRANGE & MR. NORRELL Toby Haynes / BBC America
2011 ANONYMOUS Various Directors / RTE

as Makeup Supervisor / Makeup Artist

2017 AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR (*Makeup Artist*) Anthony Russo, Joe Russo / Marvel Studios
2016 PEAKY BLINDERS (*crowd supervisor*) Various Directors / Tiger Aspect Productions
2016 JERICHO (*crowd supervisor*) Various Directors / ITV Studios
2016 BRIEF ENCOUNTERS (*crowd supervisor*) Various Directors / CPL Productions
2013 GAME OF THRONES III (*Makeup Artist – Morocco*) Various Directors / HBO
2013 HOLBY CITY (*Hair & Makeup Supervisor*) Various Directors / BBC
2012 THE SYNDICATE (*Makeup Artist*) Various Directors / Rollem Productions

Commercials include:

NIKE 'EURO 16', CADBURY'S WORLD, RSC & V FESTIVAL, HEART OF ENGLAND, ADIDAS, TJ HUGHES, SAFESTYLE UK, HOLIDAYS DIRECT, NORWOOD INTERIORS

Talent worked with includes Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Friel, Michael Keaton, David Suchet, Ricky Tomlinson, Dylan O'Brien, Catherine Tate, Robbie Williams, Mark Strong, Sienna Miller, Timothy Spall, Isla Fisher, Jonny Vegas, Keith Allen, James Nesbitt, Steven Berkoff, Richard Armitage, Bernard Hill, Rupert Penry-Jones, David Harewood, Sarah Parish, Emilia Fox, Joanna Page, Freema Agyeman, Vanessa Kirby, Matthew McNulty, Salman Khan, David Beckham, Mohammed Ali, Maxine Peak and Beverly Knight.