



NIKKI WRIGHT

SPECIALISING IN: STAGE MAKE UP | SPECIAL EFFECT MAKE UP | WIGS

Nikki is a seasoned makeup artist and hair stylist with 12 years of experience. Her career began as an assistant to top West End theatre hair designer Linda Mc Knight, working on productions like The Spice Girl's **Viva Forever**, Cameron Mackintosh's **Barnum**, **Pyjama Game**, **Spamalot**, **Jersey Boys**, and serving as a resident wig stylist and makeup artist for Punchdrunk's immersive theatre production, **'The Drowned Man.'**

Nikki's early work alongside a high-profile designer set the standard for her future endeavours, including film and TV projects such as Michael Winterbottom's **'Look of Love,'** as well as commercials for companies like **Virgin Atlantic**, **McDonald's**, **Haribo**, **Mentos**, and **Channel 4** in the UK.

In 2018, Nikki took her talents to Macau for three years, serving as the makeup and hair designer for the resident show **'Destiny'** at MGM Cotai. She collaborated with Travis Payne, Michael Jackson's choreographer, designing makeup and hair for the performers, ensuring they were show-ready after the initial creation. During her tenure at MGM, she also created makeup looks for events in Shanghai and Macau. In 2019, Nikki's expertise led her to become the makeup specialist for Dragone's **'The House of Dancing Water'** in Macau, where she trained nearly 100 performers and managed the makeup department for this acrobatic water show. She also worked as the lead makeup specialist, overseeing backstage quick changes during the 1-hour, 40-minute show performed 10 times a week.

Returning to Dubai in 2021, Nikki quickly established herself in the theatrical makeup scene, working on events and for First & Ten Productions, contributing to commercials and the hit show **'Wonderlust'** for MX player in India, promoting Abu Dhabi tourism.

Nikki has garnered recognition for her exceptional work, receiving three awards in 2021 and 2022, including the Dubai Sensations and YOU Awards by Accede Events and Avigna Productions for Best Makeup Artist, and the prestigious Makeup Artist of the Year from Pro Beauty GCC.

Currently, Nikki shares her wealth of knowledge and skills by teaching makeup at AOFM Fashion makeup school, specializing in the history of makeup, SFX makeup, body painting, airbrush techniques, and serving as a specialized teacher for theatrical makeup and wig courses.

In recent years, Nikki's career has taken her worldwide, with notable achievements including makeup design for the **Dubai Expo 2020**, Makeup Design for **'Terhal,'** the new Franco Dragone show in KSA, and the **Grand Opening of Atlantis**, which featured a performance by **Beyoncé**. She also played a pivotal role **during Expo 2020**, serving as the headline talent MUA for the grand opening ceremony, working with renowned figures like Hussein Al Jasmi, Pianist Lang Lang, and Angelique Kidjo. Throughout the Expo, Nikki worked on various high-profile projects, showcasing her exceptional makeup skills. She also had the honour of designing the makeup and hair styling for **'Why the Musical'** and the **Expo 2020 closing ceremony**, where she led a team of fifteen MUAs and worked with a cast of over four hundred performers.

Currently, Nikki is involved in designing the new Franco Dragone show in Saudi Arabia, working with a cast of over 100 performers, creating stunning makeup looks, and overseeing the department for Creation.

