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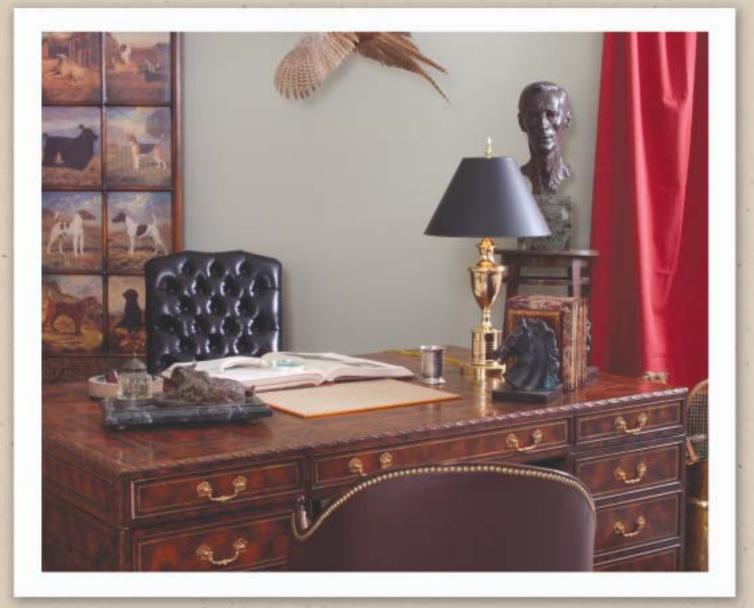


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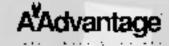
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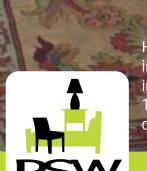
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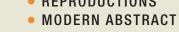
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In this issue, we honor the set decorator's contribution to the feature films vying for attention during this year's award season. In these pages, we offer members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences a supplemental view of the work of some of their peers, as they consider their nomination ballots, especially in the category of Art Direction. And we give everyone behind-the-scenes-perspectives of set decor. In the end, there will be only five nominees for the Academy Award for Art Direction; but so many rich, skillfully decorated sets are produced each year, we see fit to admire many more.

Over the course of the past year, SET DECOR spotlighted several films whose settings impressed us as worthy of special note. These include THE CAT IN THE HAT (Anne Kuljian), DOWN WITH LOVE (Don Diers), THE ITALIAN JOB (Denise Pizzini), KILL BILL (Sandy Wasco), LEGALLY BLONDE 2: RED. WHITE & BLONDE (KC Fox), PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN (Larry Dias), TERMINATOR 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES (Jay Hart).

This issue explores the set decoration process of other impressive films of 2003, including COLD MOUNTAIN (Francesca LoSchiavo with assistance from Susan Kaufman), THE HAUNTED MANSION (Rosemary Brandenburg), THE MISSING (Wendy Ozols-Barnes), and SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE (Beth Rubino). We also take a photo visit to the sets of up and coming set decorators.

SET DECOR commends the set decorators whose work is exceptional on the following films, and only wish we had space to cover them all: BIG FISH (Nancy Haigh), GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING (Cecile Heidemann), HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG (Gene Serdena), THE LAST SAMURAI (Gretchen Rau), LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING (Alan Lee), MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE WORLD (Bobby Gould), MYS-TIC RIVER (Richard Goddard), SEABISCUIT (Leslie Pope).

It is impossible to admire the work of set decorators without acknowledging the input and the leadership of the production designers on each project. These colleagues, with whom we work more closely than any other, besides our own crews, are celebrated and acknowledged as well. Kudos also go to our crews, those craftspeople who help us make a stage become a set, and make a set become alive.

Congratulations to all the eventual nominees and winners of this year's awards, and more importantly, congratulations to every set decorator who kept open to the creative collaboration that resulted in the variety of impressive sets framing the films of 2003.

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Interior decorator Eric Cohler credited the sets of I LOVE LUCY as part of his inspiration for choosing his profession in the HOUSE BEAUTI-FUL magazine article *Taking It With You*. [See *In The News* page 24.] Cohler writes of his years watching reruns of the show and calls them the *Learning from Lucy Years*. The article is a great homage to our craft.

Not much of my childhood was spent watching TV; regardless, it still made quite an impression. I thought every sofa in the world was placed in the middle of the room, except of course, the one in my parent's living room. I watched Dick van Dyke trip over that ottoman every day and wondered why Laura didn't move it. She seemed to be such an intelligent woman. When spoofing the ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW on MAD TV, no one needed to call the research department, the whole show was indelibly engraved in our minds. Archie's and Edith's chairs from ALL IN THE FAMILY not only defined their characters, but they also hold a special place in the Smithsonian Museum of American History. The settee in Murphy Brown's living room generated masses of mail, and is now on exhibition in the Warner Brothers traveling museum.

Just as television had influenced me, movies had a strong impact on those before me. After seeing one too many Jean Harlow films, my grandmother painted all of her furniture white. The sale of twin beds soared when the Hayes office dictated that couples could not be seen in bed together. Trends in Chinese, Japanese, Tropical, Egyptian and Moroccan furniture can all be attributed to films during the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Movies gave the public a view of the world and opened their minds to exotic places

Set decorators have created the images of history as they exist in my mind, the details from day to day life and class structure in THE BIBLE, THE TEN COM-MANDMENTS, CLEOPATRA, THE TITANIC, THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK and scores of other historical films.

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-Daryn-Reid Goodall

from the chair



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advertising. Set decorator Don Diers's DOWN WITH LOVE and KC Fox's LEGAL-LY BLONDE 2, featured in many decor magazines, have reinforced the importance of mid-century modern furniture in the look of home furnishings today. It is exciting to realize that many people are taking their design cues from us.



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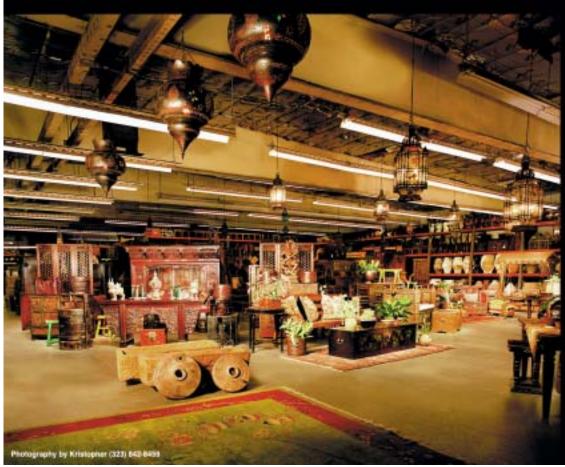
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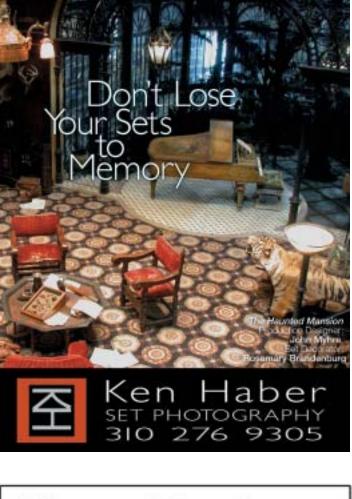
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in the news Set decoration featured in major publications: influence & effect noted



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For the second time in a year, the work of a set decorator and a production designer has made the cover of ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST. The November issue devoted an entire section to the set design & decor that created the essence of three major motion pictures and an Americana-seated television series.

"We wanted to show the effects of the European influx on the ancient Japanese culture – the collision of cultures in the 1870s," quoted the cover article on the THE LAST SAMURAI sets created by Set Decorator Gretchen Rau and Production Designer Lilly Kilvert. Star Tom Cruise "found Kilvert and Rau's polygot milieu of 1870s Japan...compelling. He explains, 'it was important that the set tell the story. It really brought us into that time period. When

Eric Cohler paid homage to set decor in the October issue of HOUSE BEAUTIFUL. [See President's Report, p 18] In his article *Taking it With You*, the interior decorator recalls the influence of the I LOVE LUCY sets on his future career. "The sets ...were emblematic of their time, but also timeless." Referring to "the sophistication of the sets", he lists the furniture designers and styles featured. The fact that the characters were often redecorating and venturing to new places, meant exposure to varied looks, all pulled together by the show's set decorators. we arrived on the set, even in Burbank, it didn't feel make-believe. We were there.'"

The Gilded Age of that same period was the influence for the design & decor of *Gracey Mansion*, a set that defines an entire movie, including its title, THE HAUNTED MANSION – production design by John Myhre, set decoration by Rosemary Brandenburg SDSA. The article affirms "Myhre, Brandenburg, and their crew...did a meticulous job of channeling 19th century decors for the digital age." See related article page 26.

"For SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE, director Nancy Meyers asked set decorator Beth Rubino [SDSA] to create a substantial Hamptons



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house..." begins the magazine's coverage of the character-defining elegant beach retreat created by Rubino and Production Designer Jon Hutman. Developing the director's specific vision was a task Rubino heartily embraced, as the article details. See related article page 30.

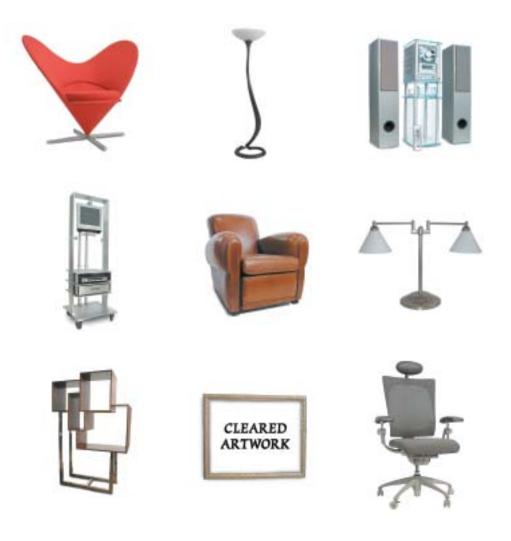
Tucked among the coverage of these superlative film sets is a spread contrasting the two key sets of the television show SMALL-VILLE. The Victorian mansion comes into play again, here the interior defying the exterior with high tech decor, all juxtaposed against the pure Americana of an idealized farm house and barn. Once again, the sets give a full backstory to the characters that inhabit them, and the work is acknowledged by ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST.



The LOS ANGELES TIMES MAGAZINE November 2 issue devoted an extensive photo spread and article to the wildly colorful and imaginative sets for THE CAT IN THE HAT, by Production Designer Alex McDowell and Set Decorator Anne Kuljian SDSA. [photo] Quoting director Bo Welch, a former production designer, "On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is reality and a 10 is complete fantasy, we started the film at 4.5 and finished at 11." Kudos were given to the brilliant design & decor team. [Editor's note: See SET DECOR Fall 2003.]

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in the news

Wascos Covered in ONE WORLD, HOUSE & GARDEN

ONE WORLD magazine's October issue featured the artistic aspect of the work of Set Decorator Sandy Reynolds Wasco SDSA and her husband Production Designer David Wasco. Focusing on their collaboration on over 20 films,

including all of Quentin Tarantino's, art journalist and critic Shana Nys Dambrot detailed their newest project, the film[s] KILL BILL. [Editor's note: See Dambrot's related article in SET DECOR Fall 2003.]



HOUSE & GARDEN'S December issue also profiled the Wascos, looking at their appreciation of the art of design & decor, their mid-century California home and their suggested reading.

Photo by Andrew Cooper, courtesy of Miramax Films

VARIETY began their Oscar contender list in the June 27th issue, singling out the film DOWN WITH LOVE, decorated by Don Diers SDSA, as a potential choice for the Oscar in Art Direction.

Kudos to The Hollywood Reporter

THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER is giving photo coverage to SDSA events. The SDSA pre-Emmy party in September was featured as was October's MARKETPLACE. SETDECOR acknowledges THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER for covering those who help create the look of film and television.

Teens getting exposure to the profession and expertise of set decorating*awesome*, Pottery Barn!

PB TEEN, the specialty magalog from Pottery Barn, devoted a section to the "radical room makeover" done by Set Decorator Jill Sprayregen-Henkel SDSA for one of the sets of the television show WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU. The coverage details the decorator's choices and how they reflect the *Holly* character's personality.

more news...

The September issue of BELOW THE LINE carried Diana Weyland's in depth and informative coverage of the challenges faced and met by set decorators Kathy Curtis Cahill SDSA [JUDGING AMY] and Ellen Brill SDSA [NIP/TUCK] in decorating for High Definition television.

The LOS ANGELES TIMES ran a story in their Halloween issue about a devotee of the television series BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER requesting SDSA business member **ABC Caskets** to make a coffin-bed. A delightful tale ensued, well worth a visit to www.abettercasket.com, to read in full. [BUFFY was decorated by Susan Eschelbach SDSA and David Koneff.]

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film in the news

THE HAUNTED MANSION

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Set Decorator Rosemary Brandenburg SDSA Production Designer John Myhre Walt Disney Pictures

The eclectic Victorian styles and many layers of decoration provided by Set Decorator Rosemary Brandenburg SDSA for the Walt Disney hit THE HAUNTED MANSION [featured in the November issue of ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST] began with research into the grand mansions of the Victorian era. Her choices were influenced by the decorative arts collection at the Los Angeles County Museum, which boasts 19th century furniture designed by the Herter Brothers. "Their Renaissance Revival style of furniture was the perfect inspiration for the haunted elegance that Director Rob Minkoff was asking for," she shared.

"Our backstory indicated that the mansion was built and decorated in high Victorian style by the *Gracey* family, who had great wealth and an interest in art, science, exploration and the finer things in life," Brandenburg related. This brief and Production Designer John Myhre's inspired architecture determined a "required items" list: portraits and busts of distinguished family members, old masters, fine furniture, newelpost lamps, wall sconces, chandeliers, and hundreds of decorative items. *The Library*, dressed in the style of a Victorian Cabinet of Curiosities, held specimens from nature, archeological artifacts, scientific instruments and precious objects from exotic lands.

Myhre and Brandenburg worked out the color scheme for each room in detail. Inspired by the Disneyland ride, which served as a source for the film, a palette of rich purples, olive green, deep teal, intense blood red, deep gold, and black played well against Myhre's architecture. Wood paneling was featured throughout the house, with stone walls in the *Armory*, and cream-colored marbles in the *Grand Ballroom*. "Myhre's marvelous black ironwork was the finishing touch in most of the rooms," revealed Brandenburg. "It enhanced the layered look of the elaborate draperies and furnishings, and completed the air of mysterious haunted elegance."

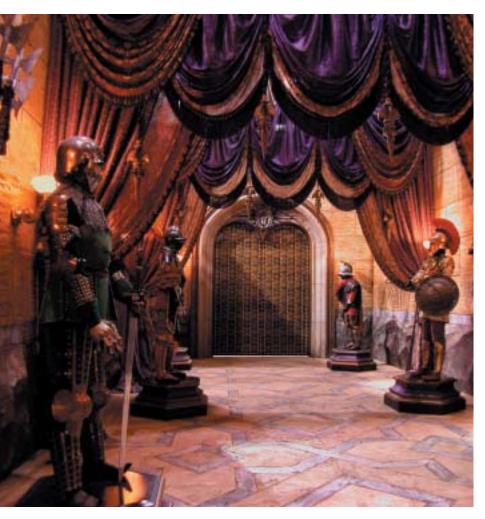
Fifteen paintings were commissioned for the film, including landscapes, portraits, and a nature morte. About those used

opposite: The Attic detail – This corner evokes the character of the mysterious *Elizabeth*, who once lived at *Gracey Mansion*.

right: Grand foyer of Gracey Mansion – The large two-story drapery treatment at right was an elaborate confection involving dozens of different materials, many custom made for the production. The design was loosely based on a research image of a Victorian era doorway drape. *below: The Library* – Inspired by Victorian Cabinets of Curiosities as well as masculine libraries everywhere, this room was a complex collage of elements. Curved sofa in foreground on special loan from Disneyit was originally used in the1954 production of 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA.









in the *Portrait Gallery* set, Brandenburg explained, "After an exhaustive search into art history with Director Rob Minkoff, several old masters, reminiscent of those in the ride, were selected for copying. These were then morphed into a second scary version, which our artists also designed and painted."

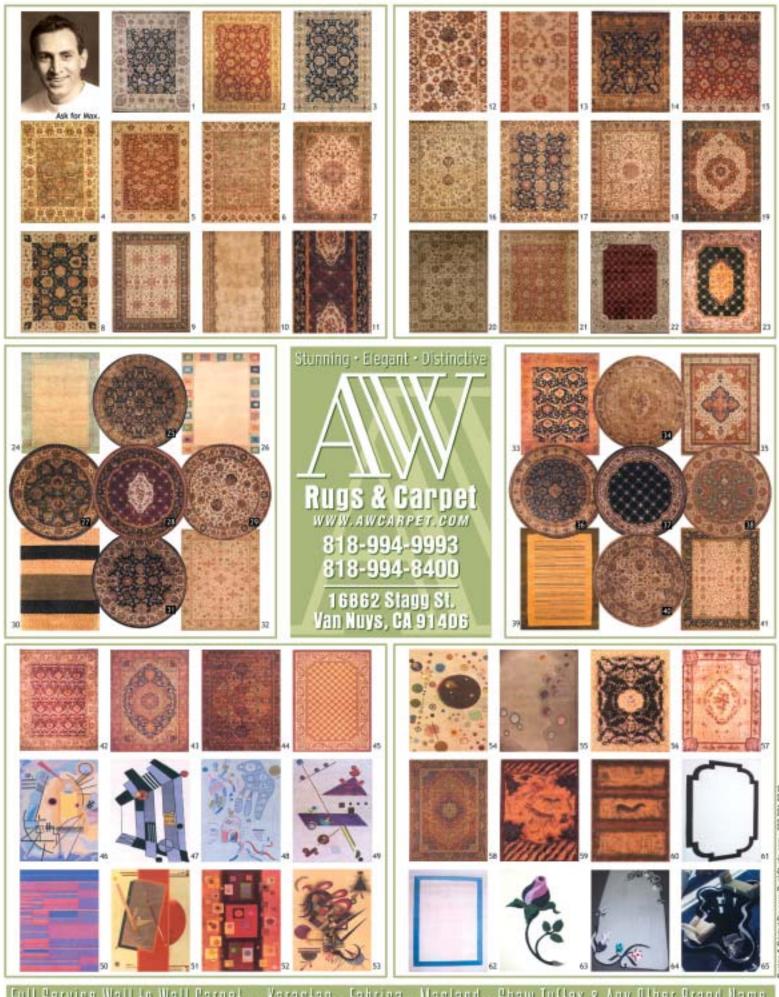
"Certain sets had to be dressed two or three times, each in a different way," Brandenburg pointed out. "The Library was dressed once to serve the 1880's flashback sequences, when the mansion was full of life; then again when Gracev was still alive, but had fallen into decline; then again when over 100 years of decrepitude and ghost stewardship had fallen over the house. This meant that we had two entire sets of books for the library - a set of antique but fine looking books on the shelves, then later a set of dogeared, ruined books, but still of the correct period, telegraphing faded elegance. We also reflected Gracey's increasing investigations into the occult, magic, and science as he tries to think of ways to communicate with his beloved Elizabeth from beyond the grave."

Working from Victorian illustrations and vintage photographs, Brandenburg called on Costume Illustrator Felipe Sanchez to sketch different inspirations for the various draperies for the Grand Entry. Each drapery treatment required many different fabrics, including sheers, velvets, brocades, tapestries and silks, as well as reams of tassels, fringes, trims, cords, swags, beads and nets - all interwoven in detailed patterning to create the intricate play of textures and colors. Once the design was refined, voluminous quantities of fabrics and trims were purchased, and construction began. Spiderweb rope portieres grace the arched doorways and porticoes. Huge tassels were custom made in-house by a team of drapers. "Some of the cords were so thick," divulged Brandenburg, "that eight 3/4 inch cords were twisted together to form a single rope." Giant spears were fabricated to serve as curtain rods, and real swords were used as flourishes to enhance the masculine quality of the room.

The magnificence and mystery of the *Grand Entry* established the scale and intrigue of the entire mansion; but each room was a highly detailed world of its own, each an adventure to unveil.

left above: The Armory -

Draperies, wall armor dressing, and suits of armor were all custom made for the production. *left: The Attic* – This spooky attic reveals elements reminiscent of the ride at Disneyland, as well as of the many layers present in the rest of the film, from taxidermy to umbrellas, ship models and musical instruments, to genuine Victorian weathered antiques.



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film in the news

Kitchen - The script had a good amount of cooking scenes. We had cookbooks that would inspire even the most handicapped of cooks. Many of our food items were indigenous to New York and the Hamptons. Being a New Yorker who loves food, this was near and dear to me.

something's gotta give

Family Room - The family room was designed as an extension of the kitchen. We used linen fabrics as much as possible, there's a subtle mix of pieces from Primitive to Contemporary. All photos © 2003 Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Set Decorator **Beth Rubino SDSA** Production Designer **John Hutman Columbia** *Living Room* - We fabricated a great deal of the furniture for the house. Pieces that weren't made were augmented - a lot; even the antique dhurrie had to be cut and resewn to fit our space. There is an eclectic mix of Tramp art, Mid-Century, and Swedish Gustavian.

The house as a character, defined by Writer-Director Nancy Meyers and brought to life by Set Decorator Beth Rubino SDSA and Production Designer Jon Hutman, was the central element of visual definition in the film SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE. The viewer begins to know *Erica Barry* (Diane Keaton) long before she comes onscreen, because of the imprint of her home. The house sets were, quite fittingly, featured in the November issue of ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST.

"The real challenge was to deliver the 'character' of the house – a great Hamptons house, beautiful, but not overly designed – and express *Erica*'s character, her history and passions," shared Rubino. "That fine line is all in the detail."

Details abound. For the playwright aspect, Rubino pulled together: *Tony* and *Drama Desk* awards [working with each foundation for permission and use], a filofax filled with names of agents, original signed pieces of famous playwrights, bound copies of *Erica*'s plays and fabricated playbills. Every drawer, every cupboard was filled with the ephemera of her life. A cashmere throw was chosen for its feel as much as for the look. Rubino pointed out, "The details you don't see had

intrinsic value for the actors." Responding to a brief from Meyers, that she wanted "to feel that sand is right outside the door," Rubino sprayed sunscreen just before anyone entered the set. "The fragrance of sunscreen is so specific, it immediately puts you in that place," she explained. "Music and scent do that. I often use music to enhance the mood. The idea is to create an entire environment – the set decorator's job goes far beyond choosing furniture."

"The window treatments were simple and elegant, and all about the flow of air – of the story, of the rooms," she described. "Most were linen, with box hem-stitching to allow movement of air. We also used different densities of sheers to slightly obstruct or diffuse the light, but not impede the flow of air."

"Rooms were lit by the practicals, which makes for more intimate lighting," she continued. "The lighting decisions play a very important role. You have to predicate your choice for each light [lamp, overhead, sconce, candle] by its function in the room and its function aesthetically."

"All of this hinged on the gorgeous and pragmatic designs



by PD John Hutman," revealed Rubino. "John wanted to define a difference between the beauty, air, light and privilege of the Hamptons; and the gritty heaviness of densely populated New York."

The use of windows, looking within and without, seeing through one space and into another, provided multiple perspectives and more intimate connections. The two bedrooms of the lead characters, played by Keaton and Jack Nicholson, were on opposite sides of the pool. [All built onstage.] "It was beautifully designed with visibility from one room, across the pool, and through to the other room." Rubino said. "To maximize the look, we lit most of the exteriors by candlelight, and had large lanterns and candles made, to surround the house. The candles and the reflective light of the pool had a wonderful effect."

Attention to detail and a penchant for research seem inherent in the make-up of a set decorator. "It's a misconception that when doing a contemporary piece, little research is involved," stated Rubino. "Even with the bonus of being a New Yorker and knowing elements of living in New York, I did an enormous amount of research for this film. You have to look into the nuances of each character's life and the elements that a script specifies or touches upon – each project is its own beast."

Editor's note: Rubino and Hutman are currently working "at the UN", on the upcoming feature film, THE INTERPRETER.



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MOTION PICTURE ACADEMY AND SDSA COLLABORATE ON EXHIBIT

The SDSA and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences are working together to create an exhibition celebrating the art of set decoration, on view from May through August of 2004.

The show will be installed throughout the exhibition space at the Academy in Beverly Hills – in the Gallery on the 4th floor and in the large lobby exhibit area. Recently released films will be highlighted, with full installations of actual vignettes from selected films, as well as two-dimensional displays. There will be a spotlight on the history of set decoration, and a photo view of *A Day with the Set Decorator*. The concept is to showcase for Academy members and the general public, the work of set decorators, revealing the process as well as the result.

The exhibition organizers have graciously extended an invitation to all Motion Picture Academy set decorators to submit their work. Any SDSA members wishing to assist with the planning and mounting of the show can contact the SDSA office.

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in the news

Pillows are a set decorator's secret weapon. They add a spot of color, give a reference to a character's interests or past, soften the lines of a sofa or chair, get punched down for a lived-in look, lend perkiness to a couch or sensuously define a bed.

When TRADITIONAL HOME magazine and the SDSA wanted a unique décor-based fund raiser, the idea of set decorators designing pillows inspired by films or television shows seemed a perfect fit. The decorators came up with designs as varied as the shows they were representing, from comedy to drama, from elegance to funk. SDSA business members jumped in, offering designer fabrics and trims, and producing finished pillows from the decorators' designs. *See Resources, p98* The pillows go on exhibition, then will be auctioned on eBay February 14 – March 4. Peruse the coverage in TRADI-TIONAL HOME's March issue [due out this month], and check eBay to bid for that pillow you never knew you always wanted.



Left, clockwise from top: JUDGING AMY LA CONFIDENTIAL CSI TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD CHICAGO

Right, Clockwise from center: ART NOUVEAU WILL & GRACE SEABISCUIT AUNTIE MAME LEGALLY BLONDE 2 UPTOWN GIRLS







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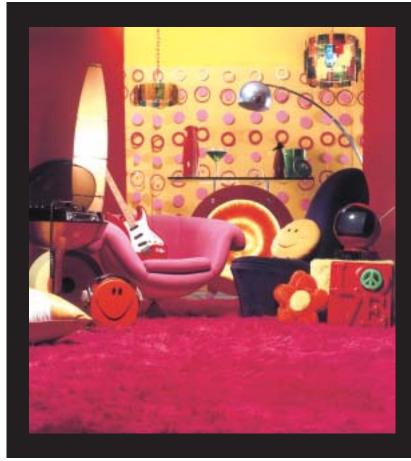
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Cloudia Rebar A Singing Heart and an Ongoing Education



Set decorators are often asked how they embarked upon their career. The paths to this profession are almost as varied as the individuals practicing within it. An interesting journey that highlights the perspectives of immersion and joy, is that of Cloudia Rebar, here profiled by fellow set decorator Jason Howard.

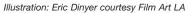
Meeting Cloudia Rebar SDSA is an unforgettable experience. Few people project such a balance between earthiness and the ethereal, along with a genuine sense of joy.

A well respected and accomplished set decorator, Rebar possesses a resume that is almost overwhelming in its scope and depth. Her decorating credits range from FAST TIMES AT RIDGEMONT HIGH to VANILLA SKY,

from ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK to her current work on the acclaimed series 24.

Her broad education is equally impressive. There *is* a connection between the two. Inspired by Broadway shows after her family moved to New York, Rebar launched herself quickly into learning every possible thing she could about what first enchanted her - theatrical lighting. This had her, by age fourteen, taking night classes at Hunter College. Of her early education, she says, "I realized early on that I didn't want to wait until after high school to take the courses I really cared about." She attended the Newton Special High School in New York - studying Fine Arts. By graduation, Rebar had mastered drafting, lighting plots, and all the basic elements of theatrical design. She also completed all the standard studies and left high school with two diplomas. This led to study at the Polakov Studio of Stage Design in New York, Hunter College of New York, and the Slade School of Fine Art in London.

Fellini's masterpiece LA STRADA, inspired Rebar to move to Rome. She remembers no trepidation, "I just had to live in the country where it was filmed." She had heard about the Government Film School of Italy, and figured it was worth a shot. Despite a requirement for a degree in Architecture, and a demanding interview in Italian (from which she was excused),



Cloudia Rebar at age 14 ^{1/2} in a drafting class at Lester Polikov Studio of Stage Design in NY.

she landed one of a few coveted spots. Her portfolio and education were the key. "It was based on all the training I had put myself through to be ready for whatever opportunity arose," Rebar emphasized.

After a year of study, the next step was a real film job. She was told about an American production designer in Italy. Armed with her portfolio and an

address, she ended up in the office of John DeCuir Sr, the legendary production designer of CLEOPATRA, THE KING AND I, and SOUTH PACIFIC. Little did she know that this would lead to a long mentorship and friendship. After a year of perfecting her design skills with his monthly critiques, she was ready, and he gave Rebar her first job. On the way out the door after signing her first deal memo, she literally tripped into the man who inspired her move to Rome – Frederico Fellini!

This odyssey may seem charmed, but Rebar doesn't see it that way. Of her career and adventures, she says "I simply did what made my heart sing. Intention creates opportunity creates great things." Whatever the subject, the things that have enchanted Cloudia set her in motion, and propelled her forward.

Rebar is also a Classical Feng Shui expert, a member of ASID, and a Master Floral Designer. If she is interested in something, she dives in, and masters it. A lesson we can all take to heart. I came away from the interview resolving to learn the drafting skills I have needed.

To those who want to embark on a career in set decorating, Rebar suggests the UCLA Extension course of study in interior design. "If you can't get in, or can't afford it, buy their text books. Study on your own." As she frequently says, "Do what makes your heart sing." Follow her advice, and the world may open up to you. - Jason Howard SDSA



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THE TAO OF SET DECORATING

I never met a set decorator who wanted a steady diet of watching the shows or films they've worked on. That would be something like the artist who wants to keep all his paintings around the studio, rather than sell them, and paint more. Other than a paycheck, what do we have when we finish a show? Zen suggests we only have this moment. We only have this process *now*.



A skillful decorator's mind is always a beginner's

mind. With each new script, producer, director, and production designer, we return to zero. Our experience and expertise are not forgotten, but we must make a subtle effort to not let them control us. The more we can be open and clear to the new participants of this collaboration, the better.

Our Zen teachers tell us: If you want anything, then you lose everything. If you don't want anything, then you have everything.

Which do you like?

In Zen we say: "Find our correct condition, relationship and function". What is the correct relationship to the production designer? From a Zen point of view, this is a question we keep or hold. Not ever answer. Crazy? Yes... sort of.

How can we draw a solid line between the production designer's contribution and the decorators'?

This is not possible.

Where is the solid line between a production designer's and a director of photography's contribution? Sometimes we cannot even separate the director's contribution. These lines are porous by nature, and the skillful decorator knows this and exploits it, rather than chafing at it.

An ancient Teacher once said: "Helping ourselves and helping others are two wings of the same bird."

Try keeping this idea when it feels like a production designer has infringed on your work.

Many production designers are true collaborators.

Others are simply controlling our services. However unpleasant or unprofessional this is, it is not illegal. It takes courage and faith in ourselves to remain spontaneous and real in these bad circumstances.

Some production designers are able to give us the degree of autonomy we like, or need, to do the job well. Some are not. However, he or she shouldn't be "fixed". We simply practice our art in the environment we find ourselves in.

The artistic process must be respected to preserve the art forms of moviemaking and television production. We embody this respect as self-respect, and mutual respect with the production designer.

The artistic aspect of our work is not the jurisdiction of the labor unions. The idea of jurisdiction has a limited scope. In the extremes, it is always clear. The designer or decorator does not frame the shot; the director of photography does not choose the sofa or define the shape of the room. In the case of the look of a show or film, all three must be contributing within the hierarchy

of the job.

In subtle distinctions, a decorator must use intuition and wit to navigate the borderlines of this hierarchy. We are never outside of it.

We are, therefore, called upon to find what in Zen is referred to as *Freedom of No Escape*.

If we use jurisdiction to try to take away hierarchy, that is a big mistake. If we make decisions out of fear of losing jurisdiction, we confuse our *process* with our *interest*. Our interest is best served in developing our communication skills. We do our best, and then just a little bit more, and then that is enough. Our own wisdom and courage must be brought to bear on finding how to do our work within the choices we are given.

We decorate in an environment of limitations. Not just limitations of money, time and space. We also work within the limits imposed by the hierarchy of the show, personality of the production designer and the director, skills of our crew, the cooperation of other departments, and the limits of our own insight.

Sometimes we say our ego is in the way. Take time and attention to look closely at that. What are the impulses below our own surface that are motivating us? Fear? Misunderstanding?

People talk about "My career" or "I created this set.". They don't understand this "I/me/my". It seems large, but its scope is very small. This ignorance leads to more suffering, for themselves and others.

Zen means attaining your own mind. From this point, the small ego "I" disappears and your big "I", the true self, can function. The moment becomes clear. And our whole life can become clear.

Respect prevents collaboration from becoming exploitive. Decorators are not unhappy if set changes made do not diminish their humanity. If we can remain clear, then our humanity cannot be diminished. If we treat our crews with the same respect, our humanity can only be enhanced.





Each autumn, SDSA business members bring out their finest and most fabulous furniture, materials, props, and services for MARKETPLACE, a unique film and television industry trade show offering vendors a venue to network, and the SDSA an opportunity to raise awareness.

This year 75 participating business members transformed Universal Studios Western Street into an inspirational showcase with wares ranging from beautiful to bizarre, tantalizing set decorators and the public alike. Business members also generously sponsored decorations, concessions and activities for children, ensuring that all enjoyed themselves on this gorgeous fall day. See resources p 84.

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Dunk the Decorator An extremely popular MARKETPLACE booth has set decorators generously offering themselves as "bait" year after year. Could it be the 90 degree Los Angeles fall weather?

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The Missing

Set Decorator Wendy Ozols-Barnes SDSA Visual Consultant Merideth Boswell Revolution



top: Annie's ranch, shot at a living history farm just outside of Santa Fe. In true Northern New Mexico fashion, it was intentionally kept spare. The rug is an original 1870 Rio Grande Valley weaving.

below right: Maggie's house and ranch were constructed on a preserve, once the site of an ancient volcano.

below left: Lily's bedroom.





Not often do "reaching a highpoint of one's career" and "returning to one's roots" occur at the same time, but for Set Decorator Wendy Ozols-Barnes SDSA, THE MISSING created just such an opportunity.

The New Mexico native, back in the *Land of Enchantment* after seventeen years in Hollywood, spent the first six months of 2003 on THE MISSING, a mysterious western set in 1880's rural New Mexico. While helping create the dark, foreboding background required for the film, she relived parts of the life she had known as a child growing up in the hippie culture of Taos and rural New Mexico.

"Westerns are near and dear to my heart," Ozols-Barnes said. "I lived the Western lifestyle a good portion of my childhood. We weren't given a lot of things as kids; our parents were not the least bit materialistic. We took care of the horses, hauled water and cooked on wood stoves. We'd collect unique rocks and make things with feathers. We became creative with what we had because basically we had very little."

When Director Ron Howard asked her for a list of things the lead character and her children might have had in their cabin home, Ozols-Barnes answered, "There were very few toys in 1880's New Mexico. The girls in this movie would have been

film



very lucky to have a doll. At ages 9 and 14, they were no longer considered children, they were helping the family survive." She was also reminded of her first saddle. "I remember the day I got it. It was my pride and joy. I'd ride all day, then bring the saddle inside to clean it. The joy and happiness of having this grown-up thing is one of the experiences I brought to this movie."

THE MISSING, starring Cate Blanchett and Tommy Lee Jones, is all about surviving. *Maggie Gilkeson* (Blanchett), a young woman alone in the wilderness of Northern New Mexico, must reunite with her estranged father (Tommy Lee Jones) to track the mystical, psychopathic killer known as *Chidin*, who, with his brutal pack of army deserters, have kidnapped a collection of teenage girls. He has taken *Maggie's* daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) as his most recent prize.

The setting is the Valles Caldera; a grand 90,000-acre valley formed from a series of volcanic eruptions more than a million years ago in what is now north-central New

Mexico. Pristine streams traverse the valley, while an endless expanse of grassland and pine forests are home to elk numbering in the thousands. The sun, with its eloquent play of fierce light and dramatic shadow, accounts for some of the state's cinematic attractiveness and was used to great advantage by Howard and Director of Photography Salvatore Totino. "This is a simple movie. I like that," Ozols-Barnes said. "Not a lot of unnecessary theatrics and special effects that take away from the story. Very simple, yet very creepy – and beautifully shot."

After the sets were built in Santa Fe's Greer Garson Studios, then disassembled and transported by truck to Valles Caldera, it was up to Ozols-Barnes to help "fill out the environment" by transforming those sets into an authentic representation of New Mexico in the 1880s.

"I have a library of research books, many of them on the West. I'd take my ideas to Merideth Boswell, the Visual Consultant, to make sure I was on track with her vision of the film," revealed Ozols-Barnes. "I wanted everything to be



opposite and this page above: Living room bench and dining table were early Romanian pieces, discovered in El Paso, and refashioned into perfect duplicates of Northern New Mexico style. The chair in the living room was reupholstered with an early rag rug remnant, something settlers would have done as items wore out. *right:* Ranch hands in early New Mexico resided in the barn alongside the animals they were in charge of caring for. Ozols-Barnes combined these two elements in a room constructed alongside the main barn. The red grainario is actually a Midwestern piece purchased in Santa Fe. Many of the tools came from a small town rancher/collector.



historically accurate, even the turquoise wood box in the *sick* house set, my one little pop of color in the entire film. It reads pure 'New Mexico' to me. You'd find that box no where else but here in northern New Mexico."

Ozols-Barnes pointed out that fifty percent of the detail she puts into set decoration is "never filmed", let alone evident in the final production. "I had my entire set dressing crew saving wood ashes for a month in order to have an ash pile outside the set as well as bucketfuls inside *Maggie's house*. Fortunately, it was winter and everyone was using their fireplaces. It smelled like real cooking ashes, sort of sour and rancid. It was so cold and wet up at the Valle Caldera, the crew would come into the *House* set to get warm and would smell that ash smell that I remembered as a child. I wanted the company to experience it, to get them in the mood and feel like people actually lived there. It was one of those little details that is all part of the research and meditation that goes into set decoration."

"I learned the finer points of my craft from Michael Taylor,"

she shared. "He helped me focus on drawing from my own life experiences and bringing those experiences to the set."

She called THE MISSING a once-in-a-lifetime experience, working with Visual Consultant Merideth Boswell, and Academy Award-winning partners Producer Brian Grazer and Director Ron Howard. Boswell was nominated for an Academy Award for her set decoration on Howard's films HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS [2001] and APOL-LO 13 [1995], and worked with him on EDTV [1999].

"It was an opportunity to show off what you can do with some of the best film people on the planet," Ozols-Barnes said. "Visually, Merideth had a very down-to-earth concept. I never questioned her vision. It was easy for us to get along because she is such an incredible set decorator as well. She knew exactly how to tell me what I needed to know."

"This was a proud time for me," Ozols-Barnes said. "Working on a Western, with the best people in the business – it meant I had arrived."

And she did it without leaving home.



Set Decorator Jason Howard SDSA Production Designer Franco-Giacomo Carbone Lion's Gate

WONDERLAND, decorated by Jason Howard SDSA, focuses on the notorious Wonderland murders that took place in Laurel Canyon in 1981. Fallen porn star John Holmes, his teenaged lover Dawn Schiller, shady nightclub owner Eddie Nash, and various small time drug runners figure into this snapshot of a 70's style drug heist gone terribly wrong. No one was ever convicted of the murders, and the film explores different versions of the events.

A grisly crime scene video, reportedly the first one made by the LAPD, was a unique tool used in reproducing the house where the murders took place. "I watched that video too many times to count, and more than I care to remember," Howard recollects. "We recreated the interior as faithfully as possible, including architectural details and furniture that was, in some cases, identical."

"I knew we had nailed it when the real Dawn Schiller (portrayed by Kate Bosworth) walked into that set and said it was so real it gave her the creeps."



Nash's House The lair of the nightclub owner/drug dealer Eddie Nash. Black on black, with many glass surfaces for coke parties. Inspired by 1981 spreads in Architectural Digest.

A symphony of 70's earth tones.

Barbara's Bedroom A wicker fan on the wall, a jigsaw puzzle glued to a board, and another random piece of fabric used as a curtain. There were almost too many goofy things available. The creepy dolls on the headboard were eventually nixed, but I loved them.



Kitchen detail Avocado canisters ! A crock pot! Finding these items was a hoot, and a wacky trip into the past. People still toss this kind of stuff into dumpsters. Thankfully, it's not all in landfills just yet.



Wonderland House Living Room A symphony of 70's earth tones and bad wood furniture. St. Vincent de Paul was a treasure trove. The stuff was cheap and there was plenty of it. Particular finds included a Betamax player, tons of albums, and a heap of Rolling Stone magazines.

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Ron Launius's Bedroom The mismatch of bed size to bed frame is intentional. The curtains are pillow shams. These people had drug deals to worry about - no time to sweat the small stuff. Not pictured - the junkie fix kit in the drawer.

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Photo by KC Bailey, courtesy of MGM.

Set Decorator Pamela Roy SDSA Production Designer Kalina Ivanov MGM

UPTOWN GIRLS gave Set Decorator Pamela Roy SDSA the delicious task of creating two "girl worlds", one almost a fantasy, the other extremely practical, but both very feminine. Brittany Murphy plays *Molly*, the freewheeling orphaned daughter of a rock legend and an actress, who is forced to get a job when her business manager absconds with her money. As nanny for the precocious *Ray*, the off ignored daughter of a music executive and a terminally ill father, *Molly* learns what it means to be an adult, while teaching *Ray* how to be a child.

Roy shares, "Less than a year after moving to the west coast, after sixteen years in New York, I returned to NYC to decorate UPTOWN GIRLS. It was a dream job, creating a magical New York. Director Boaz Yakin was a true creative collaborator, and Production Designer Kalina Ivanov's designs were inspirational."

above: Brittany Murphy as Molly Gunn and Dakota Fanning as Ray Schleine in the Ray's world set,

decorated by Pamela Roy SDSA.

Editor's note: Pamela Roy designed a pillow for the Pillow Talk event [see p36] with fabric from the Molly's bedroom set. Murphy autographed the pillow, which should increase its bidding value enormously.



left: Ray's bedroom – 8 year old *Ray* is more of a grown-up than her nanny, *Molly.* Her world is extremely orderly, slightly cold and rigid. *Ray's* tea parties serve as her only escape from her lonely reality.

below right: Molly's world – the ottomon in the center was replaced by the camera for the film's opening 360 shot of *Molly's* fairytale world. *Molly* has an unusual pet, a pig named *Mu* that she found in Thailand. We created the menagerie of pagodas for the pig to prance through, per the request of director Boaz Yakin.



left: Molly's bedroom – Molly's bedroom is full of fanciful, eclectic details, from the whimsical lampshade to the carousel birdcage. *Molly's* chaos contrasts *Ray's* sense of order.

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Set Decorator Andi Brittan SDSA Production Designer John Larena Franchise Films/WB



Set Decorator Andi Brittan SDSA describes the mindset and collaboration that brought the sets of ALEX & EMMA from an empty soundstage to richly realized scenes on film.

ALEX & EMMA is set in contemporary Boston and a 1920's fictional town in New England. *Alex*, a down and out writer with one published novel under his belt, has fallen into serious gambling debt to a ruthless Cuban loan shark. In order to repay his debt, he must write another successful novel. However, having had his computer destroyed by the loan shark, *Alex* is forced to hire a stenographer. Parallel stories of reality and fiction ensue.

Production Designer John Larena contrasted the present and [fictional] past by utilizing different color palettes. Contemporary Boston is portrayed in deep, saturated tones. These scenes are set in autumn, so I used deep reds, burnt oranges and yellows. For the 1920s, softer colors reflecting spring hues were used: pinks, lilacs, and sage green. We created an impressionistic painterly feel to evoke the dreamy nuances of a fictional world.

Because 95% of the film occurs around the loveseat in *Alex*'s apartment, my buyer, Megan Malley SDSA Associate member, and I spent a lot of time (sometimes frustrating) trying to find the perfect one. The director requested "red, a little worn, but not too ratty". I finally found a sofa which had the perfect fabric, but would have to be shortened into a loveseat, then re-upholstered in the same fabric. This task was beautifully executed by the **Warner Brothers** upholstery department. Our art department created the ideal run-down loft apartment, featuring exposed steel beams & lath, worn floorboards and peeling wallpaper and paint. This rough framework alluded to better times, when *Alex* had begun to renovate his loft, a constant reminder of unfulfilled promise. — *Andi Brittan SDSA*

opposite top: Polina's Bathroom 1924 – This set is part of Alex's novel and is also a dream sequence within the story. We made it as soft and feminine as possible, with a little French influence to reflect *Polina's* character. The difference between the two periods is evident here, and the soft colors and soft edges of fiction as opposed to the hard lines and saturated colors of *Alex's* real life.

opposite below: Alex's apartment: Fireplace detail – There is a history of Alex in the set dressing, remnants of his pre-poverty life: TV and stereo, artwork and various vintage tchotchkes on the mantle. Later, we converted the old useless fireplace into a makeshift bookshelf stuffed with books.



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above: Polina's Kitchen 1924 – This was my favorite set. I spent many hours researching, and then searching, for fabulous 1920's kitchen appliances. [See Resources p 88.] The stove was an important element; it had to look new, but also correct for the period. Although this is a fictional set, it was important for me to adhere to the period style.



left: Alex's apartment -Built on a sound stage, the apartment was designed to capture Alex's present poverty and glimpses of his former glory. We gave the apartment a lived-in look by using layers of set dressing: books, newspapers, clothes and other everyday items. PD John Larena and I selected certain items that linked his two worlds, for example: the French doors and door hardware were a source of inspiration for a 1920's cottage featured in Alex's novel.

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Set Decorator Francesca LoSchiavo Assistant Set Decorator/Researcher Susan Kaufman SDSA Production Designer Dante Ferretti Miramax

International Set Decorator Francesca LoSchiavo already had an impressive list of credits [THE GANGS OF NEW YORK, KUNDUN, INTERVIEW WITH A VAMPIRE...] before she landed her latest film, the Civil War epic COLD MOUNTAIN. Working with Production Designer Dante Ferretti, LoSchiavo and the design team, including American Set Decorator Susan Kaufman SDSA, faced the enormous challenge of re-creating the most tragic era of American history in the distant mountains of Transylvania, Romania. SET DECOR's Florence Fellman looks at this very successful collaboration between European and American set decorators.

COLD MOUNTAIN is Charles Frazier's beautifully realized book about a Confederate soldier's harrowing journey home just before the end of the Civil War. Inman is a war weary, soulsickened deserter whose unwavering desire to make it home to his lover Ada, propels him through the devastation of the almost unrecognizable South, and through a series of disturbing encounters that transforms him into a Civil War Odysseus. The screenplay was written and directed by Anthony Minghella (THE ENGLISH PATIENT), and features an intriguing cast that includes Jude Law, Nicole Kidman and Renee Zellweger.

When the European design team, Dante Ferretti and Francesca LoSchiavo, needed an American set decorator to assist them with research and procurement of Civil War era furnishings and props, they could not have made a better choice than Susan Kaufman SDSA. Among Kaufman's set

decorating and art directing credits are Woody Allen's CELEBRITY and DECONSTRUCTING HARRY, David Mamet's HOMICIDE, and Charles Kaufman's film, JAKARTA. Nevertheless, it was her studies in American Civilization at the University of Pennsylvania, and her Masters degree in Museum Curatorship and Decorative Arts, that were the fortuitous foundation for the effort required to achieve total authenticity in this Civil War epic. "Research becomes a passion of mine," said Kaufman. "On occasion, I would be jarred from the 'ether' by the rising sun. I had been up all night."

Because of financial arrangements and the fact that Minghella hired a European design team, the production chose to shoot approximately ninety percent of the film in Europe and about ten percent in America, primarily in Richmond and Charleston. Minghella had scouted several

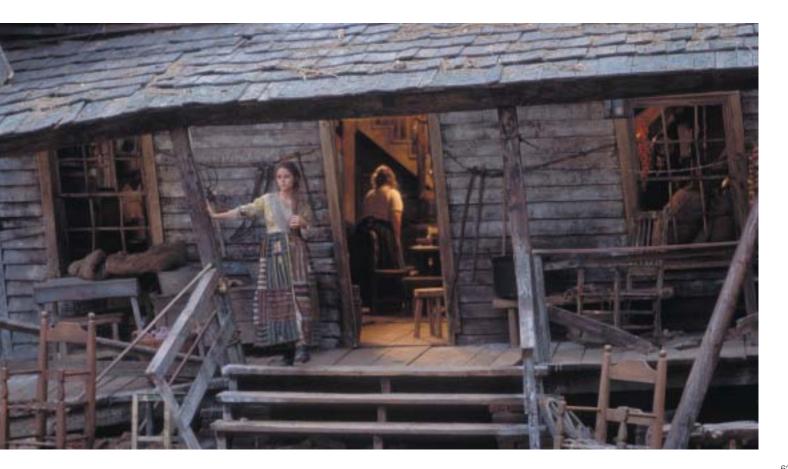
countries, from Poland to Canada, and the story's real setting of North Carolina, in search of snow-covered mountains – the visual metaphor he needed to reinforce the hardships faced by *Inman*. The director found that poetic landscape when the company scouted the Transylvanian mountains of Romania and was caught in a violent blizzard. The uncivilized beauty of the region convinced him: no power lines, no clear cutting, and no development. To Minghella's thinking, this was the geography of the novel. Ironically, by the time of the film shoot, the company had to manufacture snow after all.

Kaufman's job was to help realize the script with research, procurement and fabrication of hard-to-find period props and furnishings.She searched the Internet and traveled up and down the Eastern Seaboard visiting quirky collectors of Civil War memorabilia, antique vendors and re-enactment aficionados. "Francesca would give me a shopping list. I would embellish it. She would then make decisions based on their budget and what they could get or reproduce in Italy or Romania. One could say I served as an initial visual filter for the look of the picture," shared Kaufman.

She discovered a remarkable array of craftsmen specializing in the Civil War era. "Even if there was one small thing needed for the story, it had to be procured or made, since we were working in the period," she explained. "There were weavers, smithies, potters, furniture makers – all sorts of people lined up to make things. The decorative arts and material culture of the Civil War are very accessible. One contributing factor is the tireless enthusiasm and efforts of Civil War reenactment groups to reproduce props for their events, some accurate and some not so accurate," Kaufman said. "The fact that it was a highly collectible era and research was readily available was also in our favor."



Opposite: Nicole Kidman as *Ada*, outside an authentic recreation of a Civil War era home. *Above:* The set interior appears to be lit by the foreground oil lamp. This is an example of the collaborative relationships in film. To "simply" place a period-authentic oil lamp in a set requires discussion and cooperation between set decorator, director of photography, set lighting and special effects. *Below:* Exterior of cabin, with glimpse into interior, reveals object placement based on functionality, as well as with an eye to decor and composition.





Memorial Wall: Kidman, on another extensively researched exterior/interior set.

"One of the most challenging projects was to find a set of ten matching period wheelchairs for our hospital-by-the-sea scene," she stated. "I was supplied with only some fuzzy research photos. I must have spent a week on this. I was hell bent on solving this thing. I talked to the Museum of the Country Doctor, and the Gettysburg Museum (their exhibition contains a modest reproduction of a Civil War hospital). I even went to professors I had in graduate school - a few still appeared to be breathing! I tapped out our consultants who were experts in the era. I tried auction houses and, obviously, prophouses. In the end, we found half a dozen from History for Hire that, with a little altering, would be close enough for our purposes. "However," she continued, "In my research, I actually found that by this time in the war, the South was virtually decimated. They were using plantation houses, or anything left standing, as hospitals. Quite literally, they were operating on people's kitchen tables, so probably there would not have been many wheelchairs or any at all, let alone matching ones. There are always some conflicts between reality and moviemaking."

"Lighting was another area that had to be really well researched," said Kaufman. "We had a range of lighting fixtures, from formal to vernacular. In that era, the city people had more substantial, more 'contemporary' lighting, rather than the candles and oil lamps in the rural areas; and people had lamps that were not necessarily lighted. Because it was wartime, kerosene and oil were no longer readily available, although there was probably some animal fat to be had. B&P Lamp Supply in Tennessee carried reproduction lamps and lamp parts, and was an invaluable resource."

"There are many specialty vendors and crafts people in the US," Kaufman pointed out. "Jeanmarie Andrews, by way of her publication *Early American Life Magazine*, served as a conduit to many of these talented people. The film was set before the Industrial Revolution in the South, when fabrication was very localized. Luckily, I found potters in North Carolina who were still making historically accurate pottery. Westmore Pottery and New Salem Pottery in North Carolina could not have been more helpful. They manufactured pieces for us and led me to other sources and photos."

"Fabric and carpeting were areas I thought would be gnawing problems," she revealed. "I knew there were businesses manufacturing historically correct designs for museums and historic house installations, but could they meet our budgetary restraints, and equally important, our time restrictions? Pat Klein of Family Heirloom Weavers in Pennsylvania was one of these remarkable sources. Pat would send me period-correct samples of fabrics and rugs. In turn, I would send them on to Europe; and, together, we would make modifications in color and/or weave. The Family Heirloom Weavers were the Rumpelstilskins of the carpet and fabric world – they would inevitably beat our deadline!"

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Set Decorator: Tessa Posnansky SDSA Production Designer: Nelson Coates New Regency Photo by Zade Rosenthal ©Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation All rights reserved





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UNITED STATES OF LELAND

Set Decorator: Jan Pascale SDSA Production Designer: Edward T McAvoy Paramount Classics



UPTOWN GIRLS

Set Decorator: Pamela Roy SDSA Production Designer: Kalina Ivanov MGM Photo courtesy of Pamela Roy With permission by MGM/UA

VIEW FROM THE TOP Set Decorator: Ellen Brill SDSA Production Designer:Dan Davis Miramax Photo by Ellen Brill





WONDERLAND

Set Decorator: Jason Howard SDSA Production Designer : Franco-Giacomo Carbone Lion's Gate Photo courtesy of Jason Howard With permission of Lion's Gate Films

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Set Decorator: Hilton Rosemarin SDSA Production Designer: Gavin Bocquet Revolution *Photo by Dean Semmler*





"Whether original or reproduction, paper artifacts are generally a challenge," Kaufman noted. "In the later years of the Civil War in the South, where the countryside was a ravaged and smoldering terrain, they were even more so. I was asked to send Confederate conscription posters, preferably those from Charleston, to Romania. I believe this was a poetic statement, since there weren't too many people left to conscript. The majority of the 'imprints' that I did find were preserved by Northern museums. The Boston Athenaeum is a valuable repository for items like this. Sally Pierce, Curator of Prints and Photographs, went far out of her way to help us."

"Ada's American cherry box grand piano was another hard-to-find object. When the character moves from the city to the farm, her piano goes, too. It was a bulky, heavy, distinctly American piano," described Kaufman. "Kalman Detrich at the Piano Museum in New York was a spectacular source. The museum had two of the cumbersome instruments in their collection. There was one which we could buy, but it had to be restored and refinished. After many emails and phone calls across oceans and continents, I was given the okay to start work on the restoration. In the meantime, we found a more geographically desirable piano, one ocean closer, in London. The British Museum of the American Piano was introduced to our short-order world, received a fair donation, and a working American cherry box grand was on its way to the hills of Romania."

Kaufman worked on COLD MOUNTAIN for two and a half months. She was inspired by the poetic sensitivity of Charles Frazier's novel, and even more so by Minghella's script. She found Minghella, "One of the most collaborative directors – by way of his sincere interest, he wants to hear from all who have something real to offer," she shared. "His intuition, intelligence and interest in the material on all levels – plus his choices of producers and people with which he surrounds himself – make for a truly collaborative environment, where the work becomes a pleasure."

- by Florence Fellman SDSA



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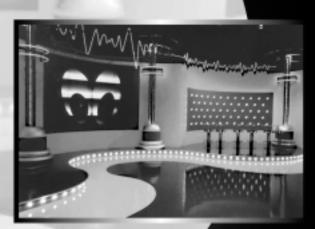
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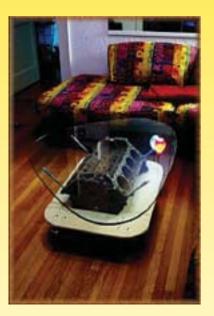
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Angels in America

Set Decorator Geroge deTitta Jr SDSA Production Designer Stuart Wurtzel HBO

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ANGELS IN AMERICA is an HBO production based on Tony Kushner's award winning play. Set in New York in 1985 and played out against the backdrop of the AIDS epidemic, ANGELS tells the stories of various individuals, as they wrestle with life, death, sex, religion and social issues confronting America in the Reagan era,. It stars AI Pacino, Meryl Streep, Emma Thompson, Jeffrey Wright and a fine cast, who weave a powerful tale directed by Mike Nichols. Conceived as two films, ANGELS IN AMERICA was shot over a period of one year at Kaufman Astoria Studios, various New York locations and in Italy. Set Decorator George deTitta Jr SDSA gives a glimpse of his experience.

Maybe once in a lifetime, an opportunity comes along to work on a project that just might have it all...a great script, wonderful actors, a renowned director and an art department dream team. The film was ANGELS IN AMERICA.

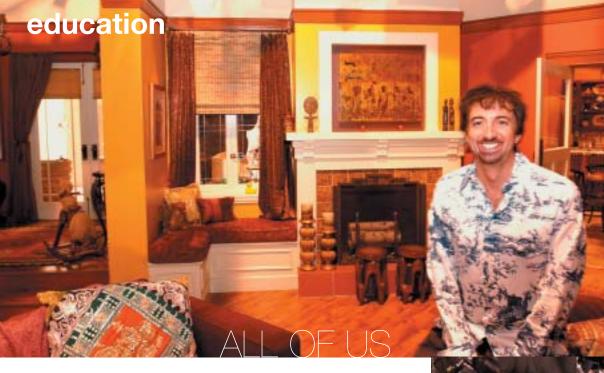
Weeks after 9/11, the offer was made and I jumped on board. For a year, this was a project that creatively offered many opportunities. We shifted between stage sets and exterior and interior locations in New York, with the final location for the film in Italy. We jumped between brutal reality and beautiful fantasy.

Set mostly in the mid-1980s, it is a period where memory and research can sometimes collide. It is also a period in time that produced a cultural divide in America, as the AIDS epidemic took hold of the gay community during Ronald

Reagan's second term. Visually, we needed to portray many worlds: *Prior's* life, through the setting of his apartment; the other world he enters as the illness takes hold – the hospital; *Roy Cohn's* life of power and privilege, deteriorating in his Eastside townhouse; *Joe* and *Harper's* empty life in a lifeless apartment; dream sequences rich in visual interpretation, ranging from *Prior's* dream boudoir to *Harper's* mind trip to Antarctica.

The final product of this year-long journey is a duet of films that are quite extraordinary in all aspects. It was a great project, with top people fully committed to giving their best. I was proud to be a part of it.

The angel arrives in *Prior's* apartment.



left: Peter Gurski SDSA on the set of ALL OF US.

below: Kitchen set ALL OF US.

this page bottom: Mark Johnson SDSA on the set of HAPPY FAMILY.

A Course in Situation Comedy A Day With Set Decorators

Held on the CBS Radford lot in Studio City on October 2, 2003, A Day With Set Decorators hosted a sold-out event comprised of students and interior designers, who were given a behind-the-scenes look at the sets of some of the newest and most popular television sit-coms, led by the people who decorate them.

The guests were greeted by a committee of successful set decorators and given an overview of set decoration and how it fits into the process of television production.

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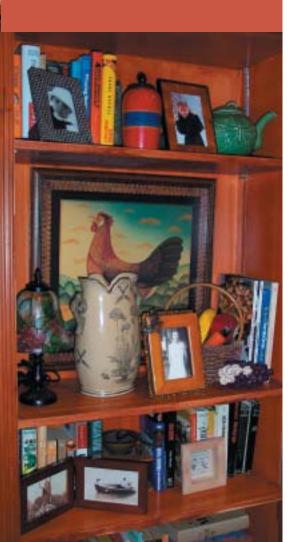
HALF & HALF Maralee Zediker SDSA

HAPPY FAMILY Mark Johnson SDSA

THAT 70'S SHOW Tara Stephenson SDSA

THE STONES Steve Rostine

WILL & GRACE Melinda Ritz SDSA





above: Signature set of WILL & GRACE.

below: Melinda Ritz SDSA speaks on the set of GOOD MORNING MIAMI.

below left: Detail from HAPPY FAMILY.

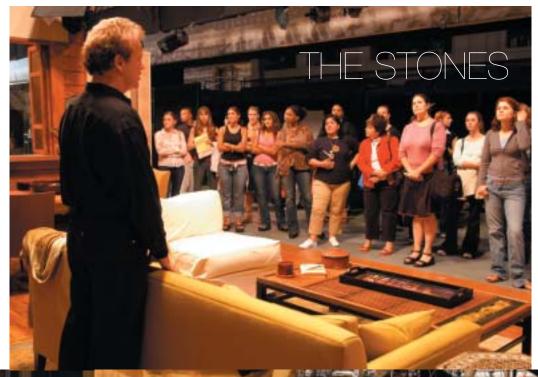


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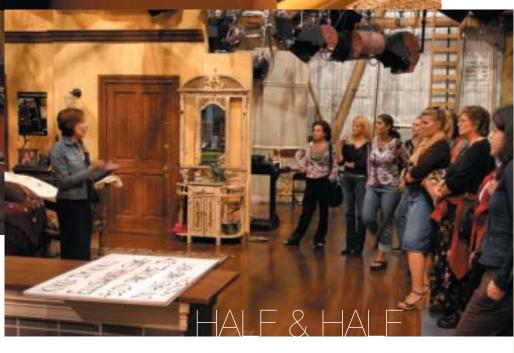
right: Steve Rostine speaks on the set of THE STONES.

bottom right: Maralee Zediker SDSA speaks on the set of HALF & HALF.

bottom left: Zediker and detail from HALF & HALF.







What makes a Sitcom different from every other show?

The proscenium-like setup is similar to that of a stage play to facilitate better audience and camera viewing.

High definition digital video has led to color & proportion adjustments in the design & decoration of sets. Light colors tend to wash out, so the palettes lean toward more saturated colors.

Foreground walls are slightly splayed, to help further the illusion that the rooms are larger, and to ensure that the cameras won't shoot beyond the set walls.

The "Sitcom" stripe: the art, draperies, and decoration that appear on television behind the heads of the actors in a scene, defining each show.

The placement of swing sets—some are placed on the stage in front of the audience when the response is important, and some are taped out of view of the audience when the scene is just to further the story.



left: Tara Stephenson SDSA speaks on the set of THAT 70'S SHOW.

ALL ABOUT Mark Johnson SDSA STCOMS



Somewhere along the way, I became a sitcom set decorator. This wasn't my intention, but as is often the case in life, I took a branch in the road and this is where it came out. As I have been involved with what we now call multiple camera TV shows for the last ten years or so, I have developed a great fondness for them.

Because they have seemingly always been with us, we take the poor sitcom (situation comedy) pretty much for granted. They are as plain as apple pie, often right in the kisser. Their only real aim is to make us laugh. And laugh we do. A few that come to mind: SEINFELD, WILL & GRACE, FRIENDS, FRASIER, EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND, THE COSBY SHOW, ROSEANNE, DESIGNING WOMEN, CHEERS, MURPHY BROWN, THE BOB NEWHART SHOW, MARY TYLER MOORE, THE GOLDEN GIRLS, THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW.

As a kid, the first sitcom I became aware of was THE HONEYMOONERS. It was one of the earliest examples of the form, and served as a blueprint for many, many shows to follow. It actually began as a series of short skits on Jackie Gleason's early television variety shows. Television, in its infancy, was broadcast much in the same way as radio. Programs were not recorded in advance. They would go out "LIVE", meaning just that. THE HONEYMOONERS was actually performed in front of an audience in a theater in New York City and broadcast as it happened, with no chance for retakes. As it was being broadcast, it would be recorded on a kinescope camera. The kinescope was a specially built 16mm film camera which was placed in front of a TV monitor to record the images on the monitor as they were being broadcast. The purpose of this process was nothing so noble continued on p. 82

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as to save these productions for posterity. They needed to record them so that they could be shipped to, and broadcast in, markets outside the reach of the New York signal.

The other seminal show was I LOVE LUCY. In the early fifties, Desi Arnaz and his wife and producing partner, Lucille Ball, agreed to do a new television show. However, they were unwilling to go to New York to broadcast it. They decided instead to film their show in Los Angeles, for delayed broadcast. In order to save time, they would film with four cameras shooting simultaneously, in front of a live audience. The multiple camera television series as we know it today was born.

The production process has not really changed much since I LOVE LUCY. Many sitcoms have been shot on film. Some have been shot on video tape. Most are now being shot on high definition digital video. They are still shot, however, on four cameras, labeled A, B, C and X (so no one gets confused by the sounds of B and D). The sets are lined up in a row facing the audience, so the studio audience can watch the action as if watching a play.

Production of a multiple camera series is actually very much like that of a play. Each episode requires a week to create. On Monday, everyone receives a script for that week's episode. There will be a production meeting, at which all of the department heads will have an opportunity to ask technical questions about their particular areas of responsibility. After this, there will be a table-read where the actors and director will get their first chance to read the dialogue.

The art and set decoration departments actually work about a week ahead of the rest of the company, so that new sets can be prepared for each week's episode. Multiple camera TV shows have three kinds of sets. The first are permanent sets. These, like the bar in CHEERS, appear in every episode, and always remain standing. Next are recurring sets, like *Grace's* office on WILL & GRACE. These are kept in storage and re-created as needed. Swing sets are the third type. Since multiple camera shows are shot in front of a live audience, they rarely go on location. This means that every environment written into the scripts needs to be created. Usually these are not expected to reappear, thus "swing set". A classic example is the candy factory on I LOVE LUCY.

Much like a play, on Tuesday the director and actors will begin to put the episode on its feet. There will be runthroughs for the writers and producers on Tuesday and Wednesday, after which changes will be made to the script to address things that are not working. Sometimes these include changes in the sets. At this point, the production designer, art director and set decorator, along with their crews, are designing sets for the following episode, as well as making adjustments to the episode in rehearsal.

By Thursday, the entire production has come together. Camera blocking begins. Since four cameras are recording the action simultaneously, careful choreography is required. For each scene, the director will carefully map out the shots for each camera. It then becomes the responsibility of a crew numbering about thirty to make this all work.

On Friday, we are ready to do a show. Unlike feature films, with sitcoms you get the payoff of a live audience responding to your work. We rehearse and refresh the set during the early part of the day. In the late afternoon, we break for dinner and makeup. In the evening, the live audience files in and we do our live show. If we've all done the job we are there to do, they laugh.



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The SDSA grows up with Robinson Royce's presidency



Robinson Royce was elected President of the Set Decorators Society of America in November of 1999 by the Board of Directors, and re-elected for a second term two years later. Royce said of his tenure in office: "We grew up during my administration. We had to get serious if we were going to stick around."

Royce's history with the SDSA began in 1994 when he joined the SDSA Board of Directors. His first assignment was the Don Quixote committee. The stated goal was to "Right the Wrongs and Fight the Battles". Many set decorators felt ignored by the Industry. Misinformation in the media and omissions from nomination ballots and tapes were rampant. Royce felt that a campaign of timely corrections could go far towards realigning impressions about the craft on all levels. "Persistence is the key to this stuff," he says. "We became relentless."

Royce took on more responsibility within the SDSA when, in the winter of 1998 he became Treasurer. "We needed structure: I put our money into mutual funds, and CD's, then stimulated board members into thinking about how with planning the annual budgets, we could create what we want."

The SDSA grew rapidly, and the Revenue Enhancement Committee was born in early 1999, to meet the ambitious goals of the organization. The main goal was to obtain a building for the SDSA. "It's about presence, showmanship, public image. We needed to become an entity to be reckoned with," says Royce, who was central in this ongoing effort.

The Board acknowledged the significance of Royce's contribution by electing him as the third President, succeeding David Smith.

This election conformed for the first time to SDSA bylaws, in that the officers were elected by the Board of Directors. In previous elections, officers were chosen by the whole membership. In designing the new system, the bylaws committee used the Motion Picture and Television Academies' nonprofit corporate structure as their example. "I believe that the selection of the President should come from the Board because then they are charged to select responsible officers, ones who are willing and equipped to serve," said Royce. "In many nonprofit corporations, officers have paid positions- we're not there yet, but may be down the line."

Significant advances marked Royce's presidency. He raised the consciousness of and made friends with Hollywood insiders like Barry Garron of the HOLLYWOOD REPORTER and Kevin Thomas of the LOS ANGELES TIMES

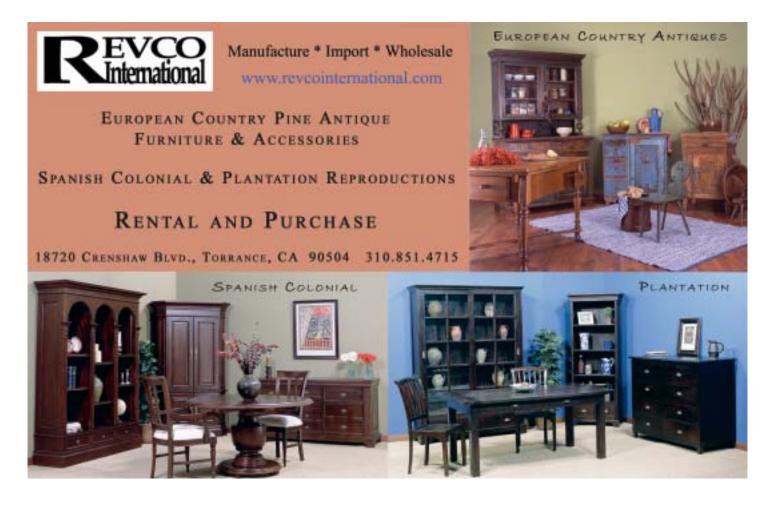
Inroads were made toward a positive relationship with the Art Directors Guild. "I felt that the art directors needed a reality check, especially when they sometimes neglected to acknowledge the set decorators' contribution publicly." Another front was quiet diplomacy toward Local 44 (the Los Angeles local to which set decorators belong) and the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, the AFL-CIO umbrella covering most local unions administering contracts for set decorators and other film professionals in the US and Canada.

In keeping with Royce's principal themes of public image and impact, he encouraged the editors of this magazine to stretch toward becoming a showcase for the work of set decorators. SET DECOR evolved under his leadership to become a full-color publication, with a much wider circulation and increased sophistication in editorial content.

"The world started to notice us. We started to get phone calls from studios, inviting us to screenings. We reached out to BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts), to local politicians, to decorators around the world. I encouraged each SDSA member to reach out, combating the 'cliquish' image that persisted outside the organization." Newcomers were made welcome. A phrase he used to encourage involvement was "Decisions are made by those who show up."

MARKETPLACE, SDSA's annual Business Members' trade show, almost met its demise in September of 2001 when the events of 9/11 led Warner Brothers to withdraw its invitation to the SDSA to hold the event on their lot. "I did a lot of politicking to get it back on its feet, with co-chairs Jerie Kelter and Jeannie Gunn," remembers Royce. MARKETPLACE went on, at Universal Studios, just a week after it was originally scheduled, and was a big success.

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Calendar of Events

January 8 Executive Board Meeting SDSA Office 7:00pm

January 13 Business Member Liaison Committee Meeting Prop Services West 6:30pm

January 21 General Membership Meeting Warner Bros 6:00pm

January 25 Golden Globe Awards

January 27 Academy Awards nominations announced

January 31 - April 8 The Art of Motion Picture Costume Design Exhibition Pillow Walk Exhibition Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising

February 2 - February 27 Pillow Walk Exhibition Pacific Design Center

February 5 Executive Board Meeting SDSA Office 7:00pm

February 10 Business Member Liaison Committee Meeting Prop Services West 6:30pm

February 14 Art Directors Guild Awards Banquet

February 14 - March 4 eBay auction - Pillow Walk Set Decorator Designer Pillows

February 14 PILLOW TALK film screenings Pillow Walk Exhibition Alex Theater, Pasadena 2:00pm, 8:00pm

February 29 Academy Awards

March 4 Executive Board Meeting SDSA Office 7:00pm

March 9 Business Member Liaison Committee Meeting Prop Services West 6:30pm _____

March 21 SDSA Annual Luncheon Ritz Carlton Marina Del Rey

April 1 Executive Board Meeting SDSA Office 7:00pm

April 6 Business Member Liaison Committee Meeting Prop Services West 6:30pm

events

SDSA celebrates the EMMYs

The SDSA pre-Emmy party dazzled and shimmered, befitting a celebration for all the nominees. Guests were greeted at the door by a whirling dervish (in the form of a liquid chocolate fountain) encircled by fresh strawberries. Luxurious carpets, rugs, tapestries and pillows were piled high everywhere, and table settings were glorious with floral arrangements donated by Sandy Rose Floral Design and Tic Tock Couture Floral.

Our gracious hosts Lawrence of La Brea left nothing to chance. Variously located around the facility were an open bar featuring Bacardi cocos and mojitos, a sumptuous sushi bar, a buffet groaning with exotic Middle Eastern cuisine, and a separate niche that held a samovar filled with strong tea, surrounded by platters of Middle Eastern desserts and sweets. Live music accompanied the affair.

Throughout the night, the Emmy nominees and assembled guests had ample opportunity to visit with each other, and our hosts continued to assure that our every desire was satiated in this beautiful and exotic environment. - Nancy Eaton

Double Hospitality

SDSA Business Member Berbere Imports hosted the September general membership meeting in their stunning showroom. Guests were also able to view neighbor Bradford Stewart's original artwork, before entering the furnishings wonderland of hosts Berbere for the evening's meet and greet. The Berbere staff had arranged congenial seating areas from their extensive furniture collection, and filled unique serving vessels with scrumptious Asian and Middle Eastern hors d'oeuvres. After the meeting, Berbere graciously gifted each person a lovely red Asian basket from their vast collection. – *Nancy Eaton*



Photo by James Moran

Diamonds and Roses

The 1999 Academy Award®-winning film AMERICAN BEAUTY was screened at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills, as part of the Academy's 75th anniversary series Facets of the Diamond: 75 Years of Best Picture Winners. Set Decorator Jan Bergstrom SDSA and other members of the film's cast and crew were honored with a private reception, then participated in an active panel discussion following the screening. Many accolades were given to the sets and the look of the film, an integral part of the 1999 Best Picture Oscar® triumph for AMERICAN BEAUTY.

SDSA hosts ASID

On October 18, Set Decorator Cheryal Kearney SDSA hosted an ASID tour of three David E Kelley shows housed at Raleigh Studios Manhattan Beach. American Society of Interior Designers members and associates were given an overview of the process of design and decoration of episodic television in three very different surroundings. The visitors were led through the permanent sets of THE PRACTICE, with tour guides Kearney and Production Designer Charlie Lagola. The group took a side trip to POLAND, NEW HAMP-SHIRE with Production Designer Penny Hadfield and Set Decorator Diane O'Connell SDSA, before heading back to school via the halls of BOSTON PUBLIC with current Production Designer Steven Wolff and original Set Decorator Jan Pascale SDSA. Correlations were drawn between the work of set decorators and that of interior designers, from resources to client/show deadlines.

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above: The panel for the AMPAS screening of AMERICAN BEAUTY included set decorator Jan Bergstrom SDSA, Academy Award-nominated actress Annette Bening and Oscar®-winning producer Dan Jinks. *below:* Pictured left to right: makeup artist Julie Hewett, set decorator Jan Bergstrom SDSA, casting director Debra Zane, Oscar®-winning producer Dan Jinks, former Dreamworks executive Glenn Williamson and hair stylist Cydney Cornell.

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SDSA general membership meeting at Susanne Hollis Antiques & Fine Furnishings

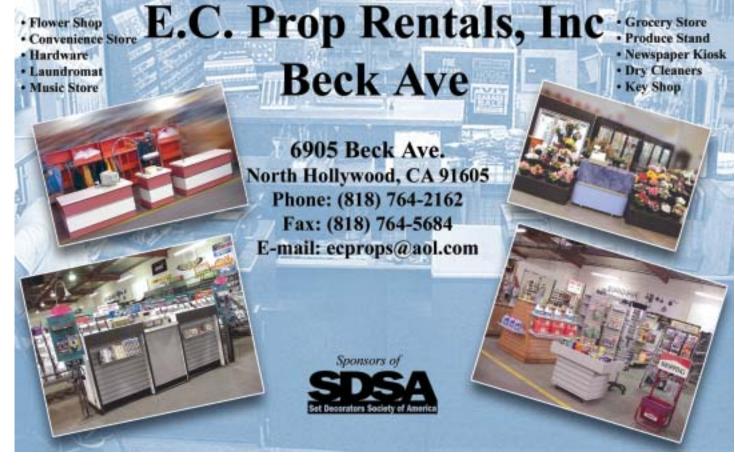
A Tale of Dedication

On the evening of November 12, 2003 rain fell in sheets, lightning flashed across the city and traffic slowed to the speed of a tortoise. Those who braved these horrendous travel conditions to attend the SDSA general membership meeting were truly rewarded by the spectacular showroom of Susanne Hollis Antiques & Fine Furnishings. Our gracious hosts, who specialize in antique Danish and Asian furniture, treated us to a true haven amidst the storm. Guests wandered through rooms of elegant furnishings and accessories, and visited the in-house restoration center where new arrivals are gently reconditioned. Hollis is also lovingly reproducing some favorite pieces. One, in particular, captivated several of us: an ebony four-poster bed with a shell-work crest. Two charming courtyards filled with garden wares and a peaceful art gallery make this a one-stop delight. Fabulous floral displays by Sandy Rose Floral Design and Julie Komen's Wild by Nature, and a tasty, eminently creative buffet further enhanced this delightful evening.









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their effects, however, and this was the beginning of a difficult period for Royce. SDSA revenue declined, along with that of many of the business members. Yet goals and projects of the Board remained ambitious. A search was launched to find new offices, a complete revamp of SDSA's website was planned, and a successful ongoing series of *Day with Set Decorators* educational events was launched. Fundraising efforts still did not keep up with expenditures. Longtime Administrator Bob Yonchak resigned, and a long break-in period for his replacement ensued. Royce had hip surgery.

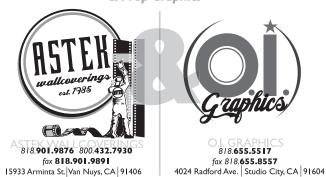
Eventually, the pressure became so intense that Royce decided he had no choice but to resign in October 2002. "In the end I think it was the healthiest thing that could have happened. It woke people up to the reality of our situation. The ace in the hole was that Administrator Bob Yonchak was ready to come back." Vice President Daryn-Reid Goodall took over, serving out the remaining year of Royce's second term.

For the future, Royce recommends that the Building Fund project continue, so that the SDSA is physically on the map. Politically, he advises the SDSA to stay involved, providing a voice for the set decorator in any state or country that makes movies. Administratively, he sees a need for the Board to provide greater support for the officers to get things done. And most of all, "Have some fun with it! We need everyone's creative ideas."

"I have so much passion for this, but being passionate is the only way we'll survive, and my hunch is that we'll be here for a long time."

Robinson Royce is currently decorating his sixth season of the television series CHARMED. His other credits as set decorator include LOVE BOAT, SMART GUY, SINATRA, SOCIAL STUDIES, BOY MEETS WORLD, YOU WISH, TEEN ANGEL, PICTIONARY, DINOSAURS, THE FLASH, THE A-TEAM, DALLAS, HART TO HART, O'HARA, MORK AND MINDY, and RENO 911.









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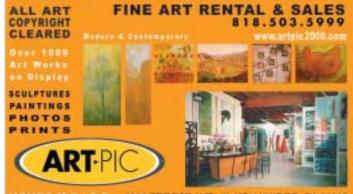
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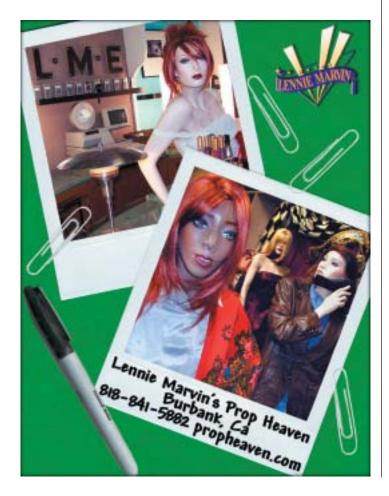
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HAUNTED MANSION pages 28-30

Grand foyer of Gracey Mansion p29: Lighting fixtures manufactured to Set Decorator Rosemary Brandenburg's specifications by Architectural Archive. Stair runner carpet purchased through Kasa/Rug Warehouse. Cording and trims by Trims Plus. Female figures leased from Warner Brothers Property. Some drapery elements made in-house, others by Warner Brothers Drapery Department, Textile Artifacts, and by Gerry Nichol available from Trebor/Nevets at the LA Mart.

The Armory p30: Drapery manufactured by Warner Brothers Drapery Department. Trims Plus supplied cording and fringes. Tassels made in house. **The Attic** p29: Many of the best weathered items are from High Wheelers, plus Warner Brothers, Sony, History for Hire, Omega Cinema Props, 20th Century Props, Antiquarian Traders, House of Props, Premiere Props, and Disney.

The Library p30: Bischoff's Taxidermy, Rug Warehouse, Antiquarian Traders, Architectural Archive, Antique Instruments of the Professions & Sciences, Newel Art Galleries, Omega Cinema Props, 20th Century Props, House of Props, Warner Brothers, Barnaby Rudge Books.

The Attic detail p 28: Artist Gunnar Ahmer painted the portrait. Antiques from Warner Brothers, High Wheelers, and House of Props.

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE pages 32-34

Living room: Ottoman: Clarence House fabric. Chairs: Mimi London fabric. Couch: Grey Watkins Ltd fabric. Clock: Morten Monberg. Dhurrie rug: The Rug Loft. Standing lamp: Ob*jects. Painting over fireplace: "Rockaway Beach" by Edward Henry Potthast, reproduction from Film Art LA. All frames throughout house: Jewel Box.

Kitchen: Range & Hood: Wolf. Fixtures: Waterworks. Sink: Kohler. Soapstone countertops: faux painted. Farmtable: Bountiful. Lighting: Urban Archaeology. Painting reproduction "French Money" by Larry Rivers, R Kenton Nelson, from Film Art LA.

Dining room: 70" table: Hamby. Tatami rug/mat: Patterson, Flynn & Martin. Chairs: Omega Cinema Props. Slipcovers: Lee Jofa toile fabric. Sconce: Gracious Home. All frames: Jewel Box.

Family Room: Couch fabric: Lee Jofa. Chair fabric: Diamond Foam & Fabric. Books: The Strand, NY. Painting reproduction: "Little Black Dress" by Sally Storch, from Film Art LA. Stereo and plasma screen: Sony.

Pool: Teak chaises & tables: Sutherland. Cushions: Perrenials fabric. Pillows and throws: Diamond Foam & Fabric.

PILLOW TALK pages 38-39 eBay auction: www.ebay

The pillows can also be viewed at www.setdecorators.org

Pillow assistance: ABC Caskets, Judith Bartnik, Diamond Foam and Fabric, Fabricut/SHarris, Fox Studios Drapery Department, The Hand Prop Room, International Silks & Woolens, Libas Ltd (Boudoir Furniture Mfg Corp), Motion Picture Set Interiors, Omega Cinema Props Property Department, Paramount Pictures Drapery Department, Rose Brand, Sandy Rose Floral Design, Sloan Reis, Textile Artifacts/Archive Edition Textiles, Trims Plus, Universal Studios Drapery Department,

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Feature Films Currently Prepping or Shooting

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Set Decorator	Title	Prod Company	
Carr, Cindy	HOSTAGE	Stratus Films	
Cummings, Peg	PRINCESS DIARIES II	Disney	
DeTitta Jr, George	STAY	New Regency/Fox	
Dias, Larry	THE WOODS	Disney	
Doyle, Tracey	IN HER SHOES	Fox 2000	
Eschelbach, Susan	GHOSTS OF	Girlfriends Past	
	GIRLFRIENDS PAST	Productions	
Getman, Julieann	SUENO	SiSi Films	
Hallenbeck, Casey	THE PUNISHER	Marvel	
Hicks, Alan	NEW YORK MINUTE	NY Minute	
		Productions	
Kushnick, Beth	HIDE AND GO SEEK	20th Century Fox	
McCulley, Anne D	NATIONAL TREASURE	Declaration	
		Productions/Disney	
Messina, Kristen	OCEANS 12	Warner Brothers	
Mowat, Doug	CONSTANTINE	Warner Brothers	
Pascale, Jan	Will Ferrell project	Universal	
Reynolds-Wasco, Sandy	COLLATERAL	Dreamworks	
Rollins, Leslie E	THE MANCHURIAN	Paramount	
	CANDIDATE		
Rubino, Beth	THE INTERPRETER	Interpreter	
		Productions NYC	
Schutt, Debra	STEPFORD WIVES	Paramount	
Sim,Gordon	CINDERELLA MAN	Universal	
Smith, Erin	ENTOURAGE	Ma Ville Productions	
Sutton-Doll	CRASH	Crash Productions	
Visinare, Teresa	SLEEPOVER	MGM	
Williams, Jennifer	AFTER THE SUNSET	Newline	
Wooke, Beth	STANDING STILL	Standing Still	
Zolfo, Victor	MR AND MRS SMITH	New Regency	
		Productions	

Feature Films Currently Prepping or Shooting Assistant Set Decorators

Assistant Set Decorator	Title	Prod Company
Mazur, Alex	STEPFORD WIVES	Paramount
Kaufman, Susan	COLD MOUNTAIN	Miramax

Feature Films Currently Prepping or Shooting Associate Members

Associate Member	Title	Prod Company
Del Araujo, Louise	Will Ferrell project	Universal
Lead		

Upcoming and Recent Releases

Set Decorator	Title	Prod Company
Baseman, Andrew	KINSEY	American Zoetrope
Baseman, Andrew	IN THE CUT	Columbia Tristar
Baseman, Andrew	PEOPLE I KNOW	Sony
Becker, Judy -	GARDEN STATE	Jersey Films
Production Designer		
Becker, Judy -	RAISING VICTOR VARGAS	Goldwyn Fireworks
Production Designer		
Becker, Judy -	THUMBSUCKER	This Is That
Production Designer		Productions
Bergstrom, Jan	THE SINGING DETECTIVE	Paramount
Brandenburg, Rosemary	THE HAUNTED MANSION	Disney
Brill, Ellen	A VIEW FROM THE TOP	° Miramax
Brittan, Andi	ALEX & EMMA	Castle Rock
Bruck, Karen	THE COMPANY	Killer

•	Recent Releases	continued
Set Decorator	Title	Prod Company
Carle, Alex	BRING IT ON AGAIN	Universal
Carle, Alex	HATING HER	ldiom
Carr, Cindy	IDENTITY	Sony
Carr, Cindy	VAN HELSING	Universal
Carroll, Stephanie -	VANITY FAIR	Focus/Granada
Prod. Designer		
Cummings, Peg	THE WHOLE TEN YARDS	Franchise Films
Danniells, Jon	2 FAST 2 FURIOUS	Universal
Dias, Larry	PIRATES OF THE	Disney
	CARIBBEAN	
Diers, Don	ALONG CAME POLLY	Universal
Diers, Don	DOWN WITH LOVE	Fox
Eschelbach, Susan	WIN A DATE WITH	Dreamworks
	TAD HAMILTON	
Fischer, Lisa	SURVIVING CHRISTMAS	Dreamworks
Fox, KC	CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN	MGM
Fox, KC	DICKIE ROBERTS	Paramount
Fox, KC	LEGALLY BLONDE 2	MGM
Gaffin, Lauri	CHARLIE'S ANGELS 2	Columbia
Galline, Frank	DUMB AND DUMBERER	Avery Pix
Galline, Frank	STROKE OF GENIUS	Bobby Jones Films LLC
Getman, Julieann	THE SEAT FILLER	Strange Fruit Productions
Goddard, Richard	MYSTIC RIVER	Warner Bros
Graves, Regina	Woody Allen	Dreamworks
aravoo, mogina	Fall Project 2003	Diodinivonito
Graves, Regina	ANYTHING ELSE	Dreamworks
Graves, Regina	ON THE ONE	Cataland Films
Gregory, Bill	CRUEL INTENTIONS 3	Sony
Gulickson, Mary E	LEGALLY BLONDE 2	MGM
	(add'l photography)	
Gunn, Jeannie	EMPLOYEE OF	Employee of the
Gurin, Jeannie	THE MONTH	Month Inc
Laborocht Dorboro	FREAKY FRIDAY	
Haberecht, Barbara	SWAT	Disney Columbia
Hallenbeck, Casey		Turner Films
Hallenbeck, Casey	GODS & GENERALS	
Hart, Jay	SPIDERMAN 2	Columbia Pictures
Hart, Jay	TERMINATOR 3	Warner Bros
Hicks, Alan	HAVANA NIGHTS	Mirmax
Howard, Jason	WONDERLAND	Lion's Gate
Kensinger, Robert	MASKED &	BBC Productions
	ANONYMOUS	
Kensinger, Robert	LITTLE BLACK BOOK	Revolution
Kuljian, Anne	CAT IN THE HAT	Universal
Kuljian, Anne	TERMINAL	Dreamworks
Kushnik, Beth	RAISING HELEN (NY unit)	Buena Vista
Lewis, Garrett	HIDALGO	Disney
Lewis, Garrett	ME AGAIN	Cheyenne Enterprises
Lombardo, Lance	PAPARAZZI	Fox
Martin, Maggie	GIGLI	Revolution
Martin, Maggie	LADDER 49	Touchstone
McCormac, Cynthia	DUPLEX	Mirmax
Messina, Kristen	CRIMINAL	Section Eight
Messina, Kristen	EROS	Section Eight
	(Soderbergh segment)	0
Moss-Serino, Amanda	TREMORS 4	Universal
Munch, Barbara	THE ASSASSINATION	Monsoon
	OF RICHARD NIXON	Entertainment
Munch, Barbara	TWISTED	Paramount
Nay, Maria	CONFIDENCE	Lion's Gate
Nay, Maria	UHCHAIN MY HEART	Crusader Entertainment
	POLAR EXPRESS	Castle Rock/WB
O'Hara, Karen		
O'Hara, Karen Ozols-Barnes, Wendy	FLVIS HAS LEFT	Capitol
O'Hara, Karen Ozols-Barnes, Wendy	ELVIS HAS LEFT	Capitol
Ozols-Barnes, Wendy	THE BUILDING	•
		Revolution Cruise/Wagner

Upcoming and Recent Releases continued

Set Decorator	Title	Prod Company
Pascale, Jan	HOLLYWOOD	Revolution
,	HOMICIDE	
Pascale, Jan	UNITED STATES	MDP/Thousand
*	OF LELAND	Words
Peters, Kathryn	OUT OF TIME	MGM
Pizzini, Denise	FIRST DAUGHTER	Regency
Pizzini, Denise	THE ITALIAN JOB	Paramount
Pope, Natali	PROVIDENCE	Disney
Posnansky, Tessa	RUNAWAY JURY	20th Century Fox
Rollins, Leslie E	13 GOING ON 30	Revolution
Rosemarin, Hilton	HELLBOY	Revolution
Rosenfeld, Brana	AMERICAN WEDDING	Universal
Roth, Dena	A MIGHTY WIND	Castle Rock/WB
Roy, Pamela	UPTOWN GIRLS	MGM
Rubino, Beth	SOMETHING'S	Columbia Pictures
	GOTTA GIVE	
Schlesinger, David	OFF THE MAT	Golddigger
Sheets, Suzette	RAISING HELEN	Buena Vista
Sim, Gordon	WELCOME TO	Fox
	MOOSEPORT	
Sim, Gordon	THE IN-LAWS	Warner Bros
Smith, David	THE GAME OF	Crusader
	THEIR LIVES	Entertainment
Smith, David	SHOP GIRL	Hyde Park
Smith, Erin -	I LOVE YOUR WORK	Muse
Production Designer		
Smith, Erin	MYSTERIOUS SKIN	Mysterious Films
Smith, Erin	NATIONAL LAMPOON'S	Hill & Brand
	DORM DAZE	Productions
Smith, Erin	NORTHFORK	Paramount Classics
Stepeck, Tim	STARSHIP TROOPERS 2	Startroop Pictures
Stoughton, Diana	THE FIGHTING	Paramount
	TEMPTATIONS	
Sullivan, Kate	STARSKY AND HUTCH	Red Hour Films
Totleben, Ellen	A MAN APART	Avery/New Line
Wiesel Holmes, Karin	SCHOOL OF ROCK	Paramount
Williams, Jennifer	BAD BOYS 2	Bruckheimer

Upcoming and Recent Releases Assistant Set Decorators

Assistant Set Decorator	Title	Prod Company
Christiansen, Inger	THE WHOLE	Franchise Films
	TEN YARDS	
Danniells, Jon	VAN HELSING	Universal
Doyle, Tracey	CONFIDENCE	Lions Gate
Doyle, Tracey	UNCHAIN MY HEART	Crusader
Franco, Ron	DAREDEVIL	Fox
Franco, Ron	DAY AFTER	Fox
	TOMORROW	
Moosher, Christine	MR 3000	Paramount
Orlando, Kathy	A MIGHTY WIND	Castle Rock/WB
Visinare, Teresa	PIRATES OF THE	Disney
	CARIBBEAN	

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Upcoming and Recent Releases Associate Members

Associate Memb	pers	
Associate Member	Title	Prod Company
Berry, Kelly - Buyer	FIRST DAUGHTER	Regency
Berry, Kelly - Buyer	GARFIELD	20th Century Fox
Del Araujo, Louise -	ANCHORMAN	Dreamworks
Lead		
Del Araujo, Louise -	HOLLYWOOD	Revolution
Lead	HOMICIDE	
Del Araujo, Louise -	UNITED STATES	MDP/Thousand
Lead	OF LELAND	Words
Garner-Gail, Sara -	THE HAUNTED MANSION	Disney
Buyer		-
Leonard, Kimberly -	LEGALLY BLONDE 2	MGM
Buyer	(add'l photography)	
Meisels, Marc -	SPIDERMAN 2	Columbia Pictures
Gang Boss/Fixtures		
Meisels, Marc -	TERMINAL	Dreamworks
Set Dresser/Fixtures		
Meisels, Marc -	TERMINATOR 3	Warner Bros
Gang Boss/Fixtures		
Patrinos, Nya -	PATIENT 14	Gemstar
Set Decorator		
Nooyen, Fleur -	HIDALGO	Touchstone
Buyer		Productions
Nooyen, Fleur -	SURVIVING	Dreamworks
Buyer	CHRISTMAS	Productions
Rosenberg, Kimberley -	DUPLEX	Miramax
Buyer		
Rosenberg, Kimberley -	TERMINAL	Dreamworks
Buyer		
Scott, Doug -	BRIDE & PREJUDICE	Bride Productions
Set Dresser		
Sheeley, Kate -	JUSTICE	Jujitsu, LLC
Set Decorator		
Shulem, Ron -	13 GOING ON 30	Revolution
Gang Boss		
Smith, Nathan -	BEN AND THOMAS	Blue Rat
Set Decorator		Productions
Smith, Nathan -	BRIDE & PREJUDICE	Bride Productions
Set Dresser		
Trueblood, Chanida -	MONSTER MAN	Road Brothers
Set Decorator		Incorporated
Trueblood, Chanida -	MUMMY AN' THE	Sandstorm
Set Decorator	ARMADILLO	Films
Waller, Leena -	MOVING	Roadside
Set Decorator	(Feature Short)	Attractions
Waller, Leena -	MONSTER &	AFI Short
Set Decorator	THE PEANUT	

CORRECTIONS

Misspelled

Richard Hankins, Production Designer for NYPD BLUE. Eric J Luling, Photographer for THE CAT IN THE HAT.

Misplaced

Production Designer Kelly Van Patter SDSA Set Decorator Elizabeth Fowler SDSA unintentionally omitted from Emmy nomination list

Misattributed

The photographer for the photo of the green couch in THE CAT IN THE HAT coverage was Eric J Luling.

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Series

Series		
Set Decorator	Show	Net
Ahrens, Anne	STILL STANDING	CBS
Allen, Linda	STRONG MEDICINE	Lifetime
Andrews-Ingrassia, Sara	MISS MATCH	Fox
Baker, Joanne	THE ELLEN DEGENERES SHOW	NBC
Baker, Joanne	SURREAL LIFE 2	WB
Baker, Melanie	LAW AND ORDER,	NBC
	SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT	
Benjamin, Susan	THE APPRENTICE	NBC
Bevacqua, Joe	THE YOUNG & THE RESTLESS	
Biddle, Mary Ann	LAS VEGAS-Episodes 105-113	
Blue, Caitlin	PLATONICLLY INCORRECT	ABC
Blue, Caitlin	8 SIMPLE RULES FOR	ABC
Dide, Caltill	DATING MY DAUGHTER	ADC
Brill, Ellen	NIP/TUCK	FX
Dilli, Elleli Rurbank, Lunda		ABC
Burbank, Lynda	ACCORDING TO JIM	
Burbank, Lynda	LESS THAN PERFECT	ABC
Cahill, Kathy Curtis	JUDGING AMY	CBS
Carle, Alex	THE GUARDIAN	CBS
Coburn, Cindy	CENTURY CITY	CBS
Colohan, Tim	ER	NBC
Combs, Debra	WANDA AT LARGE	Fox
Cooper, Mel	GROUNDED FOR LIFE	Carsey
		Werner
D'Amico, Archie	NYPD BLUE	ABC
De Los Reyes, Lisa	COUPLING	NBC
Didul Mann, Claudette	BERNIE MAC	Fox
Fine, Wendy	THAT'S SO RAVEN	Disney
Frankenheimer, Leslie	KAREN SISCO	ABC
Giovanni, Judi	THE GEORGE LOPEZ SHOW	ABC
Goodall, Daryn-Reid	THE MAN SHOW	Comedy
Goodall, Dai yn Freid		Central
Coodell Don's Doid	MAD TV	Fox
Goodall, Daryn-Reid		
Grace, Cheryle A	ONE ON ONE	UPN
Grande, Greg	FRIENDS	NBC
Grande, Greg	IN THE MIX	Style
Gross, Sam	JAG	CBS
Gullickson, Mary E	MONSTER HOUSE	Discovery
Gunn, Jeannie	WITHOUT A TRACE	CBS
Gurski, Peter	ALL OF US	WB
Howard, Jason	RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT	
Howard, Jason	PEPSI SMASH	WB
Jackson, Dwight	LUIS	Fox
Jacobson-Scarfo,	THIRD WATCH	NBC
Jacqueline		
Johnson, Mark	HAPPY FAMILY	NBC
Kasch, Brian	SCRUBS	NBC
Kearney, Cheryal	THE PRACTICE	ABC
Kelley, Carol Bayne	LINE OF FIRE	ABC
Lavigna, Melody	PHIL OF THE FUTURE	Disney
Lewis, Cynthia T	MONK	USA
Lipscomb, Rusty	SIX FEET UNDER	HBO
Lombardo, Lance	THE DIVISION	Lifetime
Manthey, Karen	ALIAS	ABC
-		-
Mees, Jim Mirenda, Darbara	STAR TREK ENTERPRISE	UPN
Miranda, Barbara	GIRLFRIENDS	UPN
Miranda, Barbara	IT'S ALL RELATIVE	ABC
Nilsson, Lisa	LAW AND ORDER,	NBC
	CRIMINAL INTENT	
O'Connell, Diane	THE BROTHERHOOD OF	CBS
	POLAND N.H.	
Olsen, Ron	FRASIER	NBC
	TRACY MORGAN SHOW	NBC
Pearce, Kelley Peterson, Kristin	TRACY MORGAN SHOW MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE	Fox

Series continued

Set Decorator	Show	Net
Pope, Natali	THE HANDLER	CBS
Poulik, Michele	OC - Permanent Sets	Fox
Rebar, Cloudia	24	Fox
Richarz, Laura	THE PARKERS	UPN
Ritz, Melinda	WILL AND GRACE	NBC
Ritz, Melinda	GOOD MORNING MIAMI	NBC
Roome, Paul	MERGE	Lifetime
Royce, Robinson	CHARMED	WB
Royce, Robinson	RENO 911	Comedy Central
Reuben, Galit	LIFE LESSONS	Showtime
Reuben, Galit	MAD, MAD HOUSE	SciFi
Rymond, Freddie	KING OF QUEENS	CBS
Sefman, Michele -	THE PARKERS	UPN
Production Designer		
Shea, Ann	2 1/2 MEN	CBS
Sheets, Suzette	THE SHIELD	FX
Sprayregen Henkel, Jill	WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU	WB
Stephenson, Tara	MONSTER HOUSE	Discovery
Stephenson, Tara	THAT 70S SHOW	FOX
Stepeck, Tim	COLD CASE	CBS
Struth, Sandy	ANGEL	WB
Tonkin, Christina	SEX AND THE CITY	HBO
Totleben, Ellen	THE WEST WING	NBC
Van Patter, Kelly - PD	THE APPRENTICE	TBD
Vuckovich, Amy	THE MULLETS	WB
Walker, Richard C	RUN OF THE HOUSE	WB
Wells, Amy	ALL ABOUT	WB
	THE ANDERSONS	
Wells, Amy	MY WIFE & KIDS	ABC
Wiesel Holmes, Karin	SEX AND THE CITY	HBO
Wolverton-Parker, Lynn	NAVY NCIS	CBS
Yates, Diane	REGULAR JOE	ABC
Zediker, Maralee	HALF AND HALF	CBS
Zediker, Maralee	LIKE FAMILY	Universal

Pilots

Set Decorator	Show	Net
Kensinger, Bob	WB Untitled Project - Hotel	ABC
Smith, Erin	ENTOURAGE	HBO

TV Movie & Mini-Series

Set Decorator	Show	Net
Bolder, Julie	HELTER SKELTER	WB
Christiansen, Ane	A MATTER OF FAMILY	CBS
DeTitta Jr, George	ANGELS IN AMERICA	HBO
Kasch, Brian	LIVE IN BAGDAD	HBO
Moss-Serino, Amanda	KNEE HIGH P.I.	Comedy
Central		
Nay, Maria	EMPIRE FALLS	HBO
Starks, Shirley	BACK WHEN WE WERE GR	OWN UPS
Hallmark Hall of Fame		
Starks, Shirley - PD		HBO
Starks, Shiney - FD	UNTITLED DOCUMENTARY	HBO

Series - Assistant Set Decorators

Asst Set Decorator	Show	Net
Downes,Cindy	ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT	Fox
Doyle, Tracey	EMPIRE FALLS	HBO
Karady, Ondine	SEX AND THE CITY	HBO
Sideris, Alison	SIX FEET UNDER	HBO

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Associate Members Title is Set Decorator unless otherwise noted				
Associate Member	Show	Net		
Anderson, Anne - Buyer	KAREN SISCO	ABC		
Fowler, Elizabeth	PRICE IS RIGHT	CBS		
Genovese, Lorraine -	NAVY NCIS	CBS		
Buyer				
Gerhardt, Charli - Buyer	WITHOUT A TRACE	CBS		
Leonard, Kimberly -	LAS VEGAS	NBC		
Buyer				
Malley, Megan - Buyer	CSI MIAMI	CBS		
Malley, Megan	311 - MUSIC VIDEO	Black Dog		
		RFA		
Meisels, Marc - Lead	COLUMBO - MOW	Universal		
Meisels, Marc -	ENTOURAGE	HBO		
Gang Boss				
Nooyen, Fleur - Buyer	CENTURY CITY	CBS		
Nooyen, Fleur - Buyer	LINE OF FIRE	ABC		
Oberman, Dorit - Buyer	ER	NBC		
Patrinos, Nya	CAROL CHRISTMAS	Hallmark -		
		MOW		
Shulem, Ron - Lead	IT'S ALL RELATIVE	ABC		
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practicals – working lighting fixtures that one would see and use in the real world, i.e. chandeliers, lamps, sconces, providing ambient lighting – in addition to or other than the lighting equipment specifically designed for photographic lighting

dolly shot – refers to a shot when the camera moves through the set, mounted on a specialized dolly which allows smooth movement – often requires some set dressing to be temporarily moved

flying wall, "needs to fly" – a set wall or set piece that can be moved in order to place a camera in position

hero piece – a piece of set dressing or prop that is specific to the story or action in a scene – often a piece that reappears or is scripted

synched, synchable – video is 30 frames/second, film 24/second – in order for a TV set to be "practical" onscreen, it has to be synchronized to film camera speed

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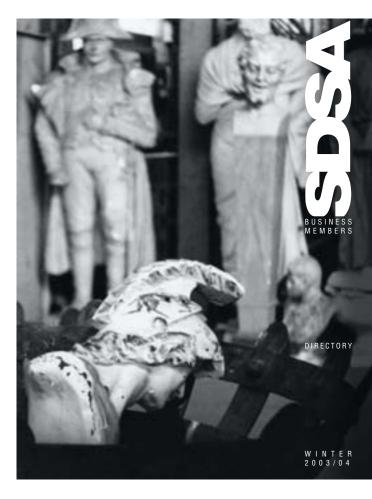


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