

Question

Mary,

Is it in your opinion, mandatory for a male makeup artist to actually wear makeup when working or going on go sees? I have been in the industry for ten years and have been fortunate (Hence the ten years). Many of my male colleagues are dripping in bronzer and concealer, nearly all of them mascara of one color or another. While I'm not against it (looking clean and fresh faced not full faced like a drag queen or New York club kid from an Aucoin book) I never really liked the feel of makeup on my face. Does this reflect poorly on me, is it expected in different markets? Do many of the LA NYC guys wear it in your observation?

Answer

Hi

The only men I see with obvious makeup on are at the MAC counter. I think when you are dealing with real clients they would rather not see anything out of the ordinary. I find makeup on men to be distracting, it's still a bit of an oddity and so as a man I wouldn't wear it to work. I wouldn't do anything to call attention to myself on a job. Clients appreciate low key artists and so does the rest of the crew... Well groomed of course is a must because we stand so close to people, but full on makeup on a male, my advice would be no.

Hope that helps.

Mary