



SPECIAL EFFECTS WORKSHOP WITH INTERNATIONAL ARTIST, DANIELLE RUTH

Aspiring special effects artists will be in their element at the Real Film Festival when they get the chance to create a realistic film prop with help from international prosthetics expert, Danielle Ruth.

Danielle has almost 15 years in the industry as a makeup artist and prosthetics specialist, and she has worked around the globe refining her skills. She has trained under master craftsmen and assisted on the Hollywood blockbuster *Men in Black 3*, as well as created makeups for Aria award winners, music videos, and television celebrities.

This is Danielle's second year at the Real Film Festival and she can't wait to be back in Newcastle to experience it.

"I love the people, the Festival has a really great vibe, everyone is really warm and friendly and there's a fantastic energy to the whole weekend. I love being involved," she said.

In her workshop, 'How to Cast, Mould and fabricate your own finger prop', you will get an overview of techniques used in film and TV makeup, learn how to create a life-like silicon finger with the highest quality industry products and get tips and pointers on the industry.

"We are going to have some fun in this workshop; the participants will make a very realistic prop, using the highest quality materials we use in filmmaking. They will cast and pour a mould of their own finger, then paint it and make it look very realistic... which is great with Halloween coming up!"

The workshop will give young artists a chance to find out more about the makeup and film industry as well.

"A job in special effects can be challenging, there's long hours and with HD cameras these days, we have to be meticulous with our applications. But technology just gets better and better, and so do our products," she said, "it's so interesting, every day is different."

Danielle's workshop will be held Friday 26 October, at 11.30am at the Film and Media School in Newcastle. Tickets are essential. For more information, or to book a seat, go to

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