

Creative Career Paths Production Design / Art Department



Library Resources

Use these LA County Library resources and services to help you explore a career in Production Design in the Art Department.





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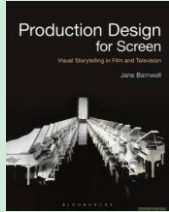
- [SketchUp 2021 Essential Training](#)
- [Improve Your SketchUp Skills Learning Path](#)
- [Photoshop 2022 Essential Training](#)
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- [Creating a Short Film: 06 Working on Set](#)
- [Storytelling for Designers](#)
- [Color Trends](#)
- [Color and Cultural Connections](#)
- [Color for Design and Art](#)



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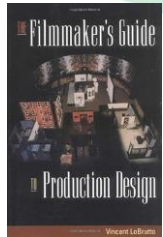
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***Production Design for Screen: Visual Storytelling in Film and Television* by Jane Barnwell**

Packed with full-color film stills, exclusive pre-production artwork and behind-the-scenes production images, this book uses examples from real-world projects, to provide practical guidance on the complete design process, from breaking down the script and developing ideas through research, to creating drawings, model-making, constructing sets and choosing locations.



***The Filmmaker's Guide to Production Design* by Vincent LoBrutto**

Top production designers share their real-life experiences to explain the aesthetic, narrative, and technical aspects of the craft. Step by step, aspiring filmmakers will discover sound instruction on the tools of the trade, and established filmmakers will enjoy a new outlook on production design.



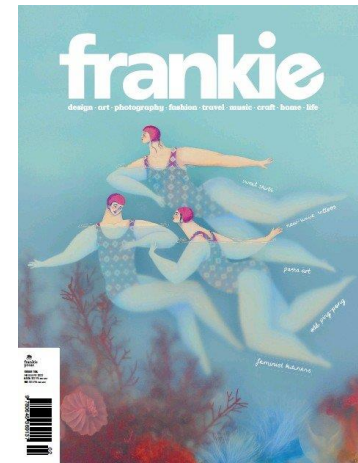
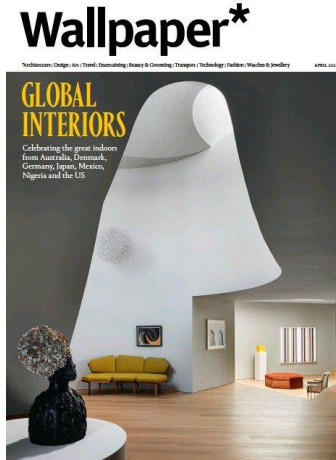
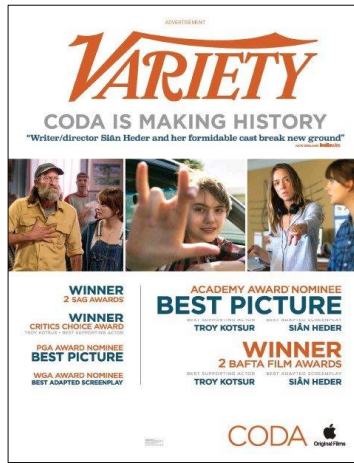
***Designs on Film: A Century of Hollywood Art Direction* by Cathy Whitlock**

With hundreds of rare photographs, set sketches, and original renderings showcasing films of every era and genre--many shown here for the very first time--author Cathy Whitlock offers movie fans a backstage pass to 100 years of Hollywood's most memorable film sets.

Magazines on PressReader

LACountyLibrary.org/digital-magazines

Enjoy free, unlimited access to thousands of newspapers and magazines! With your library card, get access to searchable content, print out articles, export to an eReader, change the language, build a collection, and receive notifications when the next issue becomes available.



Films on Kanopy

LACounty.kanopy.com

On-demand streaming film service with over 30,000 films from independent filmmakers, documentaries, Great Courses, art films, and more. Play up to 10 films per month for free with your library card.

The screenshot shows the Kanopy website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search videos, subjects..." and a "BROWSE" dropdown menu. Below the search bar, the page is divided into two main sections: "Notable Figures in Women's History" and "Oscar Winners and Nominees".

Notable Figures in Women's History

- SUMMONED**: Frances Perkins and the General Welfare (PBS)
- Rita Moreno**: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go For It
- MAE WEST**: Dirty Blonde (PBS)
- AMAZING GRACE**: ARETHA FRANKLIN
- RAISE HELL!**: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MOLLY EVINS
- BIOGRAPHY**: Christa McAuliffe: TEACHER IN SPACE (A&E)
- LOOKING FOR MERKEL**: A Magnolia Pictures Production (Directed by Marion Van Bremen)

Oscar Winners and Nominees

- THE LOBSTER**: COLIN FARBELL, RACHEL WEISZ
- CHARADE**: Audrey Hepburn - Cary Grant (NYX)
- DAISY MILLER**
- four weddings and a funeral**
- The SQUID and the WHALE**
- her**: A BRINK JONES LOVE STORY
- Nowhere in Africa**: ACADEMY AWARD WINNER & BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM (WINNER OF 5 CINEFEST AWARDS)

Library Services



- [Virtual Programming](#)
Check out more virtual programs that explore different careers, skills, and hobbies.
- [Laptop & Hotspot Loan Kits](#)
Check out a kit with a Chromebook and wireless hotspot to access the internet, from select locations. Borrow for 3 weeks, with the option to renew, if available.
- [Work Ready](#)
Resources for job seekers, those looking to build new job skills, or seeking out new career opportunities.
- [Digital Library Card](#)
Receive immediate free access to the Library's online resources, including eBooks and audiobooks, movie and TV streaming, and music downloads. Gives the ability to place holds and check out 3 physical items at a time.

LA County Office of Small Business East LA Entrepreneur Center

The Entrepreneur Center is a LA County service that assists prospective business owners to successfully open and grow their small businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Email: conciierge@dcbalacounty.gov

Phone: 844.432.4900

- Small Business Webinars

[Bit.ly/dcbaBizEvents](https://bit.ly/dcbaBizEvents)

Webinars cover topics such as social media marketing, business entities, local and state certifications, how to start your small business, and doing business with the VA.

- Concierge Service (Virtual or In-Person Appointments)

[Bit.ly/BizCounseling](https://bit.ly/BizCounseling)

The Small Business Concierge is a free consulting service offered by Los Angeles County that helps prospective business owners who are interested in opening small businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County. The Concierge acts as a single point of contact during the complex process of opening a business and provides counseling services to you. Also provides business development opportunities.



Production Design / Art Department Online & Industry Resources



Industry Resources

Software



- [SketchUp](#)
3D modeling computer program for a broad range of drawing and design applications — including architectural, interior design, industrial and product design, landscape architecture, civil and mechanical engineering, theater, film and video game development. There are paid versions of the software and a [free version](#) as well.



- [Adobe Photoshop](#)
An imaging and graphic design software used for photos, designing websites, editing videos, and creating 3D artwork.



- [VectorWorks](#)
A versatile, on-premise application that provides extensive 2D drafting, 3D modeling, Building Information Modeling (BIM) and rendering capabilities for your architectural and landscape design needs. There are [discounted student and school versions](#) of the software.



- [Rhino \(Rhinoceros 3D\)](#)
One of the most popular commercial 3D computer graphics and computer-aided design (CAD) applications software commonly used for architecture, prototyping, engineering, jewelry and industrial, graphic, naval and automotive design.



Industry Resources

Training & Education

- [Art Directors Guild Production Design Initiative](#)
Provides mentorship, supervision and on-the-job training to future Production Designers/Art Directors. Exposes participants to a full range of workplace experiences (feature, episodic, commercials, reality shows, live events, and theme parks) and members of the Art Department, including production designers, art directors, set designers, model-makers, illustrators, previs, graphic, scenic, and title artists.
- [10 Set Production Assistant Training Programs Worth Your Time](#)
List of Set Production Assistant Training Programs in different regions, to get you further in your film career.
- [Hollywood CPR](#)
Nonprofit organization with a 24-year history of training students to start working in key, union-recognized positions on set in the Artists, Crafts, and Technicians departments. They have the Entertainment Artists, Crafts & Technicians Certificate, a one-of-a-kind, multi-tiered, entry-level education training program designed to ensure a graduate's ability to work, on set after completion.
- [Venice Arts Film + Digital Media Career Pathways](#)
Film + Digital Media Career Pathways is a free 4-Level program designed for LA County's creative, young people from low-income communities interested in exploring career pathways in the arts, entertainment, and digital media.



Industry Resources

Training & Education (cont.)

- [Streetlights](#)
As a job training, job placement, and career advancement organization, their mission is to assist talented and motivated young adult minorities, many economically and socially disadvantaged, to achieve long-term economic stability and career success.
- [ManifestWorks](#)
Connects those impacted by foster care, homelessness and incarceration with job opportunities in the entertainment industry and provides ongoing life and professional skills to support long-term success.
- [Ghetto Film School](#)
An award-winning nonprofit that educates, develops and celebrates the next generation of great American storytellers. With locations in New York City, Los Angeles and London, GFS is the most elite and inclusive film academy in the world, equipping students for top universities and careers in the creative industries.
- [No Budget Film School](#)
A unique series of classes specifically designed to help the no-budget filmmaker, with lessons, tools, and techniques intended to maximize very limited resources and minimize critical errors.
- [West LA College Motion Picture and Television Production Crafts Program](#)
A multi-tiered motion picture, television and stagecraft production education training program that covers the entire spectrum of the entertainment industry's career pathways.

Industry Resources

Guilds, Unions, & Networking/Professional Organizations

- [Art Directors Guild](#)
Union for art directors, graphic artists, illustrators, matte artists, model makers, production designers, scenic artists, set designers and title artists.
- [Local 44](#)
Affiliated Property Craftspersons Local 44 is a professional association of craft persons having specialized skills and talents within the entertainment industry.
- [Set Decorators Society of America](#)
Nonprofit organization for Decorators of Film and Television. They offer fellowship and networking opportunities for set decorators, crew members and vendors within the craft, and a bridge to other design and technical professions in the entertainment industry.
- [I Need Art Department](#)
Facebook group for Art Department people to post jobs, ask questions or exchange ideas.
- [Art Department- Film & TV Industry](#)
Facebook group that unites members of the art department from all over the world working in film and television today, dedicated to the circulation of information about production design and the art department.

Industry Resources

Guilds, Unions, & Networking/Professional Organizations (cont.)

- [Array Crew Database](#)
Equal opportunity platform, with a mission to support professionals in the film and television industry from underrepresented populations.
- [Women in Film](#)
Advocates for and advances the careers of women working in the screen industries—to achieve parity and transform culture.
- [Women in Media](#)
Promotes gender balance in the film and entertainment industries through networking, professional development, and advocacy for women, women-identifying, and gender-nonconforming filmmakers who work above and below the line.
- [Hollywood Shorts](#)
An Industry screening series & microcinema based in Hollywood which launched in 1998, featuring the best short film and animation from filmmakers and artists from all over the world. Twitter and Instagram @HollywoodShorts



Industry Resources

Job Listings

- [ProductionHub.com](https://www.productionhub.com)
Global network of local crew and vendors that serves the film and video production industry.
- [Mandy.com](https://www.mandy.com)
Jobs platform for actors, performers, filmmakers and production crew.
- [Crew Me Up](https://www.crewmeup.com)
Crew Me Up is a community supported mobile app bridging the gap between crew looking for work and crew looking to hire.
- [Backstage.com](https://www.backstage.com)
Job listings and network for for directors, filmmakers, editors, animators, sound mixers, producers, and other crew and creative freelancers.
- [Staff Me Up](https://www.staffmeup.com)
Hiring platform for media production, where people who work in the industry go to hire and get hired. Their goal is to help ensure that diversity and inclusion are incorporated throughout the hiring process.

Industry Resources

Reference

- [Careers in Film: Production Designer](#)
Career overview of a production designer including salary info, career paths, skills, education and training, and fun facts.
- [What Is the Art Department and What Does it Do?](#) from Master Class
Article that talks about the art department, what the job roles are, how they work in TV vs. film, and the production workflow.
- [Art Department Roles and Hierarchy in Film & TV Production Design](#) by Art Departmental
Article that describes the art department crew roles, their responsibilities, and hierarchy on any film or television project. These descriptions may differ slightly by project, budget, region and union but they should give you a rough idea of how the art department functions most of the time.
- [Local 44 Craft Descriptions](#)
Descriptions of the 7 craft divisions—Construction Coordinator, Property, Property Master, Propmaker/Prop Shop, Set Decorator and Special Effect—represented by the union. General definitions of that craft, a list of principal crew responsibilities, requirements for initiation, and a list of skills which have historically served these respective craftspersons in the past.

Industry Resources

Reference (cont.)

- [Production Design Resources](#) by Art Departmental
Various helpful resource lists categorized by subject such as magazines, websites, directories, online training, software, kit recommendations, and glossary.
- [Best Production Design Books for Film and Television](#) by Art Departmental
If you're interested in production design, set design, graphic design, set decoration, props, or filmmaking in general, these books will help you understand production design and filmmaking a little better.
- [IMDB](#)
An online database of information related to films, television programs, home videos, video games, and streaming content online—including cast, production crew and personal biographies, plot summaries, trivia, ratings, and fan and critical reviews.

About the Speakers

- [Kimberley Browning / Hollywood Shorts](#)

Kimberley is a filmmaker based in LA and is the founder and Festival Director of Hollywood Shorts Film Festival, which launched in 1998. She is an Associate Short Film Programmer at Tribeca Film Festival and a Senior Programmer at Catalyst Content Festival. She has been the Executive Producer of HBO ACCESS since 2015, and is now part of the new WarnerMedia ACCESS Programs team, developing emerging writers and directors in episodic television. Twitter and Instagram @HollywoodShorts.

- [Prerna Chawla, Production Design & Set Decorator](#)

Prerna Chawla is an award-winning Production Designer and Set decorator, based in Los Angeles. She was born and raised in Mumbai; where she completed her Bachelors in Architecture. Since moving to LA, Prerna has worked on several independent productions. Her recent project, Disney Searchlight's *The Night House* starring Rebecca Hall, premiered at Sundance 2020. She just finished production on musical comedy starring Megan thee Stallion, Nathan Lane, Megan Mullaly and Bowen Yang. Her films have been screened at major film festivals in Paris, Toronto, Cannes, Helsinki, Austin and Venice among others. IG: [@prernachawla.designs](#)