

To whom it may concern,

Let me start by saying that I have worked with Cheri Montesanto for ten years on the television series C.S.I. Miami for CBS Productions. In that time I have come to know Cheri personally and professionally. I can say without question that Cheri is the most responsible, talented, and professional Make Up Artist/Department Head I have had the privilege of working with.

When Cheri was considered for this series her reputation and Emmy awards had already preceded her formal interview. The Producers who did the hiring said their background checks and verbal recommendations from her previous employers were exemplary.

Cheri quickly became an important facet to our show by overseeing the Beauty Make-Up, and Special FX Make-Up on the entire series. Often Cheri would have to make up actors for behind the scenes interviews, foreign press, and photo shoots during our regularly scheduled production work. Sometimes our ambitious and necessary production schedule requires that she oversees up to three units shooting at any one time.

Cheri has never had a problem managing the series exceptional workload. In fact many times with very little warning after an unforeseen schedule change she has had to create complicated Make-Up FX from scratch. Cheri never complained or told us she could not accomplish what was needed. She always executed the workload with creativity, artistry, and enthusiasm.

As a Department Head Cheri has always turned in her budgets on time, hired top notch additional Make-Up Artists, and has done several behind the scenes "how to" Make-Up demonstrations for the companies various DVD products. All of which were handled with care, precision, and a positive attitude.

I have worked in the Entertainment industry on a variety of television and feature film projects. In all that time I have never worked with a Make Up Artist who cares more about her work, reputation, and serving the story as much as Cheri does.

Our shows actors and crew have nothing but kind things to say about Cheri and her staff. She is a pleasure to work with and on what ever future shows she decides to do we wish her nothing but the best. Any production would be lucky to have such a wonderful and talented employee.

Sincerely,

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