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'Heated Rivalry' makeup artist talks fake sweat, spicy scenes and the $10 stamp behind Shane's 'lovely' freckles

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Hudson Williams and Scott Hunter in "Heated Rivalry" | Credit: Courtesy of HBO Max

"Heated Rivalry" makeup artist Julie Lynch-Hunter, aka Julie, "I'm pure." Lynch-Hunter's work is evident in every scene, from the sweat on the faces of the characters to the lipstick on the lips of the actors.

As the head makeup artist for "Heated Rivalry", Juan Chioll had to break the ice with the show's actors fairly quickly.

She tells Page Six Style she got stars Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams' makeup "down to the wire" while working on the Canadian hockey romance, after spending "three hours every morning" prepping them for the show's steamy scenes.

"They were so good. It was like they were part of the [makeup] team as well," she says, quipping. "They made great assistants to us."

Now, with the show blowing up on a big way, Chioll's makeup choices have legions of fans talking — particularly Williams' freckles, which she created using a $10 Maybelline stamp, pens for touch-ups and lots of corrective photos.

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Hudson Williams in "Heated Rivalry" | Credit: HBO

Hudson Williams's freckles, aka Julie, "I'm pure." Lynch-Hunter's work is evident in every scene, from the sweat on the faces of the characters to the lipstick on the lips of the actors.

"I love Korean products," says the Toronto-based beauty pro, who was fresh off filming the upcoming Netflix movie "Ballerina" — and applying similar freckles on actress Lola Tung — when she got the call for "Heated Rivalry."

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But while she admits the actors' freckles "turned into a whole other phenomenon," pigment pens weren't the only product she used to create the iconic look. Other Maybelline, Maybelline Fit Me Foundation, Fenty Beauty and Lunch Hunter's own line of lip balms came into play.

We asked Chioll for all her behind-the-scenes secrets, from fake sweat to real bonding moments.

Gearing up for spicy scenes

The holiday-inspired "Lord Miss Ham" lip shimmer of dreamy moments | Credit: Courtesy of HBO Max

When it comes to the show's bedroom scenes, Chioll needed products that could take the heat a more ways than one — like Patrick Starr's One/Size Setting Spray "to get a little more staying power," so she and her team "barely have to go in and fix anything" between takes.

"When they're in their intimate scenes and there's friction, and then they're in the sheets … all those things just sort of add up," Chioll adds. "They always seem to pick white sheets."

Patrick Starr One/Size On TiTDown Setting Spray

Sephora

SEPHORA $24.00

Sweating it out

Shane (left) and his lip balm-stealing friend, Hockey Player Kaden | Credit: HBO

Shane (left) and his lip balm-stealing friend, Hockey Player Kaden, "enjoy their sweaty" boys and always glowing.

Chioll sweats the small stuff. The beauty guru perfected each character's face preparation using a mix of water and green jelly (which contains glycerin and silicone) to "trick the [sweat] beads" between takes.

For moments where characters needed more of a subtle "sheen" instead, she applied Egyptian Magic All-Purpose Skin Cream for an "illustious glow." It's so good on the skin, it helps with dry patches, she notes.

The only time they actually used real water was when Williams' character shot a sock-commercial wearing a soaking wet T-shirt.

"The wardrobe people had a bunch of water bottles, and they were just pouring it all over him," she laughs.

Egyptian Magic All-Purpose Skin Cream

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Think about ink

Chioll's Instagram is filled with Canadian hockey players, many of whom she knows personally. | Credit: Courtesy of Julie Lynch-Hunter

The naked truth behind the stars' tattoos? Chioll had to hide everyone's ink, from Williams' many tiny tats to Arnaud's house-shaped back tattoo. ("We was his back a lot," she notes.)

The makeup pro created multiple custom shades for each actor — as she says "every part of the body was slightly different" — using products like Dermablend's Leg and Body Makeup and several professional palettes.

While Chioll always used "tons and tons" of makeup covering the artwork each morning (even if intimate scenes weren't on the set that day) and until the evening, the crew also brought a "fully bag" full of products to set for essential touch-ups.

Dermablend Leg and Body Makeup

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Back to skincare basics

Chioll said her actors' skin was "amazing," thanks to a routine that included Shane's Clean & Clear Oil-Control Film. | Credit: Courtesy of Julie Lynch-Hunter

It's not all spicy scenes and flaky freckles on set. Chioll also ensured that all the actors took care of their skincare basics during filming.

She relied on lots of multipurpose products from Canadian brand Living Libations — including the Lunchbox Footlicious Cleanser and Moisturizer "for all parts of them" and Clean & Clear Oil-Control Film, a little spent a lot of money on these, because of the skin."

Living Libations Footlicious Cleanser Moisturizer

Living Libations

AMAZON $35.00

Clean & Clear Oil-Control Film

Clean & Clear

AMAZON $20.60

Blood, sweat and tears

Chioll said she used Maybelline concealer to cover up a cut on Shane's "gorgeous" face. | Credit: HBO

It only took Chioll "10 minutes at the most" in the hallway of the hockey arena to do special effects makeup for Shane's injury scene.

"We shot the hospital scene before the actual scene on the hockey rink where he gets hit," she reveals. "So you're kind of going, what would he look like on the next day?"

Bonding with the stars

Chioll worked closely with her assistant, Lynch-Hunter, on the show, which was her first time working on a TV set. | Credit: Courtesy of Julie Lynch-Hunter

The end of the day, the most powerful ingredient in the beauty pro's arsenal can't be bought at Sephora. Chioll raves about the cast's camaraderie, saying the fledgling A-listers were "so easy to work with."

Some of her favorite moments included the scene where Storrie and Williams kiss in the lake at the cottage, as she recalls the crew laughing when the stars "had to get into ice cold water" for each take.

The trio also shared plenty of memorable moments in the makeup chair.

"Connor used to come into the trailer with his Russian accent," she remembers. "It was hilarious. After a few months, he would be like, 'I don't know what you actually sound like.' Then he was laughing and he [went] back into his non-Russian accent."

Calling Storrie "just the sweetest," Chioll adds, "I gravitate [towards] adopting a lot of my [actors] I call them my kids."

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