

## STAGE MAKEUP

### PURPOSES

To assist in the visual projection of the character.

To counteract the effects of stage lighting and stage distance. Makeup does not create the character, the act does.

### TYPES OF MAKEUP APPLICATION

#### **Greek Corrective**

Requires some change in facial appearance to make the face more perfectly proportional according to the Greeks' idea of the classical beautiful face.

#### **Straight Makeup**

Actor merely heightens his or her own facial features.

#### **Character Makeup**

The object is to change the actor's appearance completely. Old Age makeup is the most used character makeup style. All special effects makeup is character makeup i.e. monsters, latex masks, wounds, etc.

### IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

The size of the theatre determines the amount of makeup needed to project the character.

All makeup should be checked under the stage lights. Gels change the appearance of the makeup.

All makeup should be practiced. The more you use and apply stage makeup the better it looks.

### MAKEUP EQUIPMENT

**Foundation/Base**-to even out skin color. Comes in pancake (powder), crème, or grease paint.

**Shadows and Highlights**—colors used for highlighting and shadowing. Creates wrinkles for Old Age makeup

**Rouge/Blush**-Comes in dry and moist.

**Lining Colors**-used to shadow eyes and for special effects

**Eye-brow pencils**- medium hard grease paints in pencil form used to create wrinkles and line eyes.

**Lipstick**-tube or grease paint

**Mascara**-used to darken and thicken eyelashes

**Powder**-generally translucent. Used to set makeup. Apply powder last.

**Brushes**-small paint brushes for wrinkles and special effects. Larger for powder and blush

**Sponges**-used to apply foundation and to highlight

**Stipple Sponge**- coarse sponge for texturing.

**Spirit Gum**- Adhesive liquid with a rosin base used for fastening fake hair, latex, nose wax

**Liquid Latex**- liquid rubber used for fake skin, scars, and special effect makeup

**Crepe Hair**- Synthetic or wool used for beards and mustaches

**Makeup Remover**- cold cream (used for heavier makeup i.e. crème and grease paint)\