

Julie Belle – ISS Fellowship

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This year I am the recipient of the Skills Victoria/ISS Institute Fellowship funded by Skills Victoria to fill skill deficiencies in art direction and props management in the film and television industry.

This Fellowship allows me to study overseas for duration of two weeks in my chosen field of expertise for the purpose of filling identified skill deficiencies; that is skills and knowledge that are not available in any accredited courses within Australian higher education institutions.

The main purpose of my trip is to see how the changes that digital imaging have had on the processes and practices of the contemporary art department and, secondly, to visit appropriate production service departments, speak to the appropriate specialists and collect information about the new practices and required skills.

In Los Angeles I will be visiting:
Universal / NBC studios in Burbank and Universal City
CBS Studio Center in Studio City
Sony Pictures Studios
Set Decorators Society of America
American Film Institute Conservatory campus
Los Angeles Film School
Prop Services West

In the United Kingdom:
London Film School
Pinewood Studios
BBC Productions
University for Creative Arts in Rochester

I am also visiting The Milan Politechnico in Milan.