

TELONA WILSON

Celebrity Hair Artist

As a member of Motion Pictures Studio Mechanics Local Union and certified cosmetology instructor, Telona Wilson, has specialized in hair artistry for the past 22 years. Lona as many of her clients affectionately call her leveraged her entrepreneurial spirit to own and operate her own salon for over eight years. This experience is just one of many variables that truly helped define her craft and a genuine love for the "Art of Hair."

Currently residing in Chicago, Illinois, Telona has shared her precious gift among many local celebrities as well as acquiring a national roster of Who's Who in entertainment, Sports, politics etc. This includes the likes of Megan Good, Jurnee Smollett, Garcelle Beauvais, Tichina Arnold, Kellita Smith, Britney Murphy, Lisa Ray McCoy, Marcia White and Merri Dee. These are just a few examples of noteworthy personalities who have been graced with Telona's magical creativeness and penchant for detail.

Over the years, Telona has become one of the country's most sought after hairstylist for television, film, gala's awards shows and just about every special event imaginable. When asked what makes her talent so unique or special, she replies with humility:

"I take time out to create an experience from behind the chair so that the passion and hard work that goes into my craft is visually noticed and appreciated by everyone in front of the chair.... It is my job and responsibility to create this experience not just for the movie celebs, but for the homemakers or secretaries who may rush in during a lunch hour or before they go to work. This experience is for and belongs to everyone who sits in my chair. To me, this is the epitome of what the craft is all about and is the only formula for longevity and success in this business."

Some of Telona's major credits include Barber Shop II, Roll Bounce, Witless Protection, Express, Wanted and Flags of Our Fathers. She has also had the opportunity to be the lead hair stylist for two national television campaigns for Chrysler and Macy's. She's currently the key hair stylist for nationally syndicated weekly taped show on Lifetime, Walgreen's Health Corner. Her work can also be seen on the annual redesigned catalog and packaging for Revlon Hair Accessories and Grooming Products and in a variety of magazines and editorial pages.

Hair is Telona's passion. She never duplicates a style or cut just because it may be the hottest trend, but since she has worked with various cultures and their unique techniques she offers an array of styles. Specializing in precision razor cutting, color, and weaving, Telona has rapidly created a large clientele.

Presently, Telona Wilson works as part of the Signature Team at "*Kimberly Coleman Salon*" located in the heart of Chicago's South Loop. She embraces her clients day-to-day hair care maintenance, custom coloring, progressive haircuts and weaves with exceptional perfection.

Words of wisdom from Telona:

"Take no Client for granted and never pursue this career for the money side of the business. Do it because you love it and have something personal to give to each client, to each movie set, to each photo shoot. Be professional at all times and never stop learning new techniques, new ways to be innovative. Remain humble and remember that many clients may grow your business, but you are the only one with the ability to tear it down."