Leslie Dilley

Production Designer

Born in the Rhondda Valley, South Wales, UK. Spent his formative years in North London, The Wembley Park Area.

Education:

Attended Willesden Technical College, studying architecture and building construction from the age of 13 to 23. The latter part being part-time whilst working in the Motion Picture Industry, serving a bound apprenticeship at The Associated British Picture Corporation (which became EMI), Elstree.

Employment:

In addition to the above, started in the Art Department as a freelance Junior Draughtsman in 1966. Worked on numerous films as a Junior/Intermediate Draughtsman and became an Assistant Art Director on such films as Roman Polanski's 'MacBeth', Ken Russell's 'The Boyfriend', Brian Hutton's 'Kelly's Heroes' and Norman Jewison's 'Jesus Christ Superstar'.

In 1973, began art directing on Richard Lester's 'The Three Musketeers' and 'The Four Musketeers' and then Marty Feldman's 'The Last Remake of Beau Geste'. These were followed by: George Lucas's 'Star Wars', Ridley Scott's 'Alien', Irvin Kershner's 'The Empire Strikes Back' and Steven Spielberg's 'The Raiders of the Lost Ark'.

In 1979, designed his first film 'American Werewolf in London' for John Landis. In 1983/84, worked as Supervising Art Director on Nic Roeg's 'Eureka', Irvin Kershner's 'Never Say Never Again' and Ridley Scott's 'Legend'.

In 1985, traveled to the USA to design 'Invaders From Mars' and remained based in America until the present. During the last 29 years, designed 26 films and/or television projects.

A comprehensive filmography is available on IMDB under Leslie Dilley.

Films and Television (partial list)

The Teacup Travels (TV 2014-2016)

The Quinn-tuplets (TV 2010)

Related (TV 2008)

Last Full Measure (2007)

Little Man (2006)

Son of the Mask (2005)

Cold Creek Manor (2003)

Men of Honor (2000)

Pay It Forward (2000)

Deep Impact (1998)

The Peacemaker (1997)

How to Make an American Quilt (1995)

Casper (1995)

The Distinguished Gentleman (1992)

Honey I Blew Up the Kid (1992)

What About Bob? (1991)

Guilty By Suspicion (1991)

The Exorcist III (1990)

The Abyss (1989)

2nd Unit Directing credits

The Distinguished Gentleman Monkey Trouble How to Make an American Quilt Honey I Blew Up the Kid Diabolique Cold Creek Manor Pay It Forward

Television Commercials (most recent)

The Artist Company, Los Angeles, Four spots, "Sears-Holiday"

Commerciale Mexicana, Avanti Pictures, Mexico City, MX.

Awards and Nominations (AMPAS):

Star Wars (Oscar)
The Empire Strikes Back
Alien
Raiders of the Lost Ark (Oscar)
The Abyss

Affiliations:

AMPAS (Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences)
DGA (Directors Guild of America)
ADG/IATSE (Art Directors Guild/Local 800)
SAG (Screen Actors Guild)

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