

The following FAQ's is a referral from one of my brides (Christine) to another prospective bride:

Q). Did you feel gorgeous thanks to Marina?

A). Yes, I felt that Marina's work definitely contributed to me feeling gorgeous that day.

Q). Did you get compliments on your makeup?

A). I asked Marina to give me a very natural look - I didn't want it to look like I was wearing a lot of makeup. My mom and my sister both commented that my makeup looked really lovely and they are the only ones that I would have expected to really examine it and take notice.

Q). How skilled is she with makeup design and application?

A). I would say that Marina is very skilled. She has a lot of experience with movie/theatrical/special effects makeup and is equally skilled at more subtle applications. I think the combination enables her to give a bride any look that she might want.

Q). What was she like to work with - easy, pleasant, friendly etc.?

A). Marina was super friendly, easy to talk to, very accommodating to my schedule and open to ideas.

Q). Did she have really good and helpful suggestions for what to do with your makeup?

A). Yes, she did. When I first met her I hadn't done a lot of homework yet on what I wanted and she had some great ideas. I thought I knew the direction I wanted to go after speaking with her so she did my test run based on what we discussed. A few hours after she left that night I changed my mind and decided I'd prefer to go with something more natural instead of the more dramatic look that we had done. I called her the next day and she was really great about it, said no problem and scheduled another time to come see me again a couple of days later. After the second run through I knew we had it perfect. This all had nothing to do with Marina's skill - I pretty much realized that I had needed to try out a couple of different looks to figure out what I really wanted. Marina was very patient, understanding and accommodating to my needs.

Q). Was Marina completely reliable - responsive to your contact, showed up on time, did everything she said she would?

A). Totally. She was great about returning phone calls and emails very promptly, always showed up on time and was the consummate professional.

Q). How would you rate her on a scale from 1 to 10 and why?

A). I'd give her a 9. No one is ever perfect :) She was very pleasant, professional, very polite to my parents, she's a very calming presence on a stressful day, and she's tidy when she works.

Q). Did you work with her partner for your hair? If so, how was she?

A). Yes, Robyn O'Connor did my hair. Robyn is actually my regular hairdresser and has been doing my hair for about 3 years now. I've always loved what she's done with my

hair and would recommend her very highly. I didn't hesitate to ask her to do my wedding hair - I wouldn't have considered asking anyone else. I actually asked Robyn if she could refer me to someone for my makeup which is how I ended up using Marina. Robyn is great to work with - fun, honest, has great ideas, down to earth and seems to get along with everyone. She touched up my mom's hair for her that morning and my mom was really comfortable with her. Robyn and Marina seemed to work together really well as a team - I'd highly recommend using people who have worked together as a team before - it just makes the whole experience go really smoothly.