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Family Announces the Passing of Tre’ Major, Visionary Celebrity Hairstylist, Creative Director, Producer and Beauty Industry Innovator

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE FAMILY OF TRE’ MAJOR

It is with profound sadness that the family of Tre’ Major announces his passing following a recent cancer diagnosis and brief illness.

Tre’ was a visionary artist, creative director, hairstylist, makeup artist, fashion stylist, director, producer, educator, inventor, entrepreneur, mentor, and friend whose remarkable career spanned more than three decades across beauty, fashion, music, television, film, and entertainment.

His hands and creative vision helped shape some of the most memorable images in popular culture.

Throughout his career, Tre’ worked with an extraordinary roster of artists, entertainers, models, and cultural icons, including Aaliyah, Mary J. Blige, Patti LaBelle, Jada Pinkett Smith, Lil’ Kim, Faith Evans, Keyshia Cole, Ashanti, Macy Gray, Vivica Fox, Glozell, Sheree Whitfield, Tami Roman, Claudia Jordan, Halle Berry, Naomi Campbell, Tyra Banks, Cicely Tyson, Natalie Cole, Veronica Webb, Regina King, Claudette Robinson, Mary Wilson, Angella Bassett, Tyga, Lion Babe, Tracey Edmonds, Keke Palmer, Yolanda “Yo-Yo” Whittaker, Lil Mama, Nia Long, Jody Watley, CeCe Peniston, Taj Mowry, Tichina Arnold, Tisha Campbell, Martin Lawrence, Taraji P. Henson, Brandy, Kelly Rowland, Chilli, Sanaa Lathan, Gabrielle Union, Shanice, Taryn Manning, Donda West and many others.

Tre’ was an important part of Aaliyah’s glam team, working closely with the beloved artist and helping create the effortlessly beautiful imagery that remains associated with her today. Years later, he continued to help preserve and celebrate her legacy, including participating in projects surrounding the M·A·C Aaliyah collection and The A–Z of Aaliyah.

His work with Mary J. Blige also helped define an era. As her longtime hairstylist, Tre’ contributed to some of the bold and innovative hair looks associated with Mary’s evolution at the beginning of the 2000s. He was among the beauty innovators later recognized for helping shape the visual language of R&B and hip-hop during that transformative period.

Tre’ also brought his artistry to Lil’ Kim, including her celebrated La Bella Mafia era, where he helped soften and transform her look while maintaining the fearless image that had made her a fashion icon.

His work extended far beyond celebrity styling. Tre’ was an entrepreneur and innovator, creating Tre’ Major Hair Care and developing his own wig collection. He was also an educator and mentor who poured his knowledge into the next generation of beauty and creative professionals.

And Tre’ never stopped evolving.

He expanded his artistry into directing, producing, filmmaking and visual storytelling, bringing the same eye that transformed people in front of the camera to the stories he created behind it. His recent creative work included directing and producing AYANNA’s live-action “Jolene” project through Major Look Production Inc.

That evolution was quintessential Tre’.

He refused to be defined by one title.

He could style the artist, conceptualize the image, understand the camera, direct the scene, produce the project, teach the craft, and then turn around and encourage another creative to believe that they could do it too.

While his professional accomplishments were extraordinary, those who knew Tre’ understood that his greatest impact could never be captured by a list of celebrity clients, magazine credits, productions, or accolades.

Tre’ Major was a creator. A teacher. A mentor. A visionary. A friend. And, most importantly, a beloved member of our family.

His cancer diagnosis came recently, and his illness was brief. We are devastated by how quickly we have had to say goodbye.

But we are also profoundly grateful.

Grateful for his life.

Grateful for his artistry.

Grateful for the beauty he created.

Grateful for the people he taught.

Grateful for the careers he helped shape.

Grateful for the stories he told.

And grateful that the work of Tre’ Major will continue speaking long after his passing.

Tre’ spent his life creating beauty — in people, in images, in stories and in possibilities.

His work will remain.

His influence will remain.

His love will remain.

We ask that you keep our family, Tre’s friends, colleagues, students, collaborators, and everyone who loved him in your thoughts and prayers as we navigate this tremendous loss.

Information regarding services and the celebration of Tre’ Major’s life and legacy will be shared later.

With love and gratitude,

The Family of Tre’ Major

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