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Mad for the Challenge

Ellen Freund FILM 79

Ellen Freund is prop master on *Mad Men*, the hit AMC show that has garnered multiple honors for outstanding art direction. The steamy 1950s drama about life in the Madison Avenue advertising industry is also one of the most watched shows on the tube. In a recent *Huffington Post* profile, Freund, whose credits also include *Twilight*, *Night at the Museum* and *Vanilla Sky*, called *Mad Men* the biggest challenge of her career. "It is my first time on a television series, and the combination of a compressed time frame, limited budget and relentless schedules is very demanding," said Freund. "*Mad Men* requires massive amounts of research to attain the level of accuracy that creator Matthew Weiner seeks and the entire crew strives for every day. The period is fascinating and visually stimulating, making it a real pleasure to work on." Fans will be delighted to know that the show's recently released Season 5 is available on Blu-ray and DVD.

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