

# Let's Talk Shop

The Business of Show with BAA's Director & Founder, Jennifer Johns

# Common Questions we will cover in our chat today:

- What is the difference between an agent and a manager? Is a manager the best way to go if I'm just starting out? How do I land an interview with an agent or a manager?
- What exactly is the role of a Casting Director? Can I submit my materials to a Casting Director without having an agent?
- Am I really ready for representation? Do I really NEED and agent or manager to get auditions or move my career ahead?
- Do mailings to agents and casting directors get looked at? What is the best way to get an agent or manager to notice me? What should my mailing look like to get the most attention re: envelope, picture, resume, and cover letter?
- Should I CALL agents, managers, and casting directors before or after my mailing

   or not at all?
- Is there a different way to market myself to agent/managers vs. casting directors?
- What is the difference between signing and freelancing with an agent? Can I freelance with more than one agent?
- Once I start working with an agent, how do I maintain the relationship most effectively?
- What are the secrets of "self submitting" when I find out about a big project that is being cast?
- Should I put together a website or a clip reel and what should be on it? What about youtube?
- Should I send out **picture (headshot) postcards** as follow up and if so, when and to whom?
- Is a good headshot and resume really *that* important? How do I get the best headshot and how much should it cost?
- What is the secret to getting a headshot that really works for me and gets me in the door? What is the biggest mistake most actors make with their headshots?
- The Unions: How important is it to be in SAG-AFTRA or EQUITY (AEA)?
- When is the right time for a young actor to join the unions?
- Is NY or LA a better place for me to be? Should I move here?

- Should I consider commercial work? How do I go about that?
- What are the most important dos and don't once I land a big audition? Should I chat with the casting director? Should I shake everyone's hand? Should my material be memorized or should I use the paper? What distinguishes good audition from a "knock their socks off" audition?
- Is knowing and marketing my "type" really that important? How do I go about finding age appropriate and "type" appropriate audition material?
- Who are the top casting directors I should focus on?
- Who are the top agents I should focus on?
- Should I keep an audition and workshop journal? What should be included?

# Additional important things to think about:

- Making a commitment as a FAMILY (Deciding on this career effects EVERYONE! Mom, Dad, Sisters, Brothers!)
- Auditions are a mini- performance!
- The greatest gift a young actor has to offer (Hint: Your youth and being YOU!)
- Focusing on the things you CAN control (and discarding the things you CAN'T!)
- Rejection: Resilience (How hearing "No!" can instead become hearing Next!!!")
- Persistence
- The three things a day plan
- Marketing- the magic of threes
- Regional Markets
- Doing your research! Opportunity is knowing what's available out there
- Training and Classes
- PWE! (Professional Work Ethic)
- Getting a "note" is receiving a gift!
- Developing a Great Reputation
- Education, Tutoring, Chaperoning for Child and Teen Actors
- Financial Matters
- An Exit Strategy
- The "right kind" of parent support
- Luck & Serendipity

If you have additional questions please add them to the write in spot and I will do my best to address them in our discussion! Additionally, I am very happy to set up a live, skype, or phone **career coaching** to assist you with putting an individualized business plan or showcase follow up in place! Please contact jjohns@broadwayartistsalliance.org for career coaching rates or to set up an appointment with Jennifer.



# **NY Agents** (The Short List):

\*\*Indicates that they notably represent children under the age of 18

#### About Artists Agency, Inc.

Renee Glicker- Owner, Film/Theatre/Musical Theatre,
Corinne Andrews – Junior Agent
1650 Broadway Ste. 1406
New York, NY 10019
MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!
www.aboutartistsagency.com

#### \*\*About Face Agency

Abby Berger- Assistant Agent Alice Skiba- Agent 419 Park Ave South, Suite 607 New York, NY 10016 (Sister Company to Carson Kolker Organization) MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*Abrams Artists & Associates, Ltd. (bicoastal)

Jamie Pillet - Young Agent Katie Chambers - Youth MP/TV/Theatre Mark Turner - Hosts/Young Types (20-25) Victoria Kress - Youth MP/TV/Theatre Bonnie Shumofsky - Head Youth Commercial 275 Seventh Avenue, 26th floor New York, NY 10001 www.abramsartists.com

#### \*Andreadis Talent Agency, Inc.

Barbara Andreadis – Owner/Agent 119 West 57th Street, Suite 711 New York, NY 10019 (212) 315-0303 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY! No tapes

#### **Atlas Talent**

Jonn Wasser - Owner/Agent Lisa Marber-Rich - Talent Agent John Hossenlopp - VO Agent Michael Guy - Commericals & VO 15 E. 32st. 6th floor New York, NY 10016 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*Avalon Artists Group NY (bicoastal)

Craig Holzberg - Owner, legit
Melinda Brown - Commercial/print
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242 W. 30th St. Suite 903
New York, NY 10001
(212) 868-3200 / (323) 868-3210
craig@avalonartists.com
Melinda@avalonartists.com
Bernadette@avalonartists.com

#### Bauman, Redanty & Shaul/Gage Group

(recently merged companies)

Mark Redanty, David Shaul, Martin Gage Owners

Charles Bodner – Film/TV/ Theatre
1650 Broadway, Suite 1410

New York, NY 10019
(212) 404-2340

MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### **Bloc NY**

Brendan Filuk & Laney Filuk - Owners Fatima Wilson- Commercial Jim Daly- MP/TV Maegen Mishico – Junior Agent 630 9th Ave St. 702 New York, NY 10036 (212) 924-6200 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### **Broadway Alley / Talent Bank**

Anthony Schiano – Owner/Agent Commercial/Print/VO Talent (All Ages) 928 Broadway, Suite 506 New York, NY 10010 MAIL SUBMISSION ONLY!

#### \*\*Don Buchwald & Associates

Don Buchwald - Owner
Pam Goldman - Young Talent
Leslie Zaslower - Young Talent
www.Buchwald.com
10 East 44th Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, NY 10017

#### \*CGF Talent

Joel Carlton – Owner/Agent
Michael Goddard – Owner/Agent
Christopher Freer – Owner/Agent
3 Columbus Circle, Suite #1624
New York, NY 10019
(212)-520-1023
www.cgftalent.com
submissions@cgftalent.com
MAIL OR EMAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*Carry Company

Sharon Carry – Owner, TV/Film/Commercials 20 West 20th Street, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10011 NOT ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS AT THIS TIME – CHECK BACK LATER.

## \*\*Carson-Adler Agency, Inc.

Nancy Carson - Owner/Legit Bonnie Deroski, Commercials, Shirley Faiso - Children/Young Adults 250 West 57th Street, Suite 2128 New York, NY 10107 www.carsonadler.com MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*Carson Kolker Agency, Ltd.

Barry Kolker – Owner/Agent Hyascar Vizcaino – Legit (Associate) 18 E. 41<sup>st</sup> Street #801 New York, NY 10017 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*Mary Anne Claro Agency

Mary Anne Claro - Owner/Agent Ray Claro - Head of Children's Division 8600 West Chester Pike #202 Upper Darby, PA 19082 http://clarotalent.net/ MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY! (Wants Union Kids & Teens, 10+)

#### Clear Talent Group (bicoastal)

Jamie Harris – Theatre/Film/TV/Commercials 325 West 38th Street, Suite 1203 New York, NY 10018 18+ MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

# \*\*Cunningham, Escott, Slevin, and Doherty

(bicoastal)
Kevin Slevin - Owner
Vanessa Gracia and Kerri Krilla—
MP/TV/Comm/ VO/ Youth print
Mallory Tucker — Youth Agent
David Doan — Legit Agent
257 Park Ave. South Ste. 900
New York, NY 10010
www.cesdtalent.com

MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY! Email mp3s of VO to <a href="mailto:nyvoices@cesd-talent.com">nyvoices@cesd-talent.com</a>

#### \*\*DDO Artists Agency (new NY Kids Dept.)

Jerry Kallarakkal – Commercial Agent Gina Manfredi – NY Kids Division 224 W 4th St. #200 New York, NY 10014 www.ddoagency.com MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### **Ginger Dicce Talent Agency**

Ginger Dicce- Owner / Commercials, Soaps, VO, industrials
P.O. Box 6674
New York, NY 10150
MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

## Douglas, Gorman, Rothacker & Wilhelm,

Inc.(bicoastal)
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Kate Santa - Agent
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1501 Broadway, Suite 703
New York, NY 10036
www.dgrwinc.com
MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### Fresh Faces Agency Inc.

Aggie Gold – Owner/Agent 2911 Carnation Ave. Baldwin, NY 11510 http://www.freshfacesagency.com MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*Frontier Booking International (FBI)

John Shea-Theatre/MP/TV
Heather Finn - Commercials/Voice-Overs
Elizabeth Peterson
1560 Broadway, Suite 512
New York, NY 10036
MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*Generation TV

Patricia Fleischer - Owner Dina Torre - Commercial Mallory Levy - Young Agent 20 West 20th St, Suite 1008 New York, NY 10011 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### Gersh Agency New York, Inc (bicoastal)

Scott Swiontek – Talent Coordinator 41 Madison Ave. 33rd fl New York, NY 10010 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### **Hardin-Curtis Associates**

Nancy Curtis & Mary Harden - Owners Diane Riley, Michael Kirsten, Scott Edwards – Theatre/Film/TV 214 W 29th St. Suite #1203 New York, NY 10001 18+ / MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### Hartig-Hilepo Agency, Ltd

Paul Hilepo – Owner/Agent Liz Rosier – Agent Peter Sanfillippo - Agent 54 W. 21st St, (Suite 610) New York, NY 10010 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

# \*\*Paradigm Agency (New Youth Dept!)

Rachel Altman Ellen Gilbert Youth/Young Adult Division 360 Park Ave. (16 floor) New York, NY 10010 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### Henderson-Hogan Agency, Inc.

Alex Butler – Agent/MP/TV/Commerical/Theatre Thomas Milam – Legit/Theatrical Only 850 7th Ave, Suite 1003 New York, NY 10019 Ages 18+ MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*Innovative Artists Talent Agency

Barbara Coleman – Young Talent/On-Camera Halle Nadia – Young Talent/On-Camera Jamie Misher – Young Talent/On-Camera 235 Park Ave. South, 10th Floor New York, NY 10003 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### **International Artists Group Inc.**

Meris Zittman - Owner 8 Spruce St. #15F New York, NY 10038 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY! Specializes in Latin market & Hispanic talent (all ages)

#### \*Jordan, Gill & Dornbaum Agency, Inc.

Robin Dornbaum – Owner Jeffrey J. Gill - Owner Jan Jarret – MP/TV/Theatre 1370 Broadway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10038 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*Kazarian/Measures/Ruskin & Associates,

Inc. (bicoastal)

Cynthia Kazarian – Owner

Mark Measures – Owner

Jed Abrahams – Theatrical Head/Agent

Ashley Landay – Film/TV

110 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street

New York, NY 10036

MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

16 yrs old and older

#### Kerin-Goldberg & Associates

Charles Kerin – Owner
Ellie Goldberg – Owner/Agent
Norman Meranus - Agent
155 E. 55 St. Ste. 5D
New York, NY 10022
18+ MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*Nicolosi & Co. Inc.

Jeanne Nicolosi - Owner Jeremy Leiner - Agent 150 W. 25 St. Ste 1200 New York, NY 10001 www.nicolosi-co.com

#### Fifi Oscard Agency, Inc.

Peter Sawyer & Carmer LaVia - Vice Presidents Francis Del Duca – Theatre, 1440 Broadway, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, NY 10018 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### **Meredith Models East**

Ingrid Schmerling – Owner/Booking Agent Model/Actor/Teen and Kids 767 Frederick Ct. Wyckoff, NJ 07481 MAIL SUBMISSION ONLY!

#### Meg Pantera

Meg Pantera – Films/Soaps/Theatre/TV 138 West 15th Street, 1st Floor New York, NY 10011 Ages 17+ MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY! www.megpanteratheagency.com

#### McDonald / Selznick Associates

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#### **Stewart Talent New York**

Donald Birge, Kara Vokmann, Tim Marshall
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MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### **Stone-Manners-Salners Agency** (bicoastal)

Tim Stone - Owner Ben Sands - Agent Samantha Huff - Associate 900 Broadway Ste. 910 New York, NY 10003 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*Take 3 Talent

Eddie Rabon - New theatre, children/young adults (bicoastal)
Dariana Sub- children print
Natasha Matallana – young talent
Alyson Gaspin- commercial and print, children
555 8th Ave. #710
New York, NY 10018
www.productmodelmgmt.com
info@take3talent.com
info@productmodelmgmt.com

#### The Talent House

Peter Kaiser and Daniel Prather
- Theatre / Musical Theatre / MP / TV
325 W. 38th Ste. 605
New York, NY 10018
MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*TalentWorks, Inc.

Harry Golds (LA)
Danielle Ippolito, Jay Kane,
Kyle Bosley – Youth Agent
505 8th Ave. #603
New York, NY 10018
MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY!

#### \*\*The Mine

David Crombie, Dustin Flores, Haley Holmes, Paula Poeta – TV/Films/Theatre/Commercial 347 W. 36th St, Ste. 203 New York, NY 10018 EMAIL OR MAIL SUBMISSION ONLY!

#### Wolf Talent Group (bicoastal)

Teresa Wolf - Owner/Agent Frankie Moran - Film/TV 165 W. 46th Ste. 910 New York, NY 10036

#### **Ann Wright Representatives**

Ann Wright, Dan Wright - Owners/Agents 165 W. 46th St. New York, NY 10036 MAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY! (18-25+)

# **NY Managers** (The Short List):

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#### \*Bercy Talent Management

Jason Bercy - Owner PO Box 456 Marlboro, NJ 07746 www.bercytalent.com

### \*Bohemia Group

Naomi Kolstein Danny Madorsky 244 5th Ave, (Suite 1712) New York, NY 10001 www.bohemiaent.com

## \*Calli Company

Lisa Calli - Owner 459 Columbus Avenue New York, NY 10024

#### \*Goldstar Talent Management

Sid Gold - Owner 240 Central Park South #8R New York, NY 10019 www.goldstartalent.com

#### \*Nani/Saperstein Management, Inc.

Terry Saperstein – Owner David Krasner – Associate 481 8th Ave, # 547 New York, NY 10001

#### \*Parkside Talent Mgmt Group

Judy Battista Peggy Becker Sarah Jane Byrne 454 Penns Way Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 www.parksidetalent.com

# \*Persona Management

Lori Danziger 40 E 9th Street, Ste 11J New York, NY 10003

#### \*RKS Management, Ltd.

Rochelle Kishner Shulman - Owner 975 Park Avenue, Suite 10C New York, NY 10028 www.rksmanagementltd.com

#### \*Schuller Talent/ New York Kids

Kim Matuka – Owner/Manager 276 Fifth Ave, Ste. 207 New York, NY 10021

#### \*Shirley Grant Management

Shirley Grant - Owner
Dave McKeown, Stephanie Artuso,
PO BOX 866
Teaneck, NJ 07666
www.shirleygrant.com

#### \*Sinclair Management

Judith Lesley, Michele Sternberger 95 Christopher Street, #6F New York, NY 10014 www.sinclairmanagementnyc.com

#### \*Wilhelmina Creative Talent

David Gilbert- (Kids and Teens for Modeling/Print, Commercials, Legit) 300 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10010 tel. 212 473.0700 http://www.wilhelmina.com/

## \*Zoom Talent Management

Kim Pedell - Owner P.O. Box 581 Chatham, NJ 07928 kim@zoom-talent.com

#### Regional Managers:

One of the best ways to explore Personal Managers in YOUR area is by asking other working young talent whom you admire and trust if they have a good relationship with their current local representation. Do your research, and also try to set up an audition and meeting/interview in person before signing a contract. Call Sheet by Backstage also publishes a Regional Managers issue once a year.



# SHOWS AND THE CASTING DIRECTORS WHO CAST THEM!

You may locate Casting Director Addresses for mailing and submission opportunities through the publication "Call Sheet" by Backstage, a general google search online, or by visiting theatrical websites such as playbill.com and castingabout.com! We also have mailing labels tailored towards industry that specifically works with young people available at BAA's Merchandise Booth.

# **Current Bway Shows**

Aladdin
An American in Paris
Beautiful: Carole King Musical
Book of Mormon, The
Chicago
Curious Incident...Nighttime
Dames at Sea

Finding Neverland\*
Fun Home\*
Gentleman's Guide to Love &...
Hedwig and the Angry Inch

It Shoulda Been You
Jersey Boys
King and I, The\*
Kinky Boots\*
Les Miserables\*
The Lion King\*
Mamma Mia\*
Matilda: The Musical\*

On the Town
On the Twentieth Century
Phantom of the Opera
Something Rotten!
Wicked

# **Casting Office**

Tara Rubin Casting Telsey + Co Casting Stephen Kopel Casting Carrie Gardner Casting **Jay Binder Casting Cindy Tolan Casting Binder Casting** Telsey + Co Casting **Jim Carnahan Casting Jay Binder Casting James Calleri Casting** Tara Rubin Casting Tara Rubin Casting Telsey + Co Casting Telsey + Co Casting Tara Rubin Casting **Jay Binder Casting** Tara Rubin Casting **Nora Brennan Casting** & Jim Carnahan Casting **Duncan Stewart Casting Iim Carnahan Casting** Tara Rubin Casting Telsey + Co Casting Telsev +Co Casting

# **Casting Dir.**

Eric Woodall Rachel Hoffman Stephen Kopel Carrie Gardener **Iav Binder** Adam Caldwell **Jason Styres** Patrick Goodwin **Iillian Cimini Jason Styres** Paul Davis Tara Rubin Tara Rubin Abbie Brady-Dalton **Justin Huff** Tara Rubin Mark Brandon Eric Woodall Nora Brennan **Iillian Cimini Benton Whitley** Iim Carnahan Kaitlin Shaw **Bethany Knox Craig Burns** 

# **Current Off-Broadway**

10 out of 12
Avenue Q
Bayside! The Musical!
Berenstain Bears Live!
Cagney
Clinton the Musical
The Fantasticks\*
For the Last Time
Newsical the Musical
Perfect Crime
Pinkalicious, The Musical
Preludes
Ruthless!\*
Sistas: The Musical

Jack Doulin Casting
Cindy Tolan Casting
MediumFace Production
Cindi Rush Casting
Carol Hanzel Casting
Carol Hanzel Casting
Tara Rubin Casting
Catherine Russell
Michael Cassara
Tom D'Angora Casting
Catherine Russell Casting
Catherine Russell Casting
Catherine Russell Casting
HDB Casting
Holly Formula David Caparelliotis/Henry
Cindi Rush Casting

Jamibeth Margolis Casting

Jason Wise
Cindi Rush
Carol Hanzel
Kaitlin Shaw
Catherine Russell
Jamie Anderson
Tom D'Angora
Catherine Russell
Holly Buczek
Russell
Cindi Rush
Jamibeth Margolis

**Taylor Williams** 

Adam Caldwell

# National Tours (AEA)

Beautiful: Carole King Musical
Book of Mormon
Book of Mormon (2nd Nat'l)
Bridges of Madison County
Cabaret
Chicago
Cinderella
Dirty Dancing
Gentleman's Guide to Love &...
If/Then
I Love Lucy
Jersey Boys
Kinky Boots\*
The Lion King\*
Matilda\*

Million Dollar Quartet
Motown: The Musical
Newsies\*
Once\*
Phantom of the Opera
Pippin\*
The Sound of Music\*
White Christmas\*
Wicked

Stephen Kopel Casting Carrie Gardner Casting Carrie Gardner Casting Telsey + Co Casting Jim Carnahan Casting **Duncan Stewart Casting Cindy Tolan Casting** Laura Stanczyk Casting Jay Binder Casting Telsev + Co. Casting Michael Cassara Casting Tara Rubin Casting Telsey & Co Casting **Iav Binder Casting** Jim Carnahan Casting & Nora Brennan Casting Telsev + Co Casting Telsey + Co Casting Telsey + Co Casting **Jim Carnahan Casting** Tara Rubin Casting **Duncan Stewart Casting** Telsey+ Co. Casting Binder Casting Telsey + Co Casting

Stephen Kopel Kate Boka Rebecca Scholl Cesar A. Rocha **Iillian Cimini Duncan Stewart** Adam Caldwell Laura Stanczyk Jason Styres **Craig Burns** Michael Cassara Merri Sugarman **Justin Huff** Mark Brandon **Iillian Cimini** Nora Brennan **Bethany Knox Bethany Knox Justin Huff** Stephen Kopel Tara Rubin **Duncan Stewart** Rachel Hoffman **Jason Styres** Craig Burns

# **National Tours (Non-Equity)**

42nd Street Troika Entertainment **Jov Dewing** 50 Shades! The Musical **Joy Dewing Casting Joy Dewing** Annie\* (extended through 2016) **Iov Dewing Casting Jov Dewing** Beauty and the Beast\* **Networks Presentations Bob Cline** Bullets Over Broadway **Networks Presentations Duncan Stewart** Camelot Phoenix Entertainment Mark Minnick Life Like Touring Fiona Choi Chuggington Live! Elf\* **Networks Presentations** Stewart/Whitley Evil Dead : The Musical Starvox Entertainment Flashdance **NETworks Presentations** Stewart/Whitley How the Grinch Stole Christm...\* **Big League Productions** Franck Casting Troika Entertainment **Joy Dewing** Ghost Franck Casting Guys and Dolls **Big League Productions** Jekyll & Hyde Touring Theatre Associates Wojcik/Seay Casting Mamma Mia! **Work Light Productions Jov Dewing** Prather Entertainment Memphis\* Brian Enzman Nice Work If You Can Get It **Work Light Productions** Wojcik/Seay Casting Peter and the Starcatcher Phoenix Entertainment Mark Minnick The Producers **Big League Productions** Franck Casting Ragtime\* Phoenix Entertainment Mark Minnick New Fever OnTour Saturday Night Fever Franck Casting Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Prather Entertainment Brian Enzman Sister Act **Binder Casting** Troika Entertainment The Wizard of Oz\* Troika Entertainment **Jov Dewing** 

# **Upcoming Broadway Shows**

Allegiance	Telsey + Co Casting	Craig Burns
Amazing Grace	Pat McCorkle Casting	Katja Zarolinski
Color Purple, The	Telsey + Co Casting	Justin Huff
Crucible, The*	Griffiths/Rotter Casting	Kate Murray
Fiddler on the Roof*	Telsey + Co Casting	Abbie Brady-Dalton
Hamilton	Telsey + Co Casting	Bethany Knox
On Your Feet!*	Telsey+ Co Casting	Justin Huff
Tuck Everlasting*	Telsey + Co Casting	Bethany Knox
School of Rock*	Tara Rubin Casting	Tara Rubin

# **Upcoming Off-Broadway**

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A Month in the Country	Calleri Casting	James Calleri
American Psycho	Telsey + Co Casting	Craig Burns
An Octoroon	Jack Doulin Casting	Taylor Williams
Big Love	Telsey + Co Casting	Karyn Casl
Fashions for Men	Judy Bowman Casting	Judy Bowman
Hamlet	Calleri Casting	Erica Jensen
Ludic Proxy	Judy Henderson Casting	Alexus Atkinson
Manhattan Parisienne	Tara Rubin Casting	Tara Rubin
The Liquid Plain	Telsey + Co Casting	Will Cantler
The Swing of the Sea	Nancy Riccione Casting	Kelly Gillespie

# **Upcoming National Tours**

Around the World in 80 Days	Binder Casting	Jason Styres
Curious George (2015)	TheatreWorks USA	Caroline Kaiser
SkippyJon Jones (2015)	TheatreWorks USA	Caroline Kaiser

# **Television (NY based):**

Law & Order: SVU (NBC)	Jonathan Struss Casting	Philip Huffman
Madam Secretary (CBS)	Mark Saks Casting	Mark Saks
Master Class (HBO)	Ellen Lewis Casting	Tiffany Little
Allegiance (NBC)	Tucker Meyerson Casting	Kim Krakauer
Blue Bloods (CBS)	Bowling/Miscia Casting	Melissa Moss
Elementary (CBS)	Mark Saks Casting	Zak Kahn
Gotham (FOX)	Bowling/Miscia Casting	Allison Shomer
The Mysteries of Laura (NBC)	Roslie Joseph Casting	Freya Crassness
Nurse Jackie (Showtime)	Tucker/Meyerson Casting	C.J Molidor
Upcoming Nickelodeon Pilots	Nickelodeon Casting	Danielle Pretsfelder
Younger (TV Land)	Finnegan/Jacobs Casting	John Ort

# **Upcoming Live TV or Movie Musicals**

Grease, Live!*	FOX	2016
The Music Man, Live!*	NBC	2015
The Wiz*	NBC	2015
13! The Musical*	CBS Films	TBA

# **Broadway Shows Currently in Workshop or Coming Soon...**

Chasing Rainbows\* Telsey + Co Casting/ Tina Maria Casamento, conceiver Willy Wonka...Chocolate Factory\* Casting Director TBA



# Sample (Intro) Cover Letter to an Agent or Manager

**Dear Mr. Agent** (make sure to get the individual who is working directly on the project and to spell their name correctly!)

Hello! (or fun greeting!)

My name is Susie Broadway, and I recently moved to New York in January (or other important fact!) I am currently seeking representation, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ recommended that I contact you (or state a reason your impressed with what you know of the agency and why you think you may be a good fit for each other!).

I just graduated from Idina Menzel Elementary School, and have had 2 callbacks for Matilda since moving here! I also just completed an Advanced Musical Theatre Intensive with instructors such as Santino Fantana, Laura Osnes, Alexander Gemignani, and Eden Espinosa with Broadway Artists Alliance! (Also remind them if you have met them or auditioned for them before, or if you have taken a class of theirs that you have enjoyed. If you have taken a class from them, remind them where, what you sang, and what you loved about it!)

(List any special skills, talents, range, or type that would make you exceptionally right for anything currently on Broadway. Indicate your type.) You can contact me (or my parents) directly at 212.555.BWAY at any time!

I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you (or audition for you) shortly!

Fun signature line that shows your personality!

Susie Broadway 212.555.BWAY Susie@broadwayrocks.com



# Sample (Intro) Cover Letter to a Casting Director

**Dear Mr. Casting Director of Casting Company** (make sure to get the individual who is working directly on the project and to spell their name correctly!)

Hello! (or fun greeting!)

My name is Ben Broadway, and I recently moved to New York in January!

I just graduated from Jeremy Jordan Middle School, and have had 2 callbacks for Matilda since moving here to attend Laguardia! I also just completed an Advanced Musical Theatre Intensive with instructors such as Beth Leavel, Sutton Foster, Michelle Federer, and Tyrick Wiltez Jones with Broadway Artists Alliance! (State if you have met them or auditioned for them before, or if you have taken a class of theirs that you have enjoyed. If you have taken a class from them, remind them where, what you sang, and what you loved about it!)

I recently noticed your Equity Principal Auditions for	posted in
Backstage. I am unable to attend the auditions on that date, but I am hoping	you might
consider me for an audition the next time you are holding auditions by a	ppointment
I would particularly love to be considered for the role of	! (List
any special skills, talents, range, or type that would make you exceptionally	right for this
role).	

You can contact me (or my parents) directly at 212.555.BWAY, or reach me through my agent *Rachel Hollywood* at AWESOME KIDS AGENCY! I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you *(or audition for you)* shortly!

Fun signature line that shows your personality!

Susie Broadway 212.555.BWAY Susie@broadwayrocks.com

(You may certainly use these cover letters as a template, but your letter should be in your young performers' own words to highlight a glimpse of their passion and personality!)

# **HEADSHOT PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Here is a list of a few headshot photographers in the New York area. These are just a few options, and many more can be found by visiting <a href="www.reproductions.com">www.reproductions.com</a>! When selecting a photographer, feel free to contact and meet a few before committing yourself to one. Your photographer should be someone whose images speak to you and whose personality fits with yours. Remember, you want to be comfortable and collaborative with the person who will be taking your photograph!

# **Low Price Range** (\$150 - \$500)

- Bill Strong Current Regular Charge \$295-495, **BAA Discount \$40-150 off on Group Packages** 
  - (www.billstrongphotography.com)
- Karol DuClos Current Regular Charge \$750, \$500, BAA Discount 50% off (\$375, \$250)
  - (www.karolduclos.com)
- SK Headshots Current Regular Charge \$450, **BAA Discount \$100 off (\$350)** (www.skheadshots.com)
- Jeffrey Hornstein Photography Current Regular Charge \$275, Please contact for BAA discount options (www.jeffreyhornstein.com)

# Middle Price Range (\$500 - \$800)

- Blance Mackey Current Regular Charge \$650 (Adults), \$425 (16 and Under), BAA Discount \$100 off Adults (\$550), \$50 off 16 and Under (\$375) (www.blanchemackey.com)
- BluFace Photography Current Regular Charge \$395-995, **BAA Discount 10% off** (\$355.50-895.50) (www.blufacephotography.com)
- Chris Macke *Current Regular Charge \$645*, **BAA Discount \$100 off (\$545)** (www.mackephotography.com) (18 and older, please)
- Richard Blinkoff (www.richardblinkoff.com)
- Laura Rose Photography *with the Hoebermann Studio* (www.laurarose.com)
- Trevor Oswalt Current Regular Charge \$695, **BAA Discount \$100 off (\$595)** (www.trevoroswalt.com)

## High Price Range (\$800 and Up)

Hoebermann Studio Current Regular Charge \$995 down to \$800, BAA Discount additional \$50 off (\$750) (www.hoebermannstudio.com) Tell Kristin that BAA recommended you to get a faster appointment.

**Website Development:** www. YourActorWebsite.com ("Schehe 2015" for 10% discount) www.stagedoordesigns.com, www.myvirtualheadshot.com

Vocal Demos and Video Recordings and Edits: https://www.broadwaydemo.com/



As an actor or the parent of an actor it is your responsibility to learn everything there is to know about the Business of Show! We have compiled a list of great books (fiction and non) to help you better get to know the business, history, and art of musical theatre. Most of these books can be found on Amazon.com or at the Drama Book Shop right here in New York City! Remember, these books are just suggestions; anything you can read about theatre is beneficial to your career!

## **Monologues**

- The Ultimate Monologue Book for Middle School Actors: Volumes 1,2,3,4 111 One-Minute Monologues
  - By Kristen Dabrowski & L. E. McCullough
- The Ultimate Audition Book For Teens (Volumes 1, 2, 3) 111 One-Minute Monologues
  - By Kristen Dabrowski & Janet B. Milstein
- Ages 4-18: Winners Competition Series V.1-4
   Award-Winning 60-Second Comic Monologues
   By Janet B. Milstein
- Audition Speeches for 6~16 year olds Edited by Jean Marlow
- Teens Speak: Boys Ages 13 to 15
   Sixty Original Character Monologues.

   By Kristen Dabrowski
- Monologues for Young Actors
   Edited by Lorraine Cohen
- More Minute Monologues For Kids
   By Ruth Mae Roddy
- Monologues for Young Actors
   Edited by Lorraine Cohen
- The Monologue Workshop
   From Search to Discovery in Audition and Performance
   By Jack Poggi
- The Perfect Audition Monologue
   By Glenn Alterman
- The Perfect Monologue By Ginger Friedman

# **Acting as a Business and College Prep**

- Acting for Young Actors: The Ultimate Teen Guide By Mary Lou Belli and Dinah Lenney
- Acting as a Business, Fifth Edition: Strategies for Success by Brian O'Neil

- How to Sell Yourself as an Actor By *K Callan*
- The New York Agent Book: How to Get the Agent You Need for the Career You Want By *K Callan*
- Raising a Star: The Parent's Guide to Helping Kids Break into Theater, Film, Television, or Music By *Nancy Carson, Jacqueline Shannon*
- An Actor Prepares... to Live in New York City By Craig Wroe
- Acting A to Z: The Young Person's Guide to a Stage or Screen Career By *Katherine Mayfield*
- Acting Is A Job: Real-Life Lessons about the Acting Business By Jason Pugatch
- An Actor's Business: How to Market Yourself as an Actor No Matter Where You Live By *Andrew Reilly*
- Admit One: Ten Steps to Choosing Your Acting or Musical Theatre College Program Paperback by Chelsea Cipolla (Author), John West (Author)

## **Audition Technique**

- The Complete Professional Audition: A Commonsense Guide to Auditioning for Musicals and Plays By *Darren Cohen with Michael Perilstein*
- Audition Success By *Don Greene*
- Callback: How to Prepare for the Callback to Succeed in Getting the Part By *Ginger Howard Friedman*
- Auditioning: An Actor-Friendly Guide By Joanna Merlin
- How to Audition for Musical Theatre: A Step-By-Step Guide to Effective Preparation By *Donald Oliver*
- Audition: Everything an Actor Needs to Know to Get the Part By Michael Shurtleff
- Auditioning for the Musical Theatre By Fred Silver
- Rock the Audition By Sheri Sanders
- The Enraged Accompanist's Guide to the Perfect Audition Paperback by Andrew Gerle
- Acting the Song: Performance Skills for the Musical Theatre <u>Allison Bergman</u> (Author), Tracey Moore (Author)
- The New Broadway Song Companion: An Annotated Guide to Musical Theatre Literature by Voice Type and Song Style by David P. DeVenney

# History

- Broadway Musicals: Show by Show- Sixth Edition By Stanley Green
- Broadway: The American Musical By Michael Kantor and Laurence Maslon (Also check out the 6 part PBS series by the same name, hosted by Julie Andrews!)
- Musical Theatre: A History By *John Kenrick*
- Strike Up the Band: A New History of Musical Theatre By Scott Miller

## **Acting Systems**

- An Actor Prepares By Constantin Stanislavski
- The Stanislavski System: The Professional Training of an Actor; Second Revised Edition By Sonia Moore, John Gielgud, and Joshua Logan
- Sanford Meisner on Acting By Sanford Meisner, Dennis Longwell, and Sydney Pollack
- Respect for Acting By Uta Hagen, David Hyde Pierce, and Haskel Frankel

# **Helpful Tools/ Magazines and Publications**

- Regional and Off-Broadway Theatre Guide A Comprehensive Guide (Comes out bi-annually)
- The Insider: The Journal for Entertainment Professional
- NYC Agent Directory by Up to Date Theatricals
- Casting Directors Guide by Hendersons
- Call Sheet by Backstage Perhaps the best resource for constantly updated Casting Director and Agent addresses and contact information

## **Great Internet Sources for Auditions and Info**

## www.backstage.com

The online version of Backstage, read relevant articles and find auditions!

### www.playbill.com

Find out about all things Broadway from current shows to auditions and articles!

## www.broadwayworld.com

#1 site for Broadway, Theatre, Live Entertainment, and Tickets

# www.actorsequity.org

The Actors' Equity website. Lists all upcoming AEA auditions.

#### www.sagaftra.org

Provides news and information about SAG and AFTRA

#### www.actorsaccess.com

Create an account and self-submit

#### www.showfax.com

Great resource for sides, casting notices, audition materials, etc.

#### www.breakdownservices.com

Publishes detailed casting information

#### www.auditionupdate.com

Great audition updates from multiple sites

## www.castingabout.com

Find out who is casting on and off Broadway, TV, and Film!

#### www.musicnotes.com

Great source to purchase and transpose musical theater sheet music!

## www.newmusicaltheatre.com

Great source to purchase post-millenium sheet music!

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