

3 Components to a Great Headshot:

- ✚ *Let your personality and confidence show through your eyes! Instead of simply producing an emotion, play an action like you would do in a scene for a play. Think of someone you love or who is extremely special to you. Think of what you want from them and then during the shoot, play how you are going to get. Turn the camera into that special person you are thinking of! Then share the thoughts and feelings you are getting from playing your action with that camera!*
- ✚ *Wear colors that you know already look great on you. Remember to stay away from busy patterns and keep your jewelry at home. You want all the focus to be on you, not what you are wearing. It is also advised to stay away from colors that are too close to your skin tone. Bring several options that you and the photographer can go through together and pull out the best ones.*
- ✚ *Make sure the day before your shoot, you get a good nights rest and don't do any partying or smoking. When you wake up the next day you should feel relaxed and your skin should be looking beautiful. Prepare who you are going to make the camera in your and shoot and what you want to get from them. Then walk in there with the knowledge you are going to have a fun time!*

5 Things NOT to do at an Audition:

- ✚ *Look at the auditors/casting directors directly. (Commonly referred to as "Breaking the Fourth Wall") You should always place your focus just above their heads so they can still see your face and not feel you are trying to make them a character in your scene.*
- ✚ *Using an overdone monologue. Casting Directors and Auditors love seeing an original monologue that they haven't heard a million times already. It is also a great bonus if the monologue is funny. People love to laugh!*
- ✚ *Not read the play your monologue is from. Sometimes an Auditor will ask you questions about the play and about the character to make sure you did your work. You want to be completely prepared if they do so!*
- ✚ *Credit yourself for things that you haven't done. You want your resume to be true and accurate. Everyone starts somewhere, so don't worry if you can only list a few things. It will grow!*
- ✚ *Go in with a headshot that is not an 8 X 10 photo (which is the standard) and the resume not being trimmed and secure on the back. Staples are perfectly acceptable to use. Go in with a professional headshot and resume and you will be treated as a professional!*

How to Dress for the Audition:

- ✚ *The best way to dress is business casual. Unless you are trying to portray a character that is more upper class. Think of dressing for the audition the same way you would as if you were applying for a job in an office. Stay away from jeans and anything sloppy. You want to look like the professional you are!*
- ✚ *Ladies: Don't show too much skin! You want to look classy and responsible.*
- ✚ *When you get a call back, it helps if you go in with a similar look from the first audition. Casting Directors sometimes recall actors by the clothes that they were wearing.*
- ✚ *Follow the headshot guidelines.*

Warm Up at Least One Hour Before the Audition:

- ✚ *Stretch so you don't pull a muscle!*
- ✚ *Run, jog, do yoga or any special exercise that helps get your blood flowing and your body relaxed. Remember to not overdo anything because you still want to walk into the audition with tons of energy!*
- ✚ *Warm up your voice too! But don't spend too long on it because you can damage your vocal cords if you overwork them.*

Best 2 things to remember at the audition:

- ✚ *Greet the auditors with "Hello, my name is (your name here). I will be performing (your character's name here) from (your play's name here) by (playwright's name here)"*
- ✚ *No matter how bad you think you might have done, remember to say thank and smile. Even if you don't think you did your best, maybe one of the auditors thought you did.*

If you've truly prepared for your audition, KNOW that you are going to be doing your very best and have fun while you're up there performing. It's your chance to be on stage! If you aren't having fun, why are you doing it?

I wish you all the best of luck!