
ENTERTAINMENT GUIDES

“Important Reference Books & Guides”

The following are the recommended guides you’ll need to help you navigate your journey through Hollywood.

Academy Players Directory (310) 247-3000

8949 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211

This is a book published quarterly in four volumes and lists the names and pictures of hundreds of different actors by category. You can be listed in different categories depending on your age, sex and type. These categories include “leading men,” “leading women,” “character-men,” “character-women” and “children”. It’s a good idea to get your picture in this book so that casting directors and other industry decision makers can quickly find your picture and be able to contact you in an efficient manner. The requirements for getting published in the directory are that you have to be a member of the Screen Actors Guild, and have agency representation. It costs approximately \$20.00 to be included in one issue and you have to provide a glossy original headshot.

The Agencies (310) 276-9166

This book lists all SAG-franchised agencies. The agency’s names, address, phone number and agents’ names are listed, as well as a brief history and description of the agency. The cost is approximately \$11.00 and well worth a look when trying to decide which agency to send your headshot and cover letter to. This book comes out every two months with updated information and new agency developments. You can purchase this book through Breakdown Services, Ltd., 1120 S. Robertson Blvd., 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, 90035

CD Directory (310) 276-9166

This is the most up-to-date listing of casting directors in the Los Angeles area. The directory is published and updated every three months, but since casting directors move so often, updated sheets are available every two weeks through Breakdown Services. You can purchase this book through Breakdown Services, Ltd., 1120 S. Robertson Blvd., 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, 90035

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Hollywood Creative Directory (310) 315-4815

3000 Olympic #2525, Santa Monica, CA 90404

This is the complete guide to production companies, studios and networks. It includes their addresses; phone numbers, fax numbers, production credits, current staff and titles. The cost is approximately \$42.

LA 411 (323) 460-6304

7083 Hollywood Blvd. #501, LA, CA 90028

This is a reference guide for motion picture, television and commercial production. It includes listings of all production companies, casting directors, casting facilities and talent agents and is primarily used by production companies for assembling all of the elements needed for a project. The address and telephone number of every major entertainment company, service provider and Crew Company is included in this book, which can come in handy for job applications, reference material and supplies. The LA411 is around \$70—but definitely worth the cost.

Thomas Guide

The Thomas Guide is the essential book of street and freeway maps for the Los Angeles area. Even if you have never been in Los Angeles before, you will be able to look up a street name, go to the page it's on and see exactly how to get there. The freeways are laid out on maps by themselves which gives you an overview of how they are connected and related to each other—just in case you're stuck in traffic while trying to get to an important audition and need an alternate route! This is a must buy as you will use it every day and regular street maps are worthless compared to the Thomas Guide. The cost is around \$20, and I suggest you buy one that includes Orange and Ventura Counties, so you'll have all possible audition locations covered.

The Working Actor's Guide (310) 965-0290

This is the actor's bible. The book contains everything an actor may need, including phone numbers, addresses and names of every imaginable business (photographers, resume writers, etc.).

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