

SMFA Recommended Headshot Photographers

Please see page 118 (the chapter on **Your Headshots**) of the 4th edition of *Self-Management for Actors: Getting Down to (Show) Business* for all the prep you need to do to have your best possible headshot session. Do a quick Google on anyone and take a good look through their galleries — specifically looking for actors whose type and vibe is similar to yours. How do they shoot that brand? For discussion about style of photography, what to expect from the session, and some warnings, please join us at the *Self-Management for Actors* Facebook group.

Please note, this is NOT an exhaustive list. Omission from this list does not mean a particular photographer is not the right fit for you (just like the appearance of someone on this list does not mean that person will be a good fit for your headshot needs). This is simply a list of those whose work turns the heads of the hundreds of casting directors I interviewed, without placing the photographers' brands ahead of the actors' brands.

Yes, you can pick up the *Backstage* edition on "top headshot photographers," but please remember that these rankings are lobbied for, paid for with advertising dollars, and rarely represent a guarantee of effective on-brand headshots. Do your homework! Don't be swayed by flashy testimonials! They're no different than political ads. It all comes down to money.

If you have suggestions for updates to this resource list, please pop in over at our *SMFA Ninjas* Facebook group's FILES section and share your toys! Your suggestions may lead to inclusion here, but there is no formal process for ranking. Still, what you share will help us keep this list fresh and filled with badassery for markets all over the world!

This list of officially recommended headshot photographers in various markets is constantly updated, so be sure to check back for the latest information!

Los Angeles

Adam Emperor Southard

Adam Hendershott, Close Up Crew

Ashley Johnson, Ona Photography

Bader Howar

Blake Gardner

Brad Buckman

Bradford Rogne

Dana Patrick

David Muller

Denice Duff

Dennis Apergis

Greg Crowder

Joanna Degeneres

Kat Tuohy

Kelsey Edwards (also shoots in Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, and New York)

Marisa Quintanilla

Mark Atteberry

Molly Hawkey

Nogen Beck

Paul Smith

Peter Carrier (also shoots in New York)

Peter Konerko (also shoots in New York, Portland, and Seattle)

Robert Kazandjian

Stephanie Girard

Steven C. De La Cruz

Tandem Photo and Reel

The Headshot Truck

Theo and Juliet

Tim Sabatino

Vanie Poyey

New York

Ambe J. Williams

Christie Schwartzman, Rebel Darling Studio

Clinton Brandhagen, ClintonB Photography

Corinne Louie

David Perlman

Jeffrey Mosier
Jessica Osber
Jon Taylor
Jonathan Vandiveer
Jordan Matter
Justin Schuman
Lauren Toub
Leslie Hassler (also shoots in LA)
Michelle Chin
Nick Coleman
Peter Hurley
Rod Goodman
Todd Estrin

Atlanta

Amy Roscoe
Catherine Dyer
Daniel Parvis
Dwayne Boyd
Jackie Goldston
Jason Vail
Robert Kim
Tracy Page

Chicago

Brian McConkey
Ian McLaren
Jen Stanko
Joshua Albanese
Popio Stumpf
Tyler Core

London

Alishia Love
Chris Mann
Faye Thomas (also shoots in LA)
Jennie Scott
Kim Hardy

Nikki Wills
Ori Jones
Ruth Crafer

To suggest any other photographers (in any city) or to share your experiences, again, please join us in the *SMFA* Facebook group or the Bonnie Gillespie instructional dojo where we can really go deeper with this badassery. Our 100-day challenge, **Get in Gear for the Next Tier**, opens for membership enrollment a few times per year. Come get on our waitlist to be notified the second we reopen the doors!

Psst! If you find this or any other of these free resources of exceptional value, we'd love a tweet, a photo of you with your copy of *SMFA* for our awesome gallery, or even a nice review at Amazon!